

**Ben Franklin High School Association (BFHSA)
Board of Directors Meeting
February 17, 2009**

MINUTES

The Ben Franklin High School Association Board met on Tuesday, March 17, 2009. President Dennis Kay called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. in the PE/Health Room.

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Millie Denegre moved that the 2/17/09 Minutes be approved. The minutes were approved by voice vote.

Treasurer's Report

Dennis Kay reported for Treasurer Leslie Clark. The Treasurer's report is attached here. Suezanne Calvert stated that since the Awards money would not be used to purchase expensive pins this year, she requested that \$1,000 of the \$3,000 budget for Awards be given to the Band. The money will be used to fund the transportation expenses of going to a competition. Denegre moved that \$1,000 of the Awards budget be given to the Band. Marilyn Ciolino seconded the motion and it passed by voice vote.

Parent Liaison

The April General Membership Meeting will be held on April 21, 2009. Appropriate starting times were discussed. The Parent Liaisons are planning a presentation on Internet Safety when using Web 2.0 tools such as Facebook and Twitter. The presentation will take up the bulk of the meeting with a short Membership meeting to follow. At the Membership meeting we will approve the 2009-2010 slate of officers and budget. We plan to invite people from "feeder schools" and parents of incoming students.

Parent Liaison Monica Cammack passed out copies of the Volunteer Newsletter.

Development

The upcoming fundraiser, Fruhlingsfeier, was discussed. Kay reported that last year's wine and beer donors were not able to donate this year. Isabel Medina and Josephine Everly may need help in the next two weeks putting together gift baskets for the Silent Auction. Jeanetta Phinney suggested that in the future, we need to start asking donors in August, at the beginning of school. Several donors need the lead time to get approval for the donation from their home offices.

Membership

Libby Black suggested that the BFHSA have a table with membership forms at the Falcon Prep Day, the open house for incoming students. Kay will talk to the Membership Chair, Maria Kay and Maria will discuss it with Lyn Jenkins in Admissions.

New Business

A slate of officers will have to be presented at the April 21, 2009 General Membership meeting. The board discussed positions that are redundant or no longer active. The BFHSA Newsletter, for instance, has been supplanted by the newsletter published through the Parent Liaison on the website. The Newsletter position is no longer needed. Dennis Kay will research the By-Laws to confirm which positions are mandatory and discuss the proposed changes with Principal Rusnak. Millie Denegre suggested Lyn Jenkins in Admissions as a good source of names of parents who may be interested in serving on the Board.

Vice-Principal Robin Morris announced that the monies for rebuilding the Television Production Studio will soon be made available. She asked for suggestions of the names of people who could advise the school of what to purchase.

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Libby Black will email the board asking that they review the old budget and submit 2009-2010 budget to Dennis Kay, before the April 21, 2009 Meeting. (**Correction:** On 3/23/09-Kay said that 2009-2010 Budget will not be due until the fall.)

Jeanetta Phinney moved that the meeting be adjourned and the motion was passed by voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:38 pm.

On April 1, 2009, President asked the BFHSA Board to approve the expenditure of \$200 to sponsor a bus to take students to the State Literary Rally in Baton Rouge on Saturday, April 25th, 2009. The vote was done via email and the sponsorship was approved.

Submitted by Elizabeth Black
Secretary