

Minutes for BHSN Band Booster Meeting— January 12, 2012

Attendance:

Boosters: Vicki Polansky, Susie Graham, Janis Cooper Parker, Tania Gardiner, Lisa Ensmann, Shannon Buckley, Marion Hunt, Becky Connor, Joslyn Ellison, Michelle Bright

Band Directors/Staff: Janis Stockhouse, Tom Wilson, Drew Lefkowitz

Meeting Convened at 7:05

Minutes from November 10, 2011 were approved

Agenda

Treasurer's Report

So far \$5,325 has been raised from the Patron Drive. \$1975 in membership dues has been collected, representing payments from approximately 50 percent of families. The percentage of dues collected is higher than last year, but it was suggested that further discussion of how to increase collection of dues is necessary. Total income to date is \$57,000; expenditures to date are \$52,000.

Grocery Cards/Script

In November 31 families participated in the Marsh/Bloomingfoods/retail card program for a total of \$10,099 with \$554.49 in rebates ranging from \$2.10–\$115.10. There were 70 Kroger card reloads for a total of \$16,850.97 total with \$505.53 in rebate ranging from \$2.10 to \$30.00. In December there were 23 families buying Marsh/Bloomingfoods/ retail cards for a total of \$10,903 total with \$690.00 in rebate ranging from \$4.00 to \$176.60. Kroger reloads (85 of them) totaled \$15,927.83 total with \$477.83 in rebate ranging from \$4.00 to \$45.00. Becky Connor reported that alumni use of grocery cards contributed \$130 to the endowment fund. Some parents have expressed interest in being able to pay by PayPal. PayPal is seen as problematic because they charge a percentage for each transaction. An alternative suggestion was to use PayPal for especially high-volume months, e.g., November and December. Lisa Ensmann will look into how PayPal might work.

Thanksgiving Day Parade

Tom reported that the Cougar marching band has been selected to participate in the Philadelphia Thanksgiving Day parade. The band will leave Bloomington on Sunday, November 19 and arrive in New York City on Monday morning. Monday and Tuesday will be reserved for sightseeing in NYC. On Wednesday morning the band will head to Philadelphia for a day of sightseeing. The band will play in the parade on Thursday morning, followed by dinner and departure for Bloomington. The band will arrive in Bloomington on Friday morning. Approximate cost per participant: \$800 (includes transportation, housing, meals). Stay tuned for an informational meeting later this spring.

ISSMA Solo & Ensemble

Planning for hosting of ISSMA is on track. Bobbie Saccone is in charge of volunteers to staff the rooms; Elaine Meyer (assisted by Evelyn Brophy) is in charge of the judges' lunch; and Kevin & Judy Killigrew are heading concessions.

Souvenir Yearbook

The souvenir yearbook committee met prior to this evening's meeting: Caroline Johnson (layout and photography), Joslyn Ellison (business and happy ads), Marion Hunt (senior bios). Joslyn emphasized that we need to increase student participation—last year only 24 families sold ads. Selling ads is a great way to earn money for student accounts, as 40 percent of each ad sold goes into the student's account. Packets will be handed out at the February concert, though forms and information will be available in advance for students who want to start selling in order to raise money to pay for the jazz trip. As in previous years, the "do not contact" (reserving certain businesses for the students who secured their ads last year) list will remain in place until after spring break.

Swing Dance

Janis Cooper Parker spoke with the IU Ballroom Dance Club about serving as dance instructors. They're enthusiastic about participating because it furthers their goal of establishing a ballroom dance club at North. The dance will be held on Thursday, March 29 from 7:00 p.m.–9:30 p.m. in order to coincide with the club's regularly scheduled meeting time and ensure the maximum number of instructors and good community attendance. Perry Metz has volunteered to be the emcee. All the jazz bands will perform, as well as at least two combos. The jazz students will be responsible for researching the music to be performed—the period will be 40s and 50s. Joy Main will be in charge of tickets and publicity. Publicity strategies: The IU club will send dance instructors to tutorials; Mrs. Sobrer has offered the use of the Black Box Theater. Gym teachers to feature dance instruction in class. “Key” North student groups to be enlisted to create momentum: Habitat (Janis to contact Pat Wilson), football team. Susie suggests that we reciprocate by providing food for one of the Habitat builds in April. We need a volunteer to be in charge of refreshments. Suggestions: cake contest?

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Officers, chairpersons need to start identifying potential replacements. Positions opening up include Spirit Wear, ISSMA Judges' Lunch, chow wagon, President...

Meeting adjourned at 8:25. The next Band Boosters meeting is scheduled for February 9, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.