

Minutes for BHSN Band Booster Meeting—May 21, 2008

Attendance:

Boosters: Becky Robbins, *President*; Nan Morrow, *Vice President*; Susan Dybvig, *Treasurer*; Darlene Pratt, *Assistant Treasurer*; Esther Smail, *Secretary*; Darlene Pratt, Gail Nichols; Judy Fulford; Becky Connor, Ewa Balewski, Marjorie DeBruyne, Steve Pratt, Kari Issacson

Band Directors: Janis Stockhouse, Thomas Wilson

Meeting Convened at 7:10 pm

Agenda

March Minutes were distributed to attendees.

VOTE: A motion was made to approve the March minutes. The motion was seconded. A vote was taken and the minutes were unanimously approved.

Treasurer and Financial Reports

Sue Dybvig distributed the Year End Financial Report (BHSN Band Booster 2007-2008 Operations). The booster's income came very close to matching expenses this year. The Mardi Gras event, which took in \$7800, made a big difference in meeting our expenses. The Souvenir Yearbook was also very successful this year, grossing \$12,731, and netting \$8005 for the boosters in addition to adding \$3678 to individual student accounts.

Sue then distributed the Proposed BHSN Band Boosters 2008-2009 Operating Budget. The boosters will need to raise approximately \$50,000 next year to make expenses. Marching Band is the largest expense of the Boosters, but it should be noted that other Marching Bands in the same class as BHSN often spend more for their programs. The Boosters are looking at ways to cut back on costs without cutting back on the quality of the experience. Also, while the final concerts of the year grossed approximately \$2083 with admission, we don't want to forget that there are families who can't afford to attend. The directors will be sensitive to making the concert attendance as inclusive as possible. Someone suggested that we might want to try to sell concessions at the concerts as well to boost revenue, and we will try with the Concert Band concert in the fall and the Jazz concert in the spring. Lastly, Mardi Gras is scheduled for Tuesday, February 24, 2009.

VOTE: A motion was made to approve the 2008-2009 Operations Budget. The motion was seconded. A vote was taken and the budget was unanimously approved.

The Band Boosters Board graciously thanks Susan Dybvig for her role as treasurer this year. She not only cleared up issues, but also provided us with a better understanding of Band Booster finances. Thank you, Sue!

Officers for 2008-2009 School Year

President:	Becky Robbins
Vice President:	Nan Morrow
Secretary:	Esther Smail
Treasurer:	Gale Nichols
Assistant Treasurer:	Darlene Pratt
Directory:	Darlene Pratt Becky Connor
Meals:	Sandy and Randy O'Neal Ewa Balewski
Supplies:	Laura Chaiken
Pit Crew:	Jeff Weber
Chaperones:	Dalene Anderson Irene Vlachos-Weber
Truck:	Wayne Anderson
Web Page:	Eric Issacson
Listserve:	Doug Anderson

Football Tent: Jenny Shedd
Pat Schrem
Concessions: Jenny Shedd
Grocery Certificates: Kari Issacson
Carolyn Solwinski
Spirit Wear: Becky Connor
Debbie Roberts
Yearbook: Jeannette Smedberg (production)
Dalene Anderson & Joslyn Ellison (coordinators)
Jazz Fest volunteers: Esther Smail
ISSMA Staffing: Nan Morrow
Ewa Balewski
Mardi Gras: Jenny Shedd
Cindy Creek
JUTS 09: need chair
Endowment Drive: Becky Robbins

Endowment Drive, Truck & Uniform Fund and Scholarship Fund

Becky Robbins and Janis Stockhouse met with Joe Hoffmann and Lynne Schock who have agreed to lead the boosters with a goal of raising \$100,000. The drive will target alumni parents and students.

There are several areas where these funds may be directed. There is a fund to replace the truck. The truck is 26 years old. We need to continue building the truck fund. It's unclear when it will need replaced. Wayne Anderson may have insight on that. We also want to continue building the uniform fund.

The scholarship fund provides partial assistance to students with financial needs. Currently, there is \$3713.47 in this fund.

VOTE: There is \$3836.10 from graduating senior student accounts. A motion was made to direct \$3800 to the Endowment; \$36.10 to the scholarship fund. The motion was seconded. A vote was taken and the allocation of funds was unanimously approved.

VOTE: A motion was also made to move money from the general operating to savings (\$3000 to the Truck and Uniform Fund). The motion was seconded. A vote was taken and the motion approved.

Jazz Under the Stars (JUTS)

The date and place is confirmed: Friday, August, 29, 2008 at Deer Park Manor. The event will begin at 6:30 pm. Pat Harbison will be the headliner. Tickets are currently set for \$50/person.

Back to school pitch-in

The date and place is set for Saturday, August 23. In the past, this event has been mostly for marching band families. It was discussed that this event might be good for ALL band families. It's an opportunity to check names for the directory, make sure required forms are filled out, and disseminate information. The planning for pitch in will start at the end of July.

Directors Report—Janis Stockhouse and Thomas Wilson

Janis Stockhouse thanks Becky Robbins for the superb job she has done this year as Band Booster president.

Janis reported that although there was a music advocacy committee formed this year with MCCSC music educators, nothing really came out of the meetings. The number of middle school students in music this year was at one of its lowest points ever. Music is not being encouraged and with most middle school students only able to select one elective in their schedules, the emphasis has been on foreign language. As a result, the number of students entering the North band program next year is very small.

Tom Wilson reports that North will stay in Class B for marching band next year.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:25 pm