

Brunswick High School Band Boosters
General Membership Meeting
July 11, 2005

A general membership meeting was held on Monday July 11 at BHS library. In attendance were: Debbie Crutchfield, Mr. Groen, Jeff and Martina and Samantha Brewbaker, Dave Porter, Kathy Calvert, Debbie Patterson, Sharon Edelstein, Allison Garman, Gerry and Ellie Putz, Bernie Tregoe, Sue Wilson, Phyllis and Jessica Howard, Carrie Kuhn, Ashley Whetzel, Tiffany Winn, Bob Cummings, and Laurie Kaler

Minutes: Motion to accept as emailed by Dave. Second by Debbie. Motion Passes.

Treasurer's Report: Martina gave current budget vs. actual. Leadership camp has been paid for (\$2,695.00) and incentive after the first Tag Day of ice cream (\$21.12)

Patterson family has donated the Drum Major Cape that goes with the new uniforms. Carrie Kuhn presented a donation of \$500 -she volunteered at her work at Citicorp to get these funds for the band. Martina suggested and Kathy made the motion for the Section Leaders purchase their own cord for the new uniform and could then keep them after or donate to band. Dave Seconds. Motion Passes.

Mr. Groen: Our new band director introduced himself. He graduated from Shepherd University's music program. He has been working to organize band room and equipment. Also working on scheduling competitions. The Westminster event that had previously been on our tentative schedule is not a TOB event, there is an alternate TOB on the Eastern Shore that same day he will look into. Walkersville event that falls on Homecoming night- we may not get the earliest time as they may have Group I go last (if we still remain a Group I) Mr. Groen passed out Band Camp agenda for August . Percussion reports on Saturday and Sunday Aug. 6 and 7 from 12 – 5:00 pm each day. Guard reports Sunday August 7 from 12 – 5p.m. also. The whole band reports starting Monday Aug. 8 through Thursday Aug 11 from 8 a.m. til 8 p.m. with 2 – one hour breaks at lunch and dinner time. On Friday afternoon Aug. 12, Mr. G is planning a trip via parent car pool to Shepherd University to watch the Ram Band's performance of their new show in Shepherdstown, WV. The second week will also run from 8 a.m to 8 pm Mon- Thurs. with Friday Aug. 19 being a review day and also a workshop for students. There will be a band family picnic at 6 p.m., followed by a sneak preview of this year's show to all. After that Mr. G will have a live band perform for everyone.

Mr. Groen stresses that band camp is very necessary, he expects all band students to attend. The drill must be taught to everyone at once—it is very difficult when there are missing people creating holes in the marching formation. If a student is ill or has a specific event, they can be excused- but all preplanned absences must be given to Mr. Groen in writing in advance. Mr. G plans to send an itinerary to all band students very soon.

Ashley W. asked about colorguard instructor and Mr. G is working on it. In the meantime, Martina made a suggestion that some of the girls get together and practice skills

Drill writer will need a list of instrumentation in band. Mr. G looks forward to working with students and Boosters. He plans to have a Pep Band and percussion ensemble of some type. He would like to have special fundraisers to get new percussion equipment since most of what we have is very used. He would also like to start a chorus or choir and may have one in the Spring. He hopes to build a full time music program at Brunswick High. He also plans to get special speakers in and have musical workshops.

Snacks: Mr. G said parents can bring a morning snack at 10 am. during band camp.

Laurie K will schedule dates for snacks with parents. Contact her if you would like to participate

Fundraisers: Debbie Crutchfield thanked those who attended the car wash-good turnout Baker Park- did well last night and next one in 2 weeks.

Coldstone Creamery- Debbie C. said the Creamery has offered 2 dates July 27 and Aug 24 from 5 – 8 p.m. Band would try to attract customers in front of store and by asking friends to come eat ice cream that night and band can even play music or have donation jar Band would get 25% of money generated during those three hours and 30% of take during those 3 hours if total take was over \$1000

Tee shirt ad sales : Laurie says corporate sales are going well and any band families or friends that want to have their name on the back of the shirt for \$50 as a “Friend of the Band” should contact her (LittleLFarm@aol.com)

Burkittsville (July 18 -23) and Jefferson Carnival (July 25-30) we need parents and students to run the games and sell raffle tickets. Contact Laurie Kaler at the above email Scratch Off- Martina showed each card brings in \$90 (we pay \$10 for it) Maybe do around Nov.

Car Wash-Laurie will schedule another one at Roy Rogers in August.

Tag Day: Kathy Calvert says Jefferson one on Wednesday July 13- Meet at Valley/ Pool party at Putz’s afterward for all who participate.

Future Fundraisers:Wreaths: Dave Porter discussed the sales and pick up is the weekend of Thanksgiving week (before). He needs someone’s garage for distribution of these.

Car Show: Planned for end of Sept.

Email List: Kathy C is putting together an updated email list.

New Business: Martina pointed out that our current budget reflects division of funds for special instruction was as per Mr. Moran’s request. With a new band director in place, there may be a need for re-distribution of the special instruction funds. Mr. Groen, who is a percussionist himself, said he will use extra percussion instructor for 2 weeks only which will reduce instruction costs in this area. He plans to have 4 instructors and one will be assistant director. Motion by Martina that when Mr. Groen is ready to write contracts for other instructors, money can be diverted to the areas that he needs without going over the established total budget amount. Second by Dave. Motion carries.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30. Next meeting of the BHS Band Boosters will be Monday August 8 at 7 p.m. in the BHS library. All are invited.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie Kaler
Secretary