

## **BHSN Band Booster Meeting – Nov. 1, 2012**

**6:00 – BHSN, Band Room**

**Officers present:** Mark Bisesi, Janis Parker, Lisa Ensman, Tania Gardner

**Attendance:** Carolyn Lee, Judy and Kevin Killigrew, Michelle and Matt Bright, Erin Wager Miller, Michael Douglas, Teresa Barnett, Julie Campbell, Sharon Mayell, Tom Wilson, Janis Stockhouse

### **Financial Report:**

We've taken in \$45,000 and spent \$46,000. Marching band expenses have been covered by fundraising so far. \$19,770 was collected from the March-a-thon. There have been a couple donations by PayPal since Lisa transferred the money. She will transfer the rest.

### **Patron Drive:**

A letter was sent to select alumni and non-marching band parents. It was decided to go ahead and ask marching band parents too by snail mail next semester. Lisa will add a paypal button to the website.

### **Winter Guard:**

A fundraiser has been proposed where guard students would sell poinsettias. Profits would go into their individual band accounts to help offset an increase in dues. Dues must increase to help fund additional competitions. Winter guard students at Pike HS pay \$800 in dues! In the past, BHSN students have paid \$250. The fundraiser was approved. Similar fundraisers for large groups (eg, Jazz I) are possible. They should get Band Booster approval.

### **Marching Band:**

The Chow Wagon provided 8 meals (rather than 5). The average cost was \$2.80/person/meal.

Short Stop donated pulled pork for the last meal. Mark and Tom will send a thank you with a picture. They are willing to do it again next year!

Michael Douglas, who is employed at Opie Taylor's, said that he'd ask if they would make a food donation next year.

Some leftover food from the breakfast before semi-state was distributed to those present and the rest will be donated to the swim team.

Mr. Wilson was proud of the band's performance. He felt that our draw to play first at semi-state was a big factor in not making it to finals. He will be discussing options for changing how the performance order is determined with ISSMA. He said that fewer bands have been joining the ISSMA competitions. If we dropped out, we could participate in the BOA or MidState competitions instead. There is no immediate plan to make a switch though.

**Upcoming Events:**

Fall concerts – Jazz Nov 7, Concert Bands – Nov. 14. All District Honor Band – Nov. 10-11. Jazz concert volunteers are taken care of. We should have people to take listserve signups and band bucks orders and booster dues.

Bloomington Jazz Fest (at North) – Dec. 7-9. BJF will be Friday ~3-9:30 and Saturday ~9-8. We will get money from admission charges, concessions, school fees. The latter cover clinician's fees we have to pay.

Marching Band Awards – Nov. 29.

Swing Dance – March 22 at 7:30. IU Ballroom Dance Club is not confirmed. Friday night will be tough for them. Janis P. wants to seek business sponsorships and have a team to do planning, starting asap. Spring break is too late to get dessert donations from some places; everyone donates to charities but the budgets get spent by then. There'll be a call out meeting for anyone interested in helping Wed. Nov. 28 at 6:00.

**Misc:**

Janis and Tom have submitted a 2 page document to the superintendent proposing that a band program similar to strings be started for 6<sup>th</sup> graders. It was suggested that they contact the elementary school PTOs to find people who are interested in expressing support.

Janis also explained that we need a winter percussion program to keep percussion players busy and learning after marching band ends. They don't get to do too much in the other bands. They would meet 2 times/week with an instructor and attend 2 or 3 contests. We have some savings that could be used to do a pilot program this year. We could do a patron drive to support it in the future. There would also be student fees. A pilot program for this year was approved.

Lisa Ensman, Secretary