

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

**MINUTES**

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

Minutes

Monica Cammack moved that the 1/20/09 Minutes be approved. The minutes were approved by voice vote.

Treasurer's Report

Dennis Kay reported for Treasurer Leslie Clark that our income is \$675 higher than last reported due to new memberships and few expenses.

Parent Liaison

Monica Cammack announced that March 6th is the deadline for submittals to the Parent Liaison newsletter. The newsletter will contain a section for the BFHSA and will be listing new members. The Parent Liaisons will be scheduling Parent Education Meetings. Possible topics are Facebook and using Blackboard software. The suggestion was made to host these presentations during the BFHSA General Membership Meeting on April 21, 2009. We need ideas for a speaker on these subjects. A suggestion was also made to hold the meetings in the new Library to underscore its role as an information center for the school.

Development

Christy Read announced that donations to the BFHSA are currently not tax deductible. Administration has contacted an attorney about the best way to move forward on our status as a 990s organization. People think the solution will involve a letter to the Internal Revenue Service stating that records were destroyed as a result of flooding in Hurricane Katrina. We will have to restructure our fundraising if we are to be successful. One idea is to combine the Athletic, BFHSA and Alumni efforts under one umbrella. Strategies are being discussed for the most effective way to reach potential donors.

Jeanetta Phinney announced that the German Club is presenting Fruhlingsfeier, or Spring Festival, on March 28, 2009 at Deutsches Haus, 200 South Galvez Street in New Orleans. The BFHSA will be working on the Silent Auction at this event. Monica Cammack will give Dennis the list of people who offered to volunteer at an auction. Dennis will tap Isabel Medina and others to lead this effort. Jobs include asking for donations, putting baskets together and acting as an announcer during the Festival. Different Franklin groups will be invited to pre-sell the tickets and they will be able to keep a portion of the sales.

Hospitality

The New Parent Social, which was way-laid by Hurricane Gustav will be carried over to the Social in the Fall of 2009, to include new parents from 2008 and 2009.

New Business

BFHSA General Membership Meeting on April 21, 2009. We will approve the 2009-2010 budget at that time. We will look at budget requests but Kay is asking Chairs to submit modest requests and plan for lower levels of funding. President Dennis Kay will draft a letter inviting parents and thanking them for their support. The letter will list the activities supported by the Franklin Parents group this year.

Applications to Franklin are up 30% ahead of last year. April 22, 2009 is Falcon Prep Day – Open House for students entering in the Fall of 2009. The BFHSA will host an information table at the event.

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Libby Black moved that the meeting be adjourned and the motion was passed by voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:40 pm.

Submitted by Elizabeth Black  
Secretary