

Band Booster Meeting Minutes: Oct 13, 2015
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, Angie Covey, Anurag Shankar, Susy Meacham, Teresa Barnett, Kim Clarke, Erin Woodley, Joslyn Ellison

This was a working meeting in which all attendees stuffed and sorted envelopes for the upcoming patron drive. Items discussed included the following:

Treasurers Report

Copies of the September expenditures and income were made available. Claire Tafoya, treasurer, shared that we have approximately \$35,000 in savings and \$87,000 in checking. The value of the monies in the mutual funds fluctuate with the market.

The final march-a-thon total has been updated and now reflects all deposits made. The final total is \$19,446, surpassing the \$19,000 goal.

Spirit wear has already made a profit but not all invoices have been paid as of yet. Additionally, spirit wear is still being sold. Teresa Barnett and Joslyn Ellison, spirit wear chairs, noted that there has been an increased demand over the past years, primarily due to the sale of items associated with the marching band show, with this year being no exception.

Flowers from the band boosters were ordered to be sent to Justin Hatton as condolences on the recent loss of his father. Justin is a staff member working with the marching band.

Presidents Report

Erin Wager-Miller reported on the following items:

- The Patron letter: it was agreed upon by members present, that this letter be from the boosters as an organization rather than from the president.
- The generator used for power during the marching band shows has stopped working. It was recommended that a replacement be purchased. After looking around for what best met the needs of the band, Michael Douglas presented the best generator option. It is priced at \$500.00. Teresa Barnett made a motion that the boosters fund the purchase of this generator at the directors' discretion. The motion was seconded by Angie Covey and was passed.
- LA Trip.
 - The final meeting for the trip will be held at 6:30PM on November 10. At this meeting specific details on departure times, arrival times, schedules and other such things will be presented.
 - Final payments will be calculated and due November the 6th. All fundraising for the trip is complete at this point.
 - A note on fundraising, the photography fundraiser can be extended if there is enough interest. For details on this, contact Kim Clarke.

- For amounts in your student's band accounts, please email Erin Wager-Miller.
- Chaperones for the trip have been set. We have three officially slated with an additional three adults also helping in that area (the directors and the trip guide).

Directors Report

Janis Stockhouse reported that band numbers are down at Tri North. In order to generate interest in the program, Ms. Stockhouse, Mr. Wilson and Mrs. Herceg have developed and pitched a program to central office aimed at starting elementary students in band at 6th grade, rather than the current 7th grade. The program would involve interested elementary students coming to North two mornings a week during first period for instruction from one of the three directors. Students would then be bused to their home elementary school. The issue at hand currently seems to be the busing – whether the district has enough buses or funds for the program. Ms. Stockhouse asked for ideas on how to move this program forward. Ideas generated were as follows:

- Making an on-line petition to gauge interest
 - Angie Covey mentioned that prior to launching such a petition perhaps the boosters could draft a courtesy letter to Jan Bergenson, the directory of secondary education for MCCSC, notifying her of the desire to conduct such a petition.
- Attending elementary PTO meetings to pitch the idea to parents
- Meeting with school principals and elementary music teachers to pitch the idea
- Marching band exhibitions being done at each of the elementary schools as well as the middle school.

Further discussion on how best to proceed is needed on the matter.

New Business

A date for the end of season band banquet has yet to be set. Most likely it will be the week of December 7th. Janis Stockhouse is looking to see on the availability of the cafeteria and auditorium that week. Once a date is set, then it will be both distributed with the next "hot topics" newsletter and mentioned at the trip meeting in November.

In the meantime, Jeannie Galbreath is going to start collecting monies from families for staff gifts.

Next Meeting

A date for the next booster meeting has yet to be determined. It will likely occur later in November. This information will be announced and distributed once it is set.

The meeting was adjourned by Erin Wager-Miller.

Respectfully submitted by,
Jeannie Galbreath
BHSN band secretary