

**Band Booster Meeting, January 19, 2019**  
**BHSN Jazz Band Room, 6:00 PM**

**Members present included:**

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

Ms. Janis Stockhouse, Kelly Carnahan, Janis Cooper-Parker, Jonah Andreatta, Brenda & Arle Lommel

The meeting was opened by President Erin Smith.

**Treasurers Report**

Treasurer Nathan Bean distributed the Budget vs. Actuals and the Statement of Financial Position (as of 01/15/2019):

- The amount earned for the Bloomington Jazz Festival and the Patron Drive are close to budget. One note: while the balances are positive and we're making money on the CD we bought this year, the change in investment value is negative due to the recent slide in the market.
- Nathan discussed the benefits of creating a true endowment with the Community Foundation of Bloomington Monroe County (CFBMC) and explained how endowments work. While we already have an endowment with Hillard Lyons, the Community Foundation could provide a steady income stream that is mostly independent of market volatility. The endowment would ensure the funds be used for a specific purpose in perpetuity.

It was agreed that Nathan take the balance from the existing endowment account at Hillard Lyons and open a new account with CFBMC before 03/31/2019. The first distribution payout to the Band Boosters will be October 2020. Additional donations can help the endowment grow.

- Sam's Club Account: Vice President Lisa Mann gave an update on this membership account: she discovered Janis Cooper-Parker is indeed the primary account holder and Lisa is the household account holder. Since Janis is a senior parent, we need to have a new primary account holder before graduation. The Sam's associate said edits to the account are relatively easy (online, letterhead, or in person).
  - We are given two cards free and any additional cards are \$40 (names are not on cards).
  - While the new green cards are already authorized, at some point the blue card(s) will not work.
  - Lisa paid the Sam's membership in July using the Band Booster credit card this summer. Our next membership will be at the \$100 Sam's Plus membership fee (if we decide to go that route to take advantage of cash back earnings & extended hours).
  - Lisa will investigate adding tax-exempt status to the green card.

**Director's Report**

Ms. Stockhouse gave the director's report:

- ISSMA: Janis says we are only feeding the judges this year during the ISSMA luncheon. We need to find someone to help with the first weekend (Jan. 26<sup>th</sup>) since Jenny Noble-Kuchera will be unable to coordinate. She will be available during the Vocal and Piano ISSMA event (Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup>) and can help train a future coordinator.

Brenda and Arl Lommel are coordinating the concessions for both weekends. They analyzed previous concession numbers and discovered we're undercharging on certain foods and suggests raising costs to help improve our revenue. The wrestling sectional is on the 26<sup>th</sup> beginning at 9am,

so we will have more customers. Ms. Stockhouse reserved the cafeteria for both weekends. The Lommel's will print a limited supply of food coupons and Erin will distribute them to deserving student volunteers.

- Bloomington Jazz Festival: Ms. Stockhouse reports there is still a lot of excitement from the BHSN Alumni Big Band's performance.
- Midwest Clinic trip: This was a huge event (~30,000 registrants) and it was an honor to be one of the three high school jazz bands performing (to a packed house). In addition, many of the students performed with the Saratoga High School Strings. Kelly Carnahan volunteered to design our program and therefore we were able to keep the costs down.
- IMEA All-State Events are this week in Fort Wayne. We have seven performers in All-State Jazz, one student performing in All-State Orchestra, and one student performing in All-State Percussion.
- The Purdue Jazz Fest is this weekend (weather permitting).
- Band-O-Rama is February 28<sup>th</sup>
- The University of Michigan's Jazz Band will visit on Feb. 21<sup>st</sup>.
- The band director for the Purdue School of Music (Purdue Fort Wayne) is touring Central Indiana and will visit on Feb. 20<sup>th</sup>.
- The Ball State Jazz Festival is Saturday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>
- Jonah Andreatta was introduced and welcomed as our student teacher for the spring semester.
- Swing Dance: David Brent Johnson has been confirmed as the Swing Dance MC (March 29<sup>th</sup>). This is the last year Janis Cooper-Parker will be our Swing Dance Chair and she suggested a name to chair the event next year. In addition, she suggested we need to review the Swing Dance workday so there enough time to prepare for the event. It was decided to keep the workday on March 19th, but we're open to moving it to earlier if needed. We'll need to touch base with Don Johnson on our lighting needs for this year.
- Band Directors distributed letters to Marching Band students interested in receiving them (2+ years). We should have enough letters to last for two years and Heather Narducci has donated a bag of band pins.

### **New Business**

- President Erin Smith distributed a list of our current Band Booster officers and committee chairs. There are several positions that need filled for next year. Between now and February Erin and others will contact the existing volunteers to see if they will continue serving next year. The electronic directory will be reviewed to identify potential volunteers.
- Recruitment: Erin suggested a poster to highlight current BHSN Band performers who also juggle other interests/activities. This poster would be placed in middle and elementary school to encourage them to consider registering for band. Eighth grade night is here on Jan. 28<sup>th</sup>. Kelly agreed to design the poster and Erin suggested Caroline Johnson take the photos. In addition, Janis Cooper-Parker wants to update the tri-fold display (for middle schools) to incorporate the poster. Erin will ask Stephen Westerfield to include a “For More Information” page to be added to website so the parents/students have a place to go to learn more.
- Ms. Stockhouse will send an email to remind students to sign up for the correct band for next year.
- Janis Cooper-Parker asked on the recent delay in Scrip earning being moved to student accounts. Nathan will follow-up with Lissa. There are few remaining opportunities for senior parents to use their student accounts.

### **Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be February 19<sup>th</sup> at 6pm at BHSN. The meeting was adjourned at 7:25pm by President Erin Smith.

Respectfully submitted by Rachel Wheeler, BHSN Band Booster Secretary