

Band Booster Meeting, August 14, 2018
BHSN Band Room, 7:30 PM

Members present included:

Officers: Erin Smith, Nathan Bean, Lisa Mann, Rachel Wheeler

Ms. Janis Stockhouse, Valerie Birdsong, Karen Edwards, Beom Seok Yoo, Yoon Yoo, Kim Mills, Jack Ketchem, Adrienne Kozacek, Adam Kozacek, Stacy Stiening, Helen Rhee, Deb Ayer, Kelly Carnahan, Stephen Westerfield, Natalie Kubat, Eric Stiening, Lissa May, Ann Ames, Kathy Stout

The meeting was opened by President Erin Smith and began with introductions.

President's Update

Rookie Parent Meeting: President Erin Smith reported on the successful Rookie Parent Meeting that Erin and Lisa Mann coordinated. The meeting took place the Thursday evening of Band Camp (7/26) and the parents of 21 rookies attended to discover the ins-and-outs of the Cougar Band season.

Band Camp: Kim Mills reports that meals went smoothly this year; the incoming parents of the Drum Majors were happy to have Jeannie Galbreath as a resource. The meal prep was in the cafeteria this year versus the home ec. room, resulting in fewer logistical problems. We are fortunate BHSN Cafeteria Manager Mari Bolin helped during the week (she even coordinated washing dishes). In addition, Kim took notes to help guide successors.

March-a-Thon: Erin reports we are significantly behind on payments and are only one-third of the way to the goal. Saturday is the last collection day: Erin and Nathan will be collecting in-person at the Parent Preview. Webmaster Stephen Westerfield added the PayPal link to our homepage for online payments and student names can be included there.

Thanksgiving Parade Trip: Erin reports that there are 112 travelers registered for the trip (including adults). Travelers must register with and pay Music Travel Consultants to take advantage of lodging, sightseeing, and special events on the trip. However, travelers can join the Thanksgiving Dinner Cruise at \$95/person by booking with Music Travel Consultants at (800) 616-1112. The itinerary is on the travel website. While the pit equipment is not traveling, those musicians will march other instruments. There will be a parent meeting with Music Travel Consultants as we approach the trip and Erin will touch base with Mr. Wilson if another meeting is needed.

Open positions: We need numerous understudies since senior parents will transition out of many roles. Caroline Johnson has agreed to oversee the Student Accounts and will offer support as our Historian and Photographer. Lisa reports she still needs help with pulling the Chow Wagon trailer. It would be ideal to have a team so individuals wouldn't have to commit the entire season. If we don't have a way to transport the trailer, there is no food and everyone will have to bring own meals. Natalie Kubat will see if Mike can help.

Mr. Wilson needs a second set of screens built for the props. He'll look at getting the canvases ordered soon. Steven will not be in-charge of coordinating the volunteers, but he'll build them. Eight screens fit on one cart and it requires 3-4 people to move them on and off the field. Eric asked if Mr. Quigley's Construction Class at Hoosier Hills could help-Adrienne will ask.

Fundraising (Thanksgiving Parade Trip): Adrienne Kozacek reports new travelers have until the August 27th firm deadline to register for the trip. We have raised \$2100 thus far and still have three fundraisers planned for the trip:

- Bruster's Buck's are available from her for \$5. They can be sold at a 50% profit on each booklet. The deadline is August 31st.
- August 29th is our next fundraiser at BJ's restaurant. The event is 11am-11pm and they will donate 20% of sales. Fliers will be shared soon via email, website, and social media.
- Chipotle's fundraiser can only be held annually, but 33% of the proceeds will be donated. The event is between 5-9pm on Saturday Sept. 8th at the College Mall location. Like BJ's, fliers will be available soon for distribution. Adrienne can also send them your way.

Treasurers Report

Treasurer Nathan Bean distributed the Statement of Financial Position (as of 8/13/18) and the Budget vs. Actuals spreadsheet:

- The PayPal account now is included in the Current Assets.
- The program expenses are divided by the different categories to better reflect revenues and expenditures per event.
- \$24,000 of marching band dues are in; we're hoping to collect the remaining funds soon.
- March-a-Thon is only at one-third of the goal.
- Net operating revenue is broken down by distinct bands
- Years ago we kept two Certificate of Deposit (CD's) for the trailer/uniform & endowment. The CDs weren't generating much income, so we transferred them to conservative endowment accounts. We want to recapitalize those earnings in the hopes of transforming this into a true endowment.
- Hilliard Lyons is managing the fund and now is the time to reassess.

Parent Preview/Pitch-in

President Erin Smith and Karen Edwards discussed the upcoming (8/18) pitch-in and Parent Preview:

- The Commons will host Spirit Wear and March-a-Thon payments.
- Spirit Wear Chair Kim Mills ordered the show merchandise early and items will be for sale at the Parent Preview.
- Medical and directory forms don't need to be completed anymore: Janice can get the medical forms from the school.
- Tables will be set up at 4:15 and the students will eat at 5. Parents will follow at 5:30.
- Once parents sit down to eat, leaders will discuss their respective programs and have sign-up sheets for volunteers:
 - Scrip program-Lissa May
 - Chow wagon-Lisa Mann
 - Pit Crew-Jack Ketchem
 - Chaperone-Valerie Birdsong
 - Props-Stacie Stiening

Director's Report

Ms. Stockhouse gave the director's report

- We are a Class B band again this year. At the ISSMA State (Lucas Oil) the order is CBDA.
- BHSN is unique since marching band is a volunteer event versus a class. The benefits of marching band are astronomical. We (including kids) should continue to recruit for next year.
- The top bands are very strong.
- Concerts are slated for the year and on the website. There is a Percussion event on Nov. 9th
- Parade rehearsals will be announced later.
- The Marching Band End-of-Season Celebration will be the last week of November (Tu/Th) in the Auditorium and Cafeteria. Janis will reserve the space for us.
- Sixth grade band update: the program has increased from two to four sites: University, Binford, Clear Creek, & Grandview. They now have three teachers and it will continue to meet before school. Instrument selection night is tomorrow and the program begins the end of August. The Sixth Grade Band couldn't have happened without the Music Task Force.
- Mike Ahearn now has an intermediate band at Tri-North so there are three bands.
- Bloomington Jazz Festival will be Dec. 7-8th at BHSN. The guest artist is the BHSN Alumni Jazz Band who will play big band selections. Lissa is reaching out to the alumni and there has been activity on Facebook. Steven can help advertise it via our friends and alumni group.
- Stacy asked about recruiting for Color Guard and Winter Guard in middle school.

New Business

- Erin suggested we start an Instagram account geared towards the students since many of them don't use Facebook. It was agreed this is a good idea. Darin Woodley has volunteered to manage it this year.
- Fall Booster Meeting Dates (first Tuesday of month) are shared:
 - 9/4 and 10/2 at 7:30pm
 - 11/6 and 12/4 at 6pm

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be September 4th at 7:30pm at BHSN. The meeting was adjourned at 8:50pm by president Erin Smith.

Respectfully submitted by Rachel Wheeler, BHSN Band Booster Secretary