

**The Historic Bath Foundation, Inc.**  
**Annual Meeting Minutes**  
**June 30th, 2017 1000 Hrs**

Chairman Everett asked if 25% quorum of membership representation was determined per Secretary and verification. 179 members. Proxy – 64, present – 15. Board members present: Surry, Gene, Milo, Jimmy, Jerry, Betsy, Karen, Claude. Quorum report accepted with none opposed. Chairman asked for Agenda and Rules of Meeting to be reviewed and accepted. None opposed. 2016 Annual Meeting minutes reviewed by all present. No discussion. Moved to approve as written by Milo. Second by Jim. None opposed.

### **Reports of Officers**

**President:** Surry reported on behalf of the Treasurer/Secretary for membership/matching funds. \$100,000 from benefactor guaranteed from last year was received, +- \$50,000 from membership for museum matching and \$6700 membership dues received. \$75,000 from the Cannon Foundation received.

**Vice Chairman:** see reports under committees

**Secretary:** none

**Treasurer:** Claude provided Profit and Loss and Balance Sheet. Total assets \$451,327.27. Temporary Restricted Net Assets \$304,625.93. Unrestricted Net Assets \$231,819.87. Net Income -\$85,118.53. Total Liabilities and Equity \$451,327.27. Chairman Everett asked for approval of Treasurer's report. Betsy motioned to accept report as presented. Second by Jim. None opposed.

### **Reports of Committees**

**Exhibit Gallery Committee:** Gene shared that the Foundation stepped up to stabilize the High School structure by investing +-\$225,000 in structural costs and without it the roof and building would have likely collapsed within a year. Jerry explained the NW Wing joists and steel beams for the museum, in addition, have been installed and that we are slated to open on schedule. We do need an additional \$100,000 which means we need \$50,000 from contributions in order to receive \$50,000 in matching funds. The second phase of the project will include the elevator and storage on the second floor.

**Bath Creek Park:** Gene explained the DOT mandated the driveway entrance which drove up the costs more than budgeted and we might be in a bind for providing the children's equipment, the metal pirate ship, at this time. We might be able to fall back on something more affordable right now such as swings. Gene thinks the walkway and parking area will be completed this summer. The signage needs to be undertaken and David Johnston agreed to assist with this. The pier is in and the walkway ramp connector will be completed per Garden Classics when they do the brick walkway this summer.

### **Report of Ex-Officio Directors**

**Mayor of Bath:** Jimmy shared the town received \$200,000 appropriation through Senator Cook for infrastructure improvements.

**Chairman Historic Bath Commission:** Penny shared the next HBC meeting is July 14<sup>th</sup> 1000 at Town Hall.

**Manager Historic Bath State Historic Site:** Chris shared there would be ongoing maintenance over the next four to six months and that he is gearing up for full staff and more volunteers. He wants to expand programming to include African Americans through reinterpreting the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of the Palmer-Marsh House.

Upcoming calendar of events: Candle Light Tour, Bonner House interpreted in heavy Victorian for Christmas Open House and cooking demonstrations, QAR opening, Pirates in the Port. The Carrow House is to be white-washed and interpreted as a fisherman's cottage, the Van de Veer House will be re-painted and the Palmer Marsh will be re-painted Spanish Brown. If the old Visitor Center is stable, we would like to interpret it as 1910-1920 storefront.

**Bath High School Preservation President:** Ruth shared that June yard sale brought in \$6000 and they expect to have another in September. July 15<sup>th</sup> at Pirate Hall, memorabilia of Blackbeard Knight of the Black Flag by Marti Buchanan and Gill Jones will be displayed.

**Old Business: None**

**New Business: Nominating Committee:**

Gene and Karen distributed nominee biographies. Surry asked for additional nominees from the floor. None provided. Wayland Sermons made a motion to accept the nominees, Jordan Cantrell, David Johnston, and Jim Edwards by acclamation. None opposed.

Surry thanked individual board members for their dedication to the Foundation projects. He explained that he was rotating off the board and he enjoyed it. He expressed astonishment about what we were all able to accomplish and said that it was extraordinary that we came together to save BHSP when it was within days of being razed. Jerry expressed that Surry has been very gracious to the community and has done a lot of exceptional work on behalf of the Foundation over the years.

Surry announced the next Annual Meeting is June 29, 2018 and the time and place is yet to be determined. With no further business the meeting was adjourned with none opposed.

Submitted,  
Karen Sayer  
Secretary