

Band Booster Meeting, Jan 9, 2018
BHSN Jazz Room, 6 PM

Members present included:

Officers: Jay Showalter, Erin Smith, Nathan Bean, Jeannie Galbreath

Ms. Janis Stockhouse, Carol Austin, Janis Cooper-Parker, Brenda Lommel, Arle Lommel, Jill Minor, Jenny Noble-Kuechera, Adom Kozacek, Adrienne Kozacek, Leah Drayton, Neal Heidler, Jill Argenbright, Kathy Nesbitt, Heather Narducci, Andrea Wiley

The meeting was opened by President, Jay Showalter. Birthday greetings were sung to our new student teacher, Julie Lindell.

Treasurers Report

Nathan Bean, treasurer, reported on a few things of note:

- The number reflecting the patron drive on the current profit and loss statement is not reflective of the on-line donations which still need to be deposited. The amount yet to be deposited is estimated to be approximately \$2400.
- Spirit wear proceeds netted \$2535 which is more than was projected.
- Marching Band expenses wound up around \$76,000. This is well over the projected \$60,000. Because of this, Nathan brought up the idea of raising dues for the 2018 marching season. Mr. Wilson stated that he would like to have this settled in the next month or two so that accurate numbers can be distributed to potential marchers when the spring membership letter comes out.
- Currently, we are about \$13,000 over what is coming in. Part of the reason for this is the trailer purchase this past fall. Nathan noted that we do have monies to cover this short-fall. Ms. Stockhouse reminded everyone that the decision had been made in the summer to use some of our surplus money for this purchase. We will want to be keeping this expenditure in mind as well as items we need to save for down the road (ie. Uniforms), when future budgets are made.

ISSMA

We host the vocal/piano competition on January 27th and the instrumental competition on 2/3. We will need staffing for room monitors and concessions as well as donations for the judges rooms both days. Erin Smith is working on two separate sign up genius links to be sent out in one email. One link will be for room staffing and the other for concession sign up.

- Jenny Noble-Kuschera is taking care of the hospitality room.
- Brenda and Arle Lommel will be coordinating and running the concession stand. Jill Minor will be sharing her past spreadsheets for the concession stand with them as well as working with them to get set-up.
 - A satellite concession table will be set up in the hallway leading to the 500 wing. This table will be manned by an adult and perhaps a teen. Pre-packaged items and waters will be sold here.
 - Erin Smith noted that better signage in the atrium pointing to the concession stand may help direct people there.
 - Wrestling sectionals will also be taking place on the January date. Because attendees of this event will also utilize our concession stand, preparations for extra items must be made.
- Erin Smith will be coordinating room monitors. We will have about 9 rooms running the first weekend and 17 the second.

Marching Band Trip

In November of 2018, the marching band will be taking a trip to Philadelphia and New York City. A kick off meeting for this trip will be held the evening of Wednesday, January 10th. Music Travel Consultants will be coordinating the trip and conducting the meeting. They will be handling all logistics and payments. Information will be distributed to everyone in an effort to cover those who may not be able to attend the meeting.

- Parents are welcome to attend the trip but must pay the same amount marchers will pay.
- There will be a need for chaperones, but the number of them has yet to be determined. A sheet for those who are interested in chaperoning the trip will be available for sign up at the meeting.
- Fundraising will be available for those wishing to off-set the cost of the trip.
 - A sheet will be available for sign up at the meeting for those interested in participating on a fundraising committee
 - Adrienne Kozacek has been investigating fundraising options
 - Cassandra (?), Hannah Ledbetter's mother, will be approaching large businesses in the area for contributions. She also has many ideas and techniques she is going to share with Adrienne.
 - Questions were raised about asking for business donations when we already do so for March-a-thon and the Patron Drive. It is hoped that the timing of all of these events are far enough apart that it won't be an issue. It was also noted that students generating funds for March-a-thon generally are not approaching large businesses.
 - The idea of getting trip tee-shirts with sponsors for the trip listed on the back was mentioned.

- Ford motor has a test-drive fundraiser program. If signed up, on a specific day, an organization can earn \$20 per test drive. Between \$6000 and \$8000 can be generated. Adrienne is going to approach our local Ford Dealership about this. The program is called Drive 4UR School. Mr. Wilson mentioned that if this works out for us, he'd like to see it become an annual fundraising event for the band.
- We will be participating in restaurant (ie. Buccetos) fundraising efforts.
- The idea of a community yard sale was brought up. Perhaps we "rent" space in our parking lot for those in the community wanting to sell items. Late spring/early summer would be the ideal time. Jeannie Galbreath brought up the idea of having the mattress fundraiser on the same day as a means of generating funds there as well.

Other Fundraising

The mattress sale is scheduled for April 21. The kick off will likely be March 6th or 20th. The sale will be held in the commons. Everything must be cleared out by 6P so that the spring musical, ironically "Once Upon a Mattress", can take place.

Adam Kozacek brought up the idea of a replaceable vinyl decal for the trailer. This could be emblazoned with a sponsor. Perhaps this sponsorship could be a renewable one so that funds come in on a yearly basis rather than just once. If the sponsor were to change, we could get a different decal.

Swing Dance

Because of Jazz One's acceptance to the Savannah Music Festival, the date of swing dance has been moved up to March 23rd. Janis Cooper-Parker, chair of this event, reported on the following:

- The February meeting will be used to distribute posters to boosters who will then take them to businesses to be used as advertising for the event
- The March booster meeting will be a working meeting getting things ready for the dance.
- David Brent Johnson will be the MC again this year
- Steve Kranke will be doing the lights
- Tri-North jazz band will be performing again this year
- A band parent will be running the sound board
- Getting someone for tutorials is being pursued
- Getting a place for pictures in the commons; perhaps a photo-booth for students to utilize. Everyone was in agreement that the students would enjoy this. Janis will look into it further.

Director's Report

Ms Janis Stockhouse gave the Director's report.

- The Jazz One band is one of 12 bands nationally to be accepted into the Savannah music festival. She is currently investigating ways to get the band and instruments to Georgia for the April event.
 - Julie Lindell will approach her parents who are pilots for Delta and United respectively, about possibly getting a price break for the band.
 - Andrea Wiley will investigate air fares
- Symphonic Band is going to audition to go to the Midwest clinic in Chicago in December of 2018. Auditions happen now and next year's band will go should they get in. It will cost about \$1000 for the audition. This includes the set-up, the equipment and necessary personnel to make the recording happen.
 - Janis Cooper-Parker moved that boosters pick up this cost. This motion was seconded by Erin Smith. All were in favor and the motion passed.
- The 6th grade band program is doing well and looking to expand. Ms. Stockhouse will be meeting with Deb Prekert about getting the program in all of the elementary schools
 - The December Christmas concert was very much enjoyed by parents and the 6th graders who participated
- Some discussion was held about how to increase marching band numbers.

Mr. Wilson thanked Carol Austin and Erin Smith for washing all of the marching band uniforms. He noted that everything washed up beautifully and that they look good as new.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held Tuesday, Feb. 6th at 6P

Respectfully Submitted by Jeannie Galbreath, BHSN Band Booster Secretary