

Minutes for BHSN Band Booster Meeting – August 13, 2009

Attendance:

Boosters: Nan Morrow, *President*; Susie Graham, *Vice-President*; Esther Smail, *Secretary*; Phyllis Bond, Jan Bond, Jenny Shedd, Dalane Anderson, Amy Simpson, Becky Connor, Judy Killigrew, Kevin Killigrew, Barbara Ferguson, Lisa Ensmann, Debbie Roberts, Richard VanArsdel, Ewa Balewski, Annette Brigs, Maureen Potter, Vicki Polansky, Cindy Brown, Laura Hurley

Band Director: Janis Stockhouse

Meeting Convened at 7:10 pm

May Minutes were distributed to attendees.

VOTE: Jenny Shedd made a motion to approve the May minutes. The motion was seconded by Susie Graham. A vote was taken and the May minutes were unanimously approved.

Agenda

Welcome and Introductions

Nan Morrow welcomed everyone attending the meeting and introductions were made.

Pitch-In Dinner

The annual band pitch-in dinner is scheduled for Saturday, August 22, after the completion of the Marching Band mini-camp. All band parents are welcome to this beginning of the school year potluck. This is an opportunity for band parents to sign up for volunteer opportunities (Marching Band meals, concessions, chaperones, ISSMA & Jazz Fest volunteering), the BHSN Band listserve, grocery certificates, confirm information for the Band directory, fill out medical forms, purchase spirit wear and Jazz Under the Stars tickets, and pay their band dues. After sign-up and dinner, there will be a mini-show of the Marching Band. All attendees will bring a dish to share and a 2-litre drink; Band Boosters will provide plates & cutlery. The set up will be similar to last year, with the addition of providing nametags.

It was suggested that an effort should be made to identify and contact parents who do not get or use email.

Marching Band Chow

Jan and Phyllis Bond have generously volunteered to take on the task of providing meals for the Marching Band at competitions. There are a couple of dates they cannot be there, but Nan will find volunteers to help on those dates.

Marching Band Competition Day

Nan encouraged parents to attend the competitions and see the awesome show the students have been working on, as well as cheer them on. There is a small admission fee to attend the competitions, usually paid at the door. For new Marching Band parents, she provided an overview of what to expect, although timing might vary a little from what is described below.

The time that BHSN will perform at a competition is determined by a draw approximately a week before.

The students will typically arrive at BHSN to rehearse for a few hours, eat lunch, and then board a bus to head to the competition site. After the students arrive at the competition site, they will get uniformed, perform, and have dinner. (Parents are welcome to come back to the band trailer after the BHSN performance, however, dinner is only provided for the students.) After the awards are announced for the competition, the students will board the bus for their return to BHSN. When they return they will spend a short amount of time with Mr. Wilson reviewing a tape of their performance.

The students are then dismissed.

Jazz Under the Stars

This is one of two large fundraisers of the year. Jazz Under the Stars is scheduled for Friday, September 4. Doors will open at 6:30. There will be an elegant buffet dinner, which will begin at 7:00 pm, and a beer and wine cash bar will be available throughout the evening. The Caswell Sisters will perform in the main dining area starting at 7:30 for a one- to one-and-a-half hour show. Additional music will be provided all evening in various locations by student classical and jazz combos. Tickets are \$50 each, with sponsorships available. Tickets are on sale at the North Band website, all Bloomingfoods locations, and the Buskirk-Chumley Box Office.

Thanks to Susie Graham and the JUTS committee for working on this event throughout the summer.

Restaurant Fundraisers

The Band Boosters have been offered fundraising opportunities from several area restaurants: Bloomington Sandwich Shop, Bucetto's, and Cheeseburger in Paradise. These restaurants will offer a day or evening where patrons may bring in a flyer, and 10-15% of the food and non-alcoholic beverage bill will go to the BHSN Band Boosters. Cheeseburger in Paradise may also provide an opportunity for music combos to perform. It was decided that we would participate.

Director's Report

Janis Stockhouse emphasized to new band parents that the purpose of all of the Band Boosters fundraising efforts are to benefit the students and the band program. There are a lot of expenses that are not covered in any other way but through fundraising (competition fees, printing and mailing costs, instrument expenses, etc.).

Janis explained that Marching Band is a class and that students receive one-half semester credit for the class. Although most all of the students receive an A for the class, Marching Band is graded on a 4.0 scale. There are some students who elect to receive no letter grade for the class. so that an "A" won't bring down their grade-point when considering all of the Honors and AP weighted grades they receive.

The year is off to a great start. Janis thanks drum major moms Linda Paul and Laura Hurley for coordinating and providing meals for the week of band camp.

There is a strong freshman class this year. The numbers in all of the bands are good. There are a record number of students signed up for AP Music this year.

The Marching Band show is very interesting. The music is challenging and the students are doing a great job with it. On Friday, September 25, 8th graders from the area middle schools will come to meet the Marching Band.

Janis encourages the new Marching Band parents to help out in the pit, on the chow line, or as chaperones.

Finally, she asked if the Band Boosters would be interested in cling-type car window decals. Interest was expressed and the design may be coordinated with other North activities.

Other Business

There was discussion about the whether or not to continue doing the concession tent at home football games. Jenny Shedd, who has headed that effort in the past, expressed that it was a lot of work for not much revenue in return. She suggested that we scale back the offerings at the concession tent to sno-cones and lemonade. This was met with approval.

Ewa Balewski reported that the donor labels have all been sewn into the band uniforms. The Boosters thank Ewa for her efforts in taking on this task and getting it done.

The Symphonic Band may be taking a spring trip to Chattanooga, Tennessee April 23, 24.

Purchasing Kroger and/or Marsh grocery cards through the Band Boosters is a great way to build up money in student accounts. Kroger and Marsh donate three to five-percent of the cost of the card to the Band Boosters. That money is then put directly into an individual student's band account while they are at North. These funds may be used to pay for instrument rental, band fees, and trips. Kari Isaacson and Carolyn Sowinski coordinate the grocery card purchases and Becky Connor keeps track of the money in each account.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:45 pm

The next band booster meeting is Wednesday, September 16, 2009 at 7:00 pm.

Future meetings are: October 14; November 18; January 13; February 10; March 10; April 14; May 12.