

## **Benson Polytechnic High School Alumni Association Monthly Board of Directors Meeting – Final**



Date: Nov 14, 2022  
Starting Time: 5:35 pm  
Ending Time: 6:36 pm  
Virtual meeting

### **ATTENDEES:**

Rachael Kuryunny (RK), Bob Trimble (BT), Roger Edwards (RE), Rob Johns (RJ), Bob Walker (BW), Jeff Strachen (JS), Maj Britt (Max) Baker (MB); Gerry Ochs (GO); Dave Hutchins (DH); Dale Bajema (DB), Michael Landstrom (ML), Josh Piper (JP)

ABSENT: Paul Rossi (PR), Andy Payne (AP)

GUEST: Former board members and alumni: Ken Bakke, Neal Galash, Dick Spies; Dan Malone, Kevin Clark, Luke Hotchkiss; Parker Myrus, class of 2023

### **BUSINESS**

- Rob welcomed the guests.
- Dan Malone - construction:
  - Project is on time. HVAC done in main building. Roof on gym almost done. Almost all the steel is in place. Finished the furniture and equipment meetings. All the maps and spaces for it are complete.
  - Working on collection of pictures and memorabilia that will end up in the commons. 20-year sections. Sports championships, etc. (used to be known as 'the mechanics' instead of Techmen or Techsters.) Looking for banners to hang on one wall, where the big blue B is. Might rearrange brackets. (Likes the way Lincoln did their cases)
  - They were packed on 8<sup>th</sup> grade info night – big numbers at other schools are probably driving it, as well as brand new school coming. Counselors have been out to schools as well. They do expect to get the Football program working again when they return to the Benson building.
  - GO: I'm impressed with Anderson construction. Clean, organized, on time. Excellent work. Mark Klein – so lucky to have him.
- Parker:
  - Summit
    - Gather student feedback on a myriad of issues

- Talk about what Student Council is doing.
    - He's the current student rep on the school board.
    - Talked about some of the auto work he's been doing.
- Luke:
  - 19 seniors and 11 Juniors 12 students in construction class this year.
  - 2 tiny houses being built on site this year.
- Boosters – JS:
  - He's committed to do 5 years of service.
  - This organization is different because it's mostly parents with kids there and when the kids leave the parents leave.
  - Brought home \$2000 in concessions this year. Whomever works the stand decide where the money goes.
  - Student Body – senior class – also asked for help funding the prom.
  - Still learning about the group and how the funds get distributed. It's a small but mighty group.
  - KB noted that communication from Boosters has been spotty. He also suggested they hold a fundraising competition between classes.
- Membership – JP:
  - 101 members.
  - Thanks to RK for attending reunions and making the ask.
- Finances – BT:
  - Separated out foundation funds from donations.
  - October statement shows:
    - Savings: \$3001.76
    - Checking: \$3106.76 after:
      - Withdrawal of \$205.00
      - Withdrawal of \$14.73
- Minutes – MB:
  - JS moved that we accept the amended July, Aug, Sept minutes. RK seconded. Motion passed.
  - JS moved that we accept the October minutes as amended. RK seconded. Motion passed.
- Newsletter:
  - Connie Mar has been a phenomenal editor for us. THANK YOU.
  - RE: Thank you to the board members who wrote an article for the last issue. The newsletter can be a great tool for the Alumni Association and the willingness of the Board to contribute to its production allows us to wield this tool effectively.
- History:
  - RE: The 1947 yearbook gave us a solid list of students who were killed in WWII. I also found resources through Mult. Co. Library.
- Senior Banners:
  - RK moved that we donate \$250 to co-fund the senior banners. JS seconded. Motion passed.

- DB:
  - At a joint reunion in 1991 of the classes of 1939, 1940 and 1941 they set up a scholarship fund (with left over reunion money) to be managed by PPS.
  - Over the following years an ad hoc group of Benson graduates from the 1940's & 50's mailed out annual appeals to add money to the Fund.
  - The management of the Fund (and transfer of yearly earnings to the Benson Scholarship Committee) was eventually transferred to OCF.
  - When the Alumni Association was formed in 2008 the ad hoc group asked Association to take over fund raising. That was written in the original version of the By-Laws.
  - Though any amount may be donated to the Fund, to make an online contribution to the Fund directly to OCF there is a minimum amount of \$25
  - Early scholarships were a few hundred, now they can be up to \$2500.
  - All donations are tax deductible.
  - If you can contribute, it would be great if the board members would consider it. There's info on how to donate on our website.
  - RK: I had the honor of helping to select recipients this year. There were four and two of them have come to the alumni picnic after graduating. They are remarkable human beings. We requested bio and photos and they were very responsive. There will be info in the newsletter.
  - DH: Cleveland's Alumni Association was short on getting the minimum to produce \$3000 a year in interest and made an appeal. I'll find out how they are making this appeal.
  - RK: At this coming tech show, it might be a great place to ask since people will be excited about being face to face.
- Next meetings are on 2<sup>nd</sup> Mondays.
- Tech show is the 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> of April.
  
- Any information that comes in after the next meeting and before draft minutes are sent out will be included below.

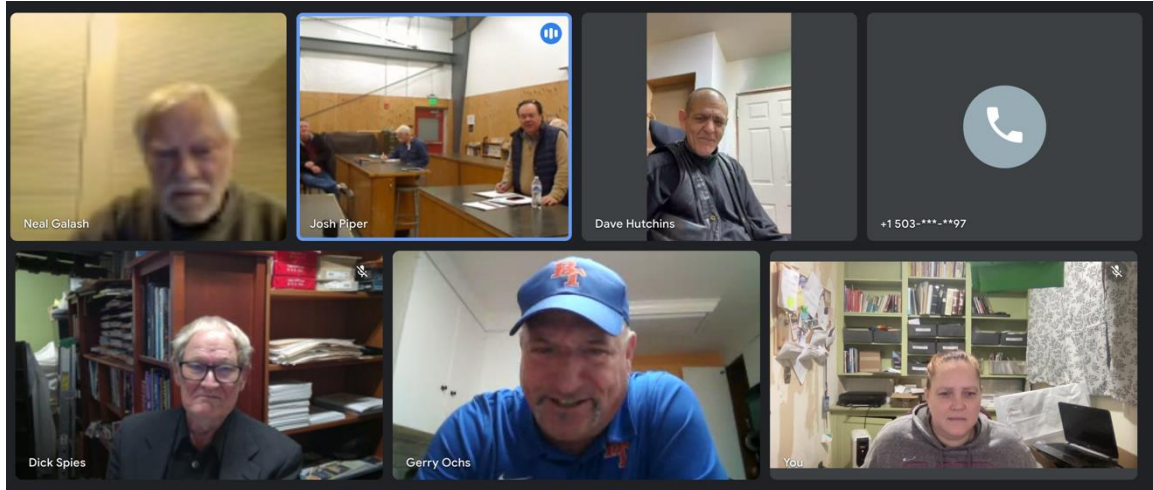
#### Parking Lot:

- Sending out recognition of milestone birthdays to alums, including Benson Tech information, and estate planning. (Leftover Benson branded things that Curtis has - can we send them?)

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Respectfully Submitted,

**Maj Britt (Max) Baker**  
 Secretary  
 BPHS Alumni Association



BUSINESS FLEX CHCK	BEGINNING BALANCE	TOTAL DEPOSITS	TOTAL WITHDRAWALS	ENDING BALANCE
	\$3,326.49	\$0.00	-\$219.73	\$3,106.76
BFLX00	YTD DIVIDENDS	YTD DIVIDENDS WITHHELD		
	\$0.00	\$0.00		
Actual	Effective	Transaction Description	Amount	Balance
10/17	10/17	Withdrawal Cash Draft Check #197 - Withdrawal, Cash Draft	-205.00	3121.49
10/18	10/18	Withdrawal ACH HarlandClarke-Li*CHK ORDER	-14.73	3106.76

BUSINESS SAVINGS	BEGINNING BALANCE	TOTAL DEPOSITS	TOTAL WITHDRAWALS	ENDING BALANCE
	\$3,001.68	\$0.08	-\$0.00	\$3,001.76
BSAV00	YTD DIVIDENDS	YTD DIVIDENDS WITHHELD		
	\$0.76	\$0.00		
Actual	Effective	Transaction Description	Amount	Balance
10/31	10/31	Dividend Annual Percentage Yield Earned= 0.03% For 31 Days	0.08	3001.76