

Minutes for BHSN Band Booster Meeting – September 10, 2008

Attendance:

Boosters: Becky Robbins, *President*; Gale Nichols, *Treasurer*; Esther Smail, *Secretary*; Tina Jessee, Sandy O'Neal, Randy O'Neal, Dalane Anderson, Becky Connor, Darlene Pratt, Ewa Balewski, Debbie Roberts

Band Director: Janis Stockhouse

Meeting Convened at 7:05 pm

Agenda

August Minutes were distributed to attendees.

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

Treasurer and Financial Report

Gale Nichols distributed the financial report to the attendees. She reports that the Marching Band expenses are on target. There was a question about the percentage of families who have paid their membership dues. That will be looked into.

VOTE: A motion was made to approve the financial report. The motion was seconded. A vote was taken and the financial report was unanimously approved.

Jazz Under the Stars (JUTS)

Gale Nichols, JUTS chairperson for 2008, reported that Jazz Under the Stars was a huge success and made over \$9000. Things that contributed to that success included: garnering more sponsorships (both family and business); lower costs on rental items; and including more student musicians. Conversely, there were several factors that may have had a negative effect on the event: scheduling it on a holiday weekend; competition for another benefit in town (Chef's Challenge); and the event may be too expensive.

Thank you to Gale and the Jazz Under the Stars committee for their hard work and success on this year's event.

As soon as we know the 2009 Football schedule, we can begin mapping out which weekends the event might be held next year. A chair for the 2009 event should be announced soon.

Football Concessions

The concession stand for the first football season was a success. The second game did not provide as much concession revenue. The North-South game is coming up, with hopes for more concession revenue.

Marching Band

The marching band is gearing up for its first competition on Saturday, September 13.

Band pictures are scheduled for Friday, September 12.

Spirit wear is now on sale.

Parent Welcome/Marching Band Pitch-In Potluck

The event, which was held August 23, went well. We did run out of food, which has happened in previous years as well. We need to figure out how to reach parents who are not on the band listserve. It was suggested that email addresses are asked for on the marching band forms.

Band Directory

Darlene Pratt, Becky Connor and Jeannette Smedberg are working on the directory, which should be ready shortly.

Bloomington Jazz Fest

The Bloomington Jazz Fest, scheduled for December 12 & 13, will be held at BHSN this year. The Band Boosters will provide volunteers to work the event and provide concessions for sale. Julia Copeland has agreed to help brainstorm some strategies for the event. Janis will contact the Athletics department about using the gym balcony for band storage. She is also exploring the possibility of finding a sponsor for the event.

On a side note: Janis will also talk to the Athletic department about the need for the Pep Band for basketball games.

Mardi Gras

Another one of the Band Boosters large fundraising events is the family-friendly Mardi Gras celebration. It is scheduled for Tuesday, February 24, 2009. Jenny Shedd and Cindy Creek have agreed to co-chair the event again this year, and Jocelyn Ellison and Ann Buehler will do the silent auction baskets again this year. We'd like to make a special reach to the Elementary and Middle Schools, perhaps inviting the Tri North band to perform. Also, someone should contact Meadowood, Red Bud and Bell Trace soon to get on their entertainment calendars.

Directors Report—Janis Stockhouse

Special thanks to Darlene Pratt and Linda Paul for the gourmet band camp meals they provided, and staying under budget.

Thanks to Ewa Balewski who has agreed to help with the tuxes for the concert bands.

Thanks also to Dalane Anderson for taking care of the medical release forms, getting marching band shoes, gloves and berets, taking care of the truck, and arranging trip chaperones.

The Advanced Jazz Band has been honored with an invitation to perform at the Midwest International Band and Orchestra Conference in Chicago December 17. Students will be responsible for paying for their room and meals, however, since this is a very prestigious event for the band to perform, Janis would like to ask the Band Boosters to underwrite the transportation costs.

VOTE: A motion was made for the Band Boosters to fund up to \$2000 of the transportation cost. The motion was seconded. A vote was taken and the motion was unanimously approved.

A photo session will be arranged for the Advanced Jazz Band in the next few weeks. The photos will be taken at IU at either the new Hoagy Carmichael statue or IU Art Museum.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:00 pm