

**Band Booster Meeting Minutes: Feb 9, 2016**  
**BHSN Jazz Room, 6PM**

The band booster meeting was called to order by president Erin Wager-Miller. Members present included:

**Officers:** Erin Wager-Miller, Ray Foster, Claire Tafoya, Jeannie Galbreath

Jay Showalter, Lisa Ensman, Janis Stockhouse, Erin Woodley, Robin Powell, Tom Wilson, Lisa Mann, Jill Minor

Treasurers Report

Expense reports for the year thus far were provided by Claire Tafoya. Items of interest included:

- ISSMA: The two recent ISSMA Saturdays brought in \$2300 after expenses.
- Patron Drive: currently \$16,149 has been brought in
- Marching band is still under budget for the 2015 season after all bills are in and accounted for

Sixth Grade Band Program Status

At the music teacher PLC meeting on 2/3/16 held at Binford, elementary music teachers voiced their support in having students involved in performing arts. Administrative support varies. Each middle school is encouraged to have their own values and set their own schedules regarding the arts. For example, Jackson Creek's Choir is thriving while Tri North's is much smaller. Questions have been raised as to why students at the middle school level are only offered one elective choice. Mr. Wilson made it clear that the drive to develop a band program for the elementary isn't going to be dropped. Gwen Upchurch and Janis Stockhouse both spoke.

It was noted that the elementary school director of curriculum position is currently vacant. This person would have some say as to the direction of a 6<sup>th</sup> grade program. Erin Woodley mentioned that the string program at Fairview/Templeton is part of the school day and is successful.

Claire Tafoya reported on her recent meeting with Jan Bergenson of central office and Mr. Henderson, North's principal. Both Ms. Bergenson and Mr. Henderson are in support of a 6<sup>th</sup> grade program, but at the current time are reluctant to move on it due to the upcoming election in which a referendum for the district is on the ballot and four to five new members will be elected to the school board. Mr. Wilson stated that it would be beneficial for a large group of parents to attend the first school board meeting after the election in order to voice concerns.

To continue the efforts of attracting junior high students to the band program, the Tri North middle school band will be attending and participating in the upcoming March 2<sup>nd</sup> high school band concert. They will be playing three pieces of their own, then a piece with all of the high school bands at the end of the concert. All Tri North band parents will be receiving a coupon for free entry to the concert. Mr. Wilson will be promoting marching band at various points throughout the concert. In addition to the March concert, the Tri North jazz band will also perform a set at the high school swing dance.

Swing Dance

David Brent Johnson will be MC'ing this year's event. Sharon Wailes is working on tickets as well as lining up the IU ballroom dancing club to give dance tutorials at the high school in March. The next band booster meeting in March will be used as a working meeting to prepare swing dance items.

### ISSMA

Robin Powell gave a recap on how ISSMA volunteering went. She noted that next year the email soliciting volunteers should go out earlier. This year it went out a week and a half before. The year prior it went out two weeks before. IU students helped this year and provided great service!

Jenny Noble Kuchera will eventually be taking over the judges' luncheon for Claire Tafoya. She shadowed Claire this year.

Jill Minor reported that the concession stand went really well and that there were plenty of volunteers. She noted that it would be good to have an extra concession table somewhere next year. Perhaps having a bake sale at the same time as the event would also go over. Erin Wager-Miller sold 20 items by walking around school with her snack caddy.

### Offices for Next Year

Erin Wager-Miller distributed a list of all of the positions. The list included names of those who agreed to fill spots for next year and left blank those that are yet to be filled. Names were brainstormed for those openings. Mr. Wilson and Ms. Stockhouse will sit down with the directory to identify parents who may be of help in these areas. A listing of all open positions can be found at the end of these minutes.

Mr. Wilson requested that the mattress sale be booked now so it can be put on the calendar. If possible, we don't want it to conflict with March-a-thon. Erin Wager-Miller will take care of contacting the individual to set that up. Different locations for the sale were discussed briefly as there was some concern that the high school is not visible enough to attract potential buyers.

### A Raffle

Erin Wager-Miller reported that all paperwork for a raffle has come through and is on file with the state. As such, we can have a raffle if we'd like. The original intent had been to raffle off a quilt that was made by Angie Covey's mother with the funds going toward the LA trip. Unfortunately, the necessary paperwork wasn't approved in time for this to happen. Erin posed the question as to how best to raffle off the quilt. What is the best venue? Who is our best audience? No answers were established. Erin is going to speak with Angie Covey to get an idea as to how her mother feels regarding a quilt raffle. Members present were asked to continue to brainstorm.

Erin brought up the idea of a 50/50 raffle to be held in conjunction with swing dance. She will consult with Janis Cooper-Parker on this.

### Directors' Report

Janis Stockhouse brought up winter percussion fees. The group has been running on a shoestring. Since they are now in a higher class and performing a more difficult show, more help and effort has been needed. Karen Cole has been driving from Indianapolis to assist Ben Handel in running the group. She was initially contracted for fall percussion only, but was asked to stay on and help with the winter group. She has been taking an increasingly larger leadership role. Initially only \$800 was earmarked for her stipend. Janis Stockhouse proposed spending an additional \$1500-\$2000 to both increase Karen's compensation as well as to pay for some arranging fees. Robin Powell seconded this motion and it was

unanimously voted in. Janis Stockhouse will bring details on what exact monies are needed to the March meeting.

Mr. Wilson mentioned several upcoming events. Jazz 1 and 2 will be performing at the Ball State Jazz Fest in March and jazz 3 and 4 will be attending the ISSMA jazz fest at Whiteland. The winter concert for concert bands is March 2<sup>nd</sup>. Marching band forms for next year will go out March 1<sup>st</sup>. On February 16<sup>th</sup> at 7A there is a meeting for all interested in trying out for drum major.

New Business

Ray Foster mentioned concern due to conflicts between the fall marching band schedule and SAT dates. Mr. Wilson will let families know which SAT date they should sign up for. He also mentioned that in years past, those taking the SAT have been able to do so then come to rehearsal after.

The last marching band competition for 2016 will again be in November; November 5<sup>th</sup>.

The American Legion fundraiser will be held on November 12<sup>th</sup>.

Robin volunteered to organize the drive in April to call Tri North band parents about marching band.

Adjourned

This discussion concluded the meeting. The next booster meeting will be Tuesday, March 8<sup>th</sup> at 6PM. The meeting was then adjourned by Erin Wager-Miller.

Respectfully submitted by,  
Jeannie Galbreath  
BHSN band secretary

**Open positions for 2016-2015 school year**

MB Chow- Need someone to tow the Chow Wagon \_\_\_\_\_

Pit Crew- One person to assist Brian Ellison \_\_\_\_\_

Uniforms- 2 people to assist Amy Tomey \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

Marching band awards night and pitch in- One person to assist Jeannie Galbreath  
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Co-Jazz Band Reps -Claire Tafoya and \_\_\_\_\_

ISSMA S&E Staffing-\_\_\_\_\_

Patron Drive-\_\_\_\_\_

March-A-Thon-\_\_\_\_\_

Band Bucks-\_\_\_\_\_

Tuxedo fitting-\_\_\_\_\_