

Minutes for BHSN Band Booster Meeting—March 19, 2008

Attendance:

Boosters: Becky Robbins, *President*; Nan Morrow, *Vice President*; Susan Dybvig, *Treasurer*; Darlene Pratt, *Assistant Treasurer*; Esther Smail, *Secretary*; Gail Nichols; Judy Fulford; Sandy O'Neal; Deborah Millsap; Irene Vlachos-Weber; Dalane Anderson; Becky Connor, Ewa Balewski

Band Directors: Janis Stockhouse

Meeting Convened at 7:05 pm

Agenda

February Minutes were distributed to attendees.

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

When the minutes have been approved by the board, they are then posted on the band website for the public to view. A reminder should be sent out to band parents to remind them that they can find out what transpired at the Booster meetings by checking the website.

Souvenir Yearbook

Judy Fulford reported that as of March 19, \$5,000 had been raised. The deadline for submitting ads is March 28, and she hopes we'll have reached our goal of \$15,000. Janis suggested that we keep sending out email reminders to band parents about where we are and how much more we need to raise.

As we did last year, there will be several free ads in the yearbook: BHSN Band Boosters, J & S Locksmiths, Jazz Under the Stars and Duane Busick.

Judy has looked into pricing the ink for the band's color printer.

Treasurer and Financial Reports

Sue Dybvig presented our income statement through March 18, 2008, which shows that we have a net loss of just over \$11,000 so far this year. We hope that yearbook ad sales will cover this. She requested a vote for renewing our two savings CDs (endowment and uniform/trailer) until August. The board agreed that we would not need to spend savings this school year.

A committee consisting of Nan Morrow, Irene Vlachos-Weber and Tom Wilson will begin looking into a better yield for the Uniform/Trailer Endowment fund, and to draw up plans for using the fund.

We received a check for \$3600 for hosting ISSMA both weekends this year. Our expenses for hosting were approximately \$870. Next year, North will also be hosting the Bloomington Jazz Festival. With continued successful fundraising, we should be able to financially support a balanced band program.

Senior Legacy Drive and the Endowment Savings Fund and Scholarship Fund

Joe Hoffmann and Lynne Schoch will head this year's senior legacy drive. The senior legacy drive will help add to our endowment savings funds. It is hoped that we can grow this fund so the interest can be used to provide ongoing support for the band program.

There will be a letter writing campaign, and we will need someone to help with mail merging. There are a couple of good lists of people to solicit: current senior families; families who donated to the uniform drive; and the list used last year for Jazz Under the Stars. Additionally, the money from student accounts of graduating seniors is moved to the endowment only by explicit vote of the board.

It's important that we continue to build this fund, and make it a tradition. One idea suggested to help the fund grow would be to expand the grocery certificate program to include other people, besides band families. Perhaps we need to make the certificates available to people who support the band program, although they do not have

children in the program. It was also suggested that we include grocery certificates for Bloomingfoods in addition to Marsh and Kroger.

Janis Stockhouse and Becky Robbins are planning to meet with Winters to talk about creating a physical memorial for the fund (i.e., bricks, tree, corner stone plaque, music symbol).

We have a student account called "scholarships" which is not part of the endowment savings fund. There are some friends of the program who continue to buy grocery certificates and their money goes into this account. It is used to pay for partial scholarships for student trips. Scholarships are awarded confidentially by the director from this pool of money, not the endowment.

Jazz Under the Stars (JUTS)

Gail Nichols reported that a date and place have been confirmed: Friday, August, 29, 2008 at Deer Park Manor. The caterer will be *the Cake and the Caterer*. Gail will schedule a meeting in the next few weeks. Help will be needed in the following areas: menu planning, publicity and mailings, sponsorships, music, ticket sales, volunteers, and decorations.

Suggestions were made to build the corporate sponsorships. It might also be useful to have some silent auction items. We should try to consider an MC or honorary chair who might help bring people to the event and/or add structure to the actual unfolding of events the evening of JUTS. Finally, it was suggested that the event could be moved to a little later in the evening (7:00–9:00 pm), since it is a Friday night and we might need the extra time to set up.

Directors Report—Janis Stockhouse

MARDI GRAS: Janis received an e-mail recap of the Mardi Gras event from Cindy Creek. Summarizing, we should use *Dats* again, if we can for food; we should contact schools earlier to publicize this family-friendly event; ticket sales need to be a bit more clear cut with prices and what people get when they purchase a ticket; we should have ID cards for adult, and student, volunteers; do two shifts for volunteers; get the color guard involved next year; maybe involve the art department; need better marketing for the silent auction or have a live auction for bigger stuff or do smaller baskets.

Next year's Mardi Gras will be Tuesday, February 24, 2009.

IDAHO: BHSN students had an amazing representation at the Lionel Hampton Jazz Festival. There were over 360 High School and College Big Bands. The Advanced Jazz Band placed first in its division. There were 16 individual awards presented and four of the winners were North students: Thea Bransby, jazz vocals; Theresa Lier, violin; Ben Lumsdaine, drums; and Lewis Rogers, guitar. Janis extends a thank you to the parents who chaperoned, as well as all the parents who helped transport the kids up to Indianapolis to catch their flights.

Janis received an email from a former band student who now lives in California. He was very impressed with the band website.

CHICAGO: The Symphonic Band will be performing in Chicago in a couple of weeks. Darleen Pratt will help Janis keep track of payments for the trip.

FINAL CONCERTS: The current dates for the final concerts are as follows: Concert Bands on Monday, May 12; Jazz Bands on Friday, May 16. Since AP Testing will occur the week of May 12, Janis may look into changing the date of the Concert Bands concert to Thursday, May 22. However, that is finals week, so that may be difficult to schedule for that week as well.

FOURTH OF JULY PARADE: We used to do, but quit after 2003. It's an improvement now that the parade is at 10:00 am, instead of 3:00 pm. We need to decide if we want to do it this year. Maybe it will just be the drum line this year? We should email parents soon to find out if families can commit to doing the parade this year.

Upcoming Events

Apr 10-13, 16: Spring Musical

Apr 12: ISSMA Concert Band Contest (ACB)

Apr 18-19: National Adjudicators Invitational (SB to Chicago)

Apr 26: ISSMA State Qualification (WE, SB)

May 3: ISSMA State Finals

Other Business

Uniform Committee

Labels with donor names need to be sewn into marching band uniforms. Irene will organize if she has a list of donors and the labels.

Next Year's Board

Becky Robbins asks that if people are currently holding a board position, to please let her know if they would like to continue in their position or do something different. Please send Becky an email with your intentions. Also, please encourage other band parents, especially those with current freshmen and sophomores, to become more involved. Try to bring new people and/or a list of potential board members to the next meeting. It was suggested that we also invite parents who have 8th graders to come to the band meeting.

Next Meeting

The next Band Booster meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 16 at 7:00 pm in the Band room.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:10 pm