

Band Booster Meeting, Sept 5, 2017
BHSN Band Room, 7:30 PM

Members present included:

Officers: Jay Showalter, Erin Woodley, Nathan Bean, Jeannie Galbreath

Ms. Janis Stockhouse, Carol Austin, Janis Cooper-Parker, Lisa Mann, Theresa Oatman, Joslyn Ellison, Rachel Wheeler, Eric Cox, Andy Allard, Kim Allard, Adam Kozacek

The meeting was opened by president Jay Showalter. Introductions were made of new members present at the meeting.

Treasurers Report

Nathan Bean, treasurer, distributed copies of our Statement of Financial Position as well as our Profit and Loss Budget versus Actual. Things of note are as follows:

- Two categories on the statement of financial position have been renamed or broken down for the sake of clarity. What was previously noted as Grocery Certificates has been renamed Scrip Program Inclearings. The category of Deferred Revenue has been broken down into Student Accounts Deferred and Deferred Revenue Other.

Fundraising

March-a-Thon: Jay Showalter noted that March-a-thon is currently waiting on approximately \$560 dollars. Some of those monies are coming from a non-profit facebook page that an unknown person set up for us. The "Network for Good" is the organization that distributes those funds. This network will take a cut of the monies, but the percentage the cut will be is unknown to Jay. Since this means of contributing to the fundraiser is new to us Jay is unsure as to when the money will be deposited. Once the anticipated \$560 are in, March-a-thon will have generated over \$26,000!

The Patron Drive: Diane Parrish will be overseeing this fundraiser set to begin in October. The October meeting of the band boosters will be a working meeting in which envelopes for mailing to possible patrons are readied.

Swing Dance: The question of a date change for swing dance was brought up. Currently the dance is scheduled for April 6th. There is, however, a jazz festival/competition in Savannah, Georgia that Ms. Stockhouse is considering for jazz 1 to audition for and attend that conflicts with that date. Other possible dates for swing dance were considered. March 23rd looks to be the best option, although it will require all preparations for the dance to be moved up. Ms. Stockhouse will get the date of Mar 23rd on the school calendar as a tentative date. Should jazz 1 be invited to attend the festival, swing dance will be moved to this date.

The Prop Trailer

Mr. Wilson has found a prop trailer that fits the band's needs. He was given a quote of \$5875 for the trailer. The trailer still needs to be cleared so additional funds would have to be spent on this. Jeannie Galbreath motioned using booster funds to purchase the trailer. This was seconded by Janis Cooper-Parker. The motion passed unanimously. It was noted that we will need a pick-up truck or vehicle with towing capabilities for a loaded trailer to transport the trailer to competitions. John Buehler was mentioned. Nathan Bean and Adam Kozacek also volunteered their vehicles as possibilities.

Director's Report

Ms. Janis Stockhouse gave the director's report.

Marching band rehearsal is going to be moved from Tuesday, October 31, (Halloween) to Wednesday, November 1st. This is the week of state. Practices will be Wednesday and Thursday rather than the typical Tuesday/Thursday.

The parent tailgate prior to semi-state is Friday, October 27th. There is the potential that we may not be able to use the North football field and parking lot depending on the football sectional draw. Therefore, a time and place for this event still needs to be set.

There are still \$1000 in outstanding marching band dues. Treasurer Nathan Bean will send notes to the families that still owe monies.

At the football game on Sept 15, the band will be marching in their new uniforms. Shoes and gloves will also be distributed. Parent help is requested with uniforming. Additionally, it is middle school night for middle school band students. Ms. Stockhouse is requesting some help in feeding pizza to the middle schoolers. Both of these requests will be sent out in a note next week.

There are a total of 56 students enrolled in 6th grade band. The program is off, running and going well. There are helpers, both parent and student, coming in to assist director Aimee Page. These students will be joining Tri North bands at fall Tri North concerts.

Ms. Stockhouse introduced Michael Ahearn, the new Tri North Band Director. He student taught at North in 2014, is an IU grad and taught 5-12 band at Linton prior to coming to TNMS. Mr. Ahearn spent some time discussing his plans to expand the band program at Tri North. He is planning on asking for a third level of band to accommodate the 6th graders who have started in sixth grade band this year. They will be more advanced than beginners but not quite ready for the second year of band. He is also planning on taking his middle school students to tour the elementary schools. The purpose of the tour is recruitment of students in the 6th grade for junior high band and 5th graders for 6th grade band. The elementary students will be given something tangible, such as a band pencil, to help them think of band when it comes time to schedule. Mr. Ahearn wasn't sure if financial help would be needed to fund this and will get back to the boosters if there is a need for monies.

Other Business

Erin Woodley brought up the need to come up with guidelines on choosing the top earning section for March-a-Thon. Should it be whether all members meet goal? Should it be total monies earned? Should it be percentage of members meeting goal? There are many ways to determine the top earning section. The one that is the fairest to all is being sought. Erin requested that members think on this and send suggestions her way.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, Oct 3 at 7:30.

Respectfully Submitted by Jeannie Galbreath, BHSN Band Booster Secretary