

# Minutes for BHSN Band Booster Meeting—March 11, 2009

## Attendance:

**Boosters:** Becky Robbins, *President*; Nan Morrow, *Vice-President*; Esther Smail, *Secretary*; Gale Nichols, *Treasurer*; Susie Graham; Jenny Shedd, Darlene Pratt, Ewa Balewski

**Band Director:** Janis Stockhouse, Thomas Wilson, Michael Komperda (student teacher)

## Meeting Convened at 7:05 pm

January Minutes were distributed to attendees.

VOTE: A motion was made to approve the January minutes. The motion was seconded. A vote was taken and the minutes were unanimously approved.

## New Business

### Treasurer's Report

Gale Nichols relayed our fundraising efforts to date.

Bloomington Jazz Fest netted \$5656 (\$5000 budgeted)

ISSMA Concessions netted \$1667 (\$2500 budgeted)

Jazz Under the Stars 08 netted \$9510 (\$7000 budgeted)

Concessions at Jazz Fest, Football & Basketball netted \$5600 (\$6000 budgeted)

Mardi Gras netted \$8188\* (\$7500 budgeted)

\*still waiting for all receipts to be turned in

Some ideas were floated to help boost concession sales in the future: raise prices, better signage, carry higher margin items. For football games, contact schools competing at the games to let them know we have concessions. At ISSMA, add a small concession stand near the medal table.

We need to begin preparing a budget for next year. We need to look at how we do pricing for items to make sure we're not losing money. Some questions were raised: Whose responsibility is it to get parents to pay for marching band, etc.? Should there be a food fee for marching band in the future? Someone should look at the marching band fees really hard every 2-3 years. We need to make it clear that if a family needs to make special arrangements for paying fees, they should contact the band directors and/or the treasurer. Should we look at fees for the other bands? (Band Boosters pay fees for jazz fests, concert band and marching band competitions.)

### Yearbook Committee

What's being done for seniors? Becky Robbins will find out what they'll be doing. There will be no ad packets this year for the seniors, but a push for selling happy ads and for the endowment drive.

## Directors Report—Janis Stockhouse, Thomas Wilson

Janis reported that the New Orleans trip went well. The judges in the combo room were impressed with our students and thought that BHSN was a music & arts school. There were 45-50 groups that competed. The Advanced Jazz Ensemble was awarded straight Superior ratings and named Honor Band, and there were numerous soloist awards presented, as well as honor combos.

The Symphonic band will be traveling to St. Louis to compete. They will be leaving the morning of Friday, April 24, returning the evening of Saturday, April 25.

Janis has talked to the Caswell Sisters about being the special featured guests at Jazz Under the Stars this year. One of the changes at JUTS will be that the main performance stage will be on the main level and not in the balcony.

The Chamber recital on February 19 went well. This may be something to do again before the school year is out.

Ewa Balewski will help to put labels in the marching band uniforms.

Thomas Wilson will find out if Bloomington Cleaners will support the band this year with a yearbook ad. If not, he will find another cleaner for the band uniforms.

## Meeting Adjourned at 8:05 pm

Upcoming Band Booster meetings: May 13, 2009