

Band Booster Executive Board Meeting Minutes: Dec 14, 2015
Jeannie Galbreath's house, 6:30PM

Those Present included:

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

Directors: Janis Stockhouse, Tom Wilson

Items discussed included the following:

Treasurers Report

Copies of the Balance sheet as of Dec 1, 2015 along with copies of the Profit and Loss Standard from July 1-Dec 1, 2015 were distributed.

Claire detailed the current status of the marching band budget. Of the \$60,000 budgeted, \$50,262 has been spent thus far. Monies raised from dues and march-a-thon come to \$43,573. Mr. Wilson noted that some marching band fees as well as some marching band bills are still coming in. Therefore, the final income versus expense for the marching band is not yet known.

Discussion took place about updated the budget to reflect new winter guard expenditures. At the point this year's budget was finalized, it was not yet known whether there would be a winter guard for 2015/2016. As such, boosters budgeted only \$1650 for winter guard. The budget will be updated to reflect dues of \$342 per guard member. These monies will cover things such as gloves, unitards and things of that nature. Collecting dues from the 15 members would bring the budgeted amount for winter guard closer to \$6800.

The Patron drive has collected an additional \$2000 with half of that coming from the BHSN athletic department. The athletic department will be acknowledged as a patron drive donor in upcoming programs.

A booster member, Heather Narducci, recently lost her mother. The family is going to donate \$500 in her memory to the band program. Heather will be asked what fund these monies should go to and the proper acknowledgement of the contribution will be made.

Directors Report

Janis Stockhouse reported on the move to develop a band program for sixth graders in the district. She explained that the elementary teachers she has spoken with are on board, but are concerned about the logistics of the idea. Jan Bergenson, at central office, has been informed about the vision, but as of yet has not worked with anyone to further develop the idea.

Several ideas as to how to move this forward were discussed including, circulating a petition, finding "point people" who have an interest in band and have elementary school students to be drivers, and getting principals on board. It was noted that booster parent Erin W. has voiced an interest in this project and is willing to take it on. Shannon S. was also mentioned as a possible parent that may be able to help.

It was decided that the following actions would be taken to facilitate the development of the program:

1. Contact elementary school principals to explain the idea and get buy-in
2. Contact the middle school directors for help in identifying parents who have children in elementary school that could serve as "point people".
3. Contact director from Bloomington South to invite his participation.
4. Get the idea of a petition out there to parents with kids in elementary school.
5. Contact Erin W. and Shannon S. to gauge their interest and bring them up-to-speed if they agree to work on this.
6. Claire will be contacting Jan Bergenson to let her know what our plans are for proceeding.
7. If it seems like there is sufficient interest on the elementary level for such a program, a petition will be drafted and circulated.

Timing on these action items would be slated to start in Mid-January with hopes of getting a petition circulated prior to spring break in Mid-March.

Presidents Report

Erin Wager-Miller reported on the following items:

- ISSMA solo and ensemble completion is around the corner with piano and vocal being the last Saturday in January and winds/percussion happening the first Saturday in February. She has spoken to all who are in charge of getting volunteers and says that all is in order. This item will, however, be a main point on the January meeting agenda.
- Swing Dance: Despite pleas that have gone out for a silent auction chair, no one has volunteered to take this on. Discussion ensued as to whether having a silent auction was the best idea given the fact that the dance is attended mainly by students and not by families. The idea of setting the idea up as a benefit "We are raising money for _____" was brought up. It was decided that swing dance and the silent auction will be another main point on the January agenda.

New Business

Mr. Wilson proposed raising marching band fees for the 2016 season to \$300 from \$275. Erin and Jeannie both mentioned that fees were just raised two years ago from \$250 to \$275. Erin wondered if raising the fees again would make the cost of marching band prohibitive for some families. This idea was tabled for later discussion.

New uniforms were discussed. It is hoped that we will have new uniforms for the 2017 season. Prior to undertaking any fundraising, it is necessary to see if we will be getting any monies from the district for this.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will take place at 6P in the band room on January 12th, 2016. Besides the earlier items noted that will be placed on the agenda, we will also be discussing the officer slate for the May election and filling any vacant chairperson slots for the 2016/2017 school year.

The meeting was adjourned by Erin Wager-Miller.

Respectfully submitted by,
Jeannie Galbreath, BHSN band secretary