

**Band Booster Meeting Minutes: Jan 12, 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 Cooper Parker, Janis Stockhouse, Erin Woodley, Amy Foster, Robin Powell, Tom Wilson

Treasurers Report

Copies of the 2014/2015 budget along with the actual monies spent during the year were provided. Mr. Wilson stated that nearly all marching band bills are in with the exception of some transportation costs. Even when those outstanding bills are paid, marching band will still be coming in slightly under budget.

Erin Wager-Miller mentioned that the Brights, who oversee the chow wagon, have requested some monies for upgrades. Needs include shelving, lights (they currently have to wear head-lamps when it's dark), new coolers to replace some that are broken and a new table to replace one that has been duct-taped together. They estimate that \$500 would be more than enough to cover these expenses. Janis Stockhouse noted that we do not have a line in the budget for maintenance and suggested that rather than taking monies from the marching band fund, that we set up this sort of line item. Claire Tafoya brought up that chow is used solely by the marching band and as such it makes sense that the monies come from that budget. It was decided that when the next budget is developed that we consider adding a maintenance line that would include funds that could be used by all bands for this purpose. After this discussion Janis Cooper-Parker motioned to take \$500 from the marching band surplus to use for chow wagon upgrades. This was seconded by Robin Powell and the motion passed.

Director's Report

Janis Stockhouse reported that the new semester is off and going well. Band members are currently preparing for ISSMA solo and ensemble competition which runs Jan 30 and Feb 6 of this year.

Winter guard and winter percussion are up and running. The music for winter percussion is inspired by Astor Piazzolla, an Argentine tango artist. This season winter guard has chosen a pop song theme, "Rather Be".

The winter concert for all concert bands will take place March 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Ms. Stockhouse and Mr. Wilson had a meeting with Amanda Herceg regarding ways to get current band 8<sup>th</sup> graders excited about marching band. It was decided that the 8<sup>th</sup> grade will perform at the high school concert band's spring concert. They will perform at 6:30 with the high school bands to follow. They will then stay to see the rest of the bands perform. All band members from all concert bands, including the 8<sup>th</sup> grade, will then perform the last 32 bars of the last piece together.

Concerning the desire to bring more band 8<sup>th</sup> graders in to the marching band program, the issue of the block 8 schedule was raised. It was noted that the logistics of this schedule often cause confusion

among parents. The directors explained why the block 8 allows for us to have so many concert and jazz band classes, but doesn't currently allow for marching band to be a class.

Ms. Stockhouse mentioned the idea of high school marching band parents calling 8<sup>th</sup> grade band parents later in the spring. This would serve as a friendly welcoming gesture as well as a way to explain to parents the realities of the time commitment of marching band. If we were to undertake this, it would happen concurrently with the spring marching band invite mailing.

#### Swing Dance

Janis Cooper-Parker reported that we were unable to find anyone willing to chair the silent auction at this year's swing dance. As there is little time between now and the event, a silent auction will not occur at this year's dance.

Discussion followed on whether the swing dance was really the best locale for a silent auction. Since one must be of legal age to bid and since the dance is attended primarily by students, many wondered how well an auction would go over. Perhaps selling raffle tickets at the event is a better idea simply because raffle tickets won't cost as much as a silent auction bid could run. The paperwork to conduct a raffle has finally come through from the state, so this could be a possibility at some point. Another idea was to promote the raffle (or whatever fundraiser is eventually decided upon that is to take place at the swing dance) as a benefit of sorts. For example, funds from the raffle would be put toward the replacement of the equipment in the rhythm section.

Finally it was suggested that an idea would be to hold a silent auction be held at one of the band concerts where more adults are present and likely to bid and have a raffle at the swing dance.

This fund-raiser discussion was tabled for a later meeting. The logistics of the swing dance itself will be discussed further at the February meeting.

#### Officers and Committee Chairs for Next Year

Erin Wager-Miller has made a list of all parents of seniors who will not be in boosters next year. There are five committee chairs that need to be replaced as well as two executive board positions. Claire Tafoya will be staying on as treasurer and Jeannie Galbreath will be staying on as Secretary.

Currently positions are slowly being filled:

- Amy Foster has agreed to chair the chaperones
- Website as well as the listserv will hopefully be the Cox's
- Erin Woodley has agreed to take on ISSMA staffing as well as the concert band rep

Erin will contact all current chairs and officers and bring a final list of who is staying for next year to the next meeting.

#### ISSMA

ISSMA solo and ensemble competition takes place Saturday, Jan 30<sup>th</sup> for piano and voice and Sat, Feb 6<sup>th</sup> for winds, strings and percussion. Robin Powell is in charge of staffing rooms. Claire Tafoya is manning the food room for the judges and Jill Minor is handling the concession stand. Lisa Ensmen will be sending out a sign-up genius later in the week that solicits volunteers in all of these areas. Mrs. Herceg will also be brought on board and will see that parents of 8<sup>th</sup> grade band students also get the

opportunity to sign up for available spots. A schedule of when students play will be distributed to all parents this week so that they can tailor their volunteer shift around when their child plays.

Regarding concessions, Lisa Mann will be asked whether she can shadow/help Jill during the events since Lisa will be taking over concessions next year. Claire Tafoya has asked Jenny Noble-Kuchera to shadow her in the judges' food room.

#### 6<sup>th</sup> grade band program

Work has been done following the December executive board meeting to further the likelihood of developing a 6<sup>th</sup> grade band program. It is intended that this program function similarly to the strings program that is currently in place in MCCSC.

Claire is drafting a letter to Jan Bergenson. She will be leaving out mention of how a schedule might look since it is not yet known what the length of the school day will be at that point.

Erin Woodley has agreed to be our point person for this endeavor. Angie Covey will be helping with this. Claire Tafoya will be reaching out to S.S. to gauge her interest in this capacity.

Erin Wager-Miller is working on a letter that will be sent to the elementary principals whose schools feed into North. The letter is meant to notify the principals of our intentions and to get their help in touching base with the PTO. This letter will be sent by the end of this week.

Ms. Stockhouse and Mr. Wilson have a PLC meeting on January 20<sup>th</sup> with elementary music teachers. The opportunity will be used to talk to the teachers about the proposed program and solicit their help and support.

Erin Woodley will be compiling a petition that will be distributed to elementary parents early in the spring.

The action time-line is as follows:

1. Letters will be sent to principals and PTOs this week
2. Directors will attend the PLC on 1/20 and discuss with elementary music teachers
3. Point parents in the elementary schools will be identified. These parents will act as liaisons in getting the word out.
4. Interest among elementary parents will be gauged
5. A petition for the program will be compiled and distributed just before spring break

#### Adjourned

This discussion concluded the meeting. It was noted that the next booster meeting is to be determined. The meeting was then adjourned by Erin Wager-Miller.

Respectfully submitted by,  
Jeannie Galbreath  
BHSN band secretary