

**Union Academy of Belleville
Board of Trustees
Bi-Annual Meeting – October 9, 2024**

President, Barry Ormsby, brought the Union Academy of Belleville Board of Trustees Bi-Annual Meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. on Wednesday, October 9, 2024. Members present were John Allen, Jean Williams Appleby, Mary Lee Bettinger, Charlotte Reed Briant, Nancy David Cobb, Rusty Corron, William Eastman, John Gleason, Gregory Golding, Melanie Smith Golding, Barbara Overton Greene, Dwight Greene, Deborah Stoodley Griffith, Stephen Jones, David Kiblin, Lydia Millard Miller, Catherine Dick Morenus, Barry Ormsby, Marisa Zehr Riordan, Alison Miller VanBrocklin, Craig Veley, Kirk Williams and Linda Curtiss Zehr.

After reviewing the April 16, 2024 Bi-Annual Meeting minutes, Charlotte Briant stated that her name was inadvertently omitted from the attendance list. Marisa Riordan will correct it. Bill Eastman motioned to accept the minutes with the correction and Rusty Corron seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Barbara Greene gave the Treasurer's Report. (Please see the attached booklet.) She stated that both investment earnings and donation returns increased. Bill Eastman motioned to accept the treasurer's report with John Allen seconding the motion. Motion carried.

Bill Eastman gave the Endowment Committee Report. (See attached.) Greg Golding motioned to accept the minutes with Barb Greene seconding the motion. Motion carried.

Marisa Riordan gave the Endowment Promotions Committee Report. (See attached.) Bill Eastman motioned to

accept the report with Mary Bettinger seconding the motion. Motion carried.

Marisa Riordan gave the Scholarship Committee Report. (See attached.) Bill Eastman motioned to accept the report with Barb Greene seconding the motion. Motion carried.

Linda Zehr gave the Membership Committee Report. There are currently twenty-eight active members of the UAB Trustees. According to the By-laws, new members will be added to keep active membership at thirty. The Membership Committee keeps a running list of members to nominate. Any trustee may communicate with Linda Zehr-Chair, Marisa Riordan or Craig Veley of names they would like added to the list. They may do this at any time. There are currently six names on the list for member nominations. Linda has made up ballots with four names on it and the committee is asking each trustee to vote for two. The votes will then be tallied and the results will be announced later in the meeting.

Greg Golding gave the Charters and By-Laws Report. He stated that the wording was changed and made correct within the by-laws. If anyone has any changes, please make note of it and bring it to Greg's attention to be fixed.

Kirk Williams gave the Buildings and Grounds Committee Report. (See attached.) 5/23/2024-Charlie Loomis finished painting the sign and Rusty and Kirk put the sign back up. A Park and Tree Survey was completed by the Buildings and Grounds Committee and

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retired NYS Forrester from Oswego County, Dan Sawchuck. There were two big trees taken down by a storm and need to be replaced. There are also some existing trees that are damaged or diseased. Dan is willing to come back to survey the park every other year. There were suggestions on how we get funding to replace the trees. Rusty noted how there are no steps to the Bell Tower yet. Bill Eastman motioned to accept the report with Jean Appleby seconding. Motion carried.

Lydia Miller gave the Historical Committee Report. She stated that she has another bag of memorabilia that Jean Appleby looked through. The committee will continue to work on the archives room. Lydia will email the committee to see what day and times they can sign up to help. Marisa Riordan motioned to accept the report with Bill Eastman seconding. Motion carried.

There was not a Publicity Committee Report.

Lydia Miller gave the Resolutions Committee Report. (See attached.) We remembered Frederic M. Williams.

Superintendent Collins' had a prior commitment and Marisa Riordan read a report from Ms. Collins. (See attached.) Marisa will inquire about the stairs for the Bell Tower.

Old Business:

To see if any of the Bull money can be used as an award, along with a scholarship, according to the agreement between Lila Bull and the grantor, the net

dividend will be split into thirds: 1/3 Northern New York Community Foundation, 1/3 Syracuse University and 1/3 Union Academy. The Union Academy's money shall be used for the purpose of providing general scholarships in the name of Mr. and Mrs. Henry C. Bull. The UAB, at the time, decided it would be used for Alumni. To remain in compliance, Bull money will need to remain as scholarship money.

New Business:

The Sarah Phillips Award of \$20.00 has been discontinued, as the funds are gone. Barb will work with BHCS to see if someone wants to pick that award up. It was suggested that besides pre-sale tickets for the graduates' banquet, there is the flexibility for a certain amount of walk-ins. To help in not turning people away at the door of the banquet because they don't have pre-sale tickets, Barry would like to meet with the Alumni Association to see how the UAB can be of support so that all that want to be at the banquet, can be. Rusty stated that the capstone at the bus garage is covered by bushes. He will contact Adam Passage, BHCS Head Custodian, to see if that can be taken care of. It was suggested that the Nominations Committee share with the Trustees, a week in advance, who will be the nominees on the ballot.

Barb Greene presented the 2024-2025 Budget (see attached booklet). A motion was made by Bill Eastman to accept the 2024-2025 Budget with a second from Greg Golding. Motion carried.

The 2024-2025 slate of officers was presented by Barry Ormsby. Bill Eastman

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nominated Barry Ormsby as President. Hearing no other nominations from the floor, Bill Eastman motioned to close the poll for President. John Gleason seconded the motion. Motion carried. John Allen nominated John Gleason as Vice President. Hearing no other nominations from the floor, Bill Eastman motioned to close the poll for Vice President. Mary Bettinger seconded the motion. Motion carried. John Allen nominated Marisa Riordan as Secretary. Hearing no other nominations from the floor, John Gleason motioned to close the poll for Secretary. Bill Eastman seconded the motion. Motion carried. Craig Veley nominated Barb Greene as Treasurer. Hearing no other nominations from the floor, John Gleason motioned to close the poll for Treasurer. Bill Eastman seconded. Motion carried. John Allen motioned to accept the slate of officers for 2024-2025 as Barry Ormsby, President, John Gleason, Vice President, Marisa Riordan, Secretary and Barb Greene, Treasurer. Bill Eastman seconded. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by,

Marisa (Zehr) Riordan

Linda Zehr presented the results of the vote for two new members. She proposed that Blaine Bettinger and Sally Wodell be placed on the honorary list. She then stated that the proposed new trustee members are Jill (Bettinger) Pippin-Class of 1991 and Timothy Lake. Linda will contact them via a letter.

Bill Eastman motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:08 PM with Greg Golding seconding. Motion carried.

The next meeting will be determined. The secretary will notify the trustees via a "Save the Date".