

BHSN Band Booster Meeting 11/10/2011

In attendance: V. Polanky, L. Ensmann, M. Potter, T. Barnett, T. Gardner, M. Dortweg, T. Wilson, C. Creek

The meeting was called to order at 6:45 by Vicki Polanky. Minutes from last month's meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report:

We are on-target with the budget. About \$41,000 has come in from marching band fees and the March-a-thon. We've spent about \$37,000 on marching band expenses. There are a few bills to be paid yet – buses and food, ISSMA \$400, but it will not be much more.

Booster dues of \$1825 have been paid, plus around \$150 recently received. This is only maybe a third of all families. Invoices were sent home with students.

Donations and the Patron Campaign have brought in about \$4000 so far, from 6-8 people.

The Spin-a-thon was absorbed into the March-a-thon, so the boosters will cover some of Winter Guard expenses. They pay dues also. Their season is Jan through mid-March. They will be attending the Muncie Regional for the first time.

A request for \$100 was approved so that Christy and Andrea could attend a clinic in Indianapolis (\$50 each).

Discussions:

Student behavior on buses and during trips was discussed. There is a code of conduct to be signed before overnight trips.

Since the last meeting, at Tom Wilson's suggestion, it was decided to continue with concert admissions rather than switch to taking donations.

There was again discussion of whether or not to drop the yearbook. If there is no yearbook, the businesses that placed ads can be approached for the Patron Drive. People involved with the Patron Drive and Yearbook need to get together with the directors and booster officers to decide what to do. Perhaps we could do a yearbook without business ads or make a CD instead. Most people seem to be in favor of dropping the yearbook.

The future of marching band is under consideration. Tom and Janice are working on recruitment efforts, but if the number of students stays so low, they may consider options such as not doing the ISSMA circuit. Didn't get any details on what the alternatives might be.

Upcoming Events:

Advanced Jazz and Combos – Feb 23-26 Omaha – Univ. of Neb. Jazz Fest

Symphonic Band – Apr. 20-22 – Chattanooga – Grand NAI

Marching Band – to TriNorth and Highland Park Elementary this month

Marching Band – will apply to march in the Philadelphia Thanksgiving Day Parade next year (and visit New York). We'll know by sometime in Jan.

Swing Dance – March 30 has been suggested as a date. Planning will begin in early Dec. We may alternate between a dance and Mardi Gras each year.

Marching Band Awards Night – Susie Graham sends word that plans are on-track.

Endowment Fund – Cindy Creek brought in the plaque and everyone thought it was quite nice. Cost is \$618. There will be magnetic nameplates (which could be glued or the whole thing could be kept under glass). Interest from the Endowment Fund will be used for general or special expenses, however the boosters want to spend it.

Avon – Maureen Potter suggested an Avon fundraiser. A percentage of proceeds from all Avon products bought through a specified person would go to the band general fund. The percentage would be around 20-30% depending on the catalog. Booklets could be sent home with kids to encourage Christmas gift purchases. This can be an ongoing thing. Everyone approved since it would be so easy to do.

There will be no Dec. meeting.

Next meeting will be the 2nd Thurs. of Jan. at 6:30.

Minutes taken by
Lisa Ensman