

Minutes for BHSN Band Booster Meeting—September 12, 2007

Attendance:

Boosters: Becky Robbins, Becky Connor, Esther Smail, Marjorie DeBruyne, Judy Fulford, Darlene Pratt, Debra Millsap, Jenny Shedd, Phil O'Connor, Laura Hurley, Ewa Balewski, Julie Olson

Band Directors: Janis Stockhouse

Meeting Convened at 7:05 pm

Agenda

August Minutes were distributed to attendees.

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

Parent Pitch-In after Marching Band Mini-Camp Recap

The parent pitch-in dinner and show on Saturday, August 25 was well attended. It was noted that the tables were not open long enough for all of the parents to complete their paperwork. It was suggested that next year, there are two shifts for each table. This will allow for more time for people to get forms completed, while also allowing the helpers at the tables an opportunity to get something to eat.

Fundraising

JAZZ UNDER THE STARS (JUTS) RECAP

The event made approximately \$6500. The weather was perfect, the dinner was delicious and the music was delightful. However, the event missed its ticket selling goal by about 100 tickets (\$4500 gross). The profit this year was approximately \$9 per person attending. The amount of money that was made was primarily the result of donations and sponsorships. Janis reported that if the event is held on a Friday night in September at Deer Park, we would receive a reduced rental rate, from \$1800 for the evening to \$125/per performance hour and \$50/per set up hour. As a result, we are tentatively reserving Deer Park for next year for either August 29, September 12 or 19, while also considering other venues. If you would like to serve on the JUTS committee, please contact Gale Nichols.

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

Discussion of JUTS brought up the larger issue of Fundraising. Large questions that were raised and need to be evaluated include: How much do we need to raise? How do we maximize our fundraising efforts? How to we educate parents about how much money is needed to operate the various bands (marching, concert and jazz)? How do we recruit new volunteers?

It was suggested that a general fundraising committee should be formed to address these issues and more. Becky Robbins will send out an e-mail to the band listserve to form a study group. Jenny Shedd has volunteered to serve on the committee.

Other items of discussion regarding fundraising included talking about a way to coordinate efforts with contacting businesses for their support with Jazz Under the Stars and the Band yearbook; perhaps encouraging volunteer hours in lieu of some additional fee; following the example of the Valparaiso band fundraisers of selling take-home dinners; dessert & coffee after the musical one night; combos and/or chamber music with dessert & coffee; having a Big Band dance at someplace like the Woolery.

Directors Reports

Janis Stockhouse reported for Tom Wilson

Marching Band is going great. The trip to Murfreesboro, TN on October 27 is still up in the air. A decision about this trip will be made later in the week.

Janis Stockhouse

Stemming from budget cuts, the position of music administrator disappeared several years ago. However, recently a music teacher called a meeting of all the music educators at MCCSC to discuss the alarmingly low number of students signed up for band in middle school. This issue is not entirely unique to Monroe County, and is happening all over the country. It's important for music departments to understand why this is happening and try to address this issue before it becomes a crisis. North is seeing the effect of this in marching band this year: there are 39 seniors, and only 17 freshmen, for instance. The elective offerings in middle-school make it difficult for a student to pursue band.

At the music educators meeting, it was suggested that a parent advocate group be formed to meet and discuss this issue as well as to speak to incoming middle-school parents about the importance of music education in kids lives. Janis would like one parent representative from each music group at North (i.e., band, orchestra, choir). Jenny Shedd volunteered to be a parent representative for band.

Other Business

Football Concession Chuckwagon

The first home game was a success, both financially and operationally. Thanks to everyone who pitched in and helped and a big thank you to Pat and Cindy Schrems for heading the effort.

To help the kids who have to be at school in uniform for pictures on Friday before the game, the kids will receive a free drink if they purchase a dinner

Becky Connor will have a table set up to sell spiritwear at he upcoming game.

If North gets the draw on the sectionals for October 19, that will be an additional date that Band can sell concessions..

Treasurer

Band Booster dues of \$20 are due. Checks may be made out to BHSN Band Boosters and either sent in with the kids during band or mailed in to Band Boosters, c/o BHSN North, 3901 N. Kinser Pke, Bloomington, 47404.

Concerts

Band Boosters help promote good will and handle the money at the concerts. It was suggested that we encourage Jazz parents to help at Band concerts and Band parents to help at jazz concerts. It was also suggested that we continue to have information tables available at the concerts.

Next Meeting

The next Band Booster meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 10 at 7:00 pm in the Band room.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:00 pm