

Brunswick High School Band Boosters
General Membership Meeting
September 12, 2005

A general membership meeting of the Brunswick High School Marching Band was held on Monday September 12 2005 beginning at 7 p.m. In attendance were: Debbie Crutchfield, Mr. Groen, Dave Porter and Chris, Martina, Jeff and Stacy Brewbaker, Kathy Calvert, Debbie Patterson and Josh, Bernie Tregoe, Bob Cummings, Kevin McCarthy, Dorothy Moler Joan Keffer and Jessica Smith, and Laurie Kaler.

Minutes: Kathy Calvert asked that the last minutes be amended to show our discussion of the basketball concessions. She was concerned whether the band would be given this fund raising opportunity or not. Laurie said she would contact Mr. Baker about this matter. Kathy moves the minutes be accepted with this addition. Motion Passes.

Treasurer's Report: Martina had copies of bank statement. Recent purchases were for quint case, harness and battery pak for speaker system. Money allocated from residual drumline for future percussion equipment was utilized. There had been monies donated in past to drumline to help with equipment, etc. from county (\$500) and the Scott family (\$204) There is money left in the account in the amount when Megan first set it up. Band fees are almost all in, some families are working on a payment plan. Martina ran through the list of fundraisers in review. According to the initial projected budget, we still need to raise an addition \$13,263.74 to meet budget. Mr. Mc Carthy asked about deadline for this and was told that at least by February, but by Christmas if want to start a drumline. Motion by Kathy Calvert to accept, Dave seconds, Motion Passes.

Current Business: Josh Patterson thanked the Boosters for sponsoring student leaders' camp trip.

Debbie C. suggests that we buy a grill and have different sections bring food to each of the competitions and have tailgate bbq's. Discussion followed. Dave felt that some of the kids would not want to wait around for bbq to be set up and cooked and would rather go back to the competition and watch other bands play. Bernie concurred and said some of the students like the independence of attending the competitions and purchasing what they want to and sitting where they want to. Jeff mentioned that other band boosters are counting on revenues from their concessions and we might undermine their efforts if we always set up our own bbq. Motion by Laurie that we provide food to band just for double header day and ACC's. Motion passes.

Showdates: Queen Ann County was filled up, so Oct. 15 will be at Middletown, Pa. (near Hershey) Blue Wave Band's home.

ACC's: Schrock has bus reserved- \$1495. Parent bus is \$1545 and has 55 seats so \$38.60/ seat.

Email addresses: Kathy and Martina have put together email addresses.

Fundraisers: Roy Rogers of Brunswick had offered more fundraising opportunities to Band. Laurie will have kids sign a thank you note for their help to us in past with car washes and their free lunches. Also Golden Corral offers 10% of sales for 3 hours between Monday and Thursday.

Wreath Sales: Dave reported on product and gave suggested prices which bring \$5 -7 profit per item. Motion by Kathy that we accept the pricing proposals that Dave came up with. Jeff seconds and Motion Passes. Kevin asked if there was a minimum order and was told that it all tends to work out. No minimum but a few come in groups. Bob Cummings offered his garage in 3533 Petersville Rd., Rosemont for pick up. Dates prob. Nov 19 or 20.

Wolfgang Candy: Tentative Date was end of September to beginning of Oct., but may conflict with Wreath sales. Dave asks do we have enough to get by. Martina informs that bills come in all the way til Mrch/April—esp. transportation bills. Motion by Bernie to have Wolfgang Sales. Debbie seconds. Motion Passes.

Discussion about more financial support from FCPS. Martina mentioned that Susan Ward was a great advocate of music and wrote many letters to the editor of the paper and had articles written about the lack of funding for music programs. Martina suggested a coalition of directors who could write letters advocating support for music programs. Kevin said he has been in advocacy groups before and feels that support from families and parents is needed. He recommends contacting all Band Booster within a 2 week time Dec 1 -15 and have them all send letters and emails to Board of Education as they plan their budget for upcoming year. He says double check to make sure Athletic Boosters are not paying for buses and have everyone ask for FCPS to provide transportation once again for high school bands. Kevin said he could create a draft copy of letter to assist in this

Sweatshirts: Debbie C. has a friend that does screen work and can provide hoody type sweatshirts for about \$20 -22 a shirt—depending on thickness.

Jackets: If anyone wants to order contact Martina.

Car Show: Debbie C. said it fell through.

Basket Bingo: It was recommended that we fix a date and place immediately to start planning for this. Friday Dec. 2 is the target date. Places to be checked out include Jeff. Ruritan, and City Park.

Train Banks: Martina will send them back around later in season, the first ones are due Sat. Martina reminds everyone that if we don't meet budget, it is in our by laws that we can't raise money for a drumline (until we take care of primary budget) Last year at this point we needed \$3800, this year we are behind \$13,800. She says nobody would take over the Bingo or Burger Burns. Kevin suggest we send out reminders to families about how much money is still needed to be raised.

Uniforms:

Martina has been dealing with uniform company, trying to nail down a delivery date.

Mr. Groen: Band is doing well. They are pulling together their last song. Trying to get songs up to speed. Practice 9 – 1 for wood winds to learn flag parts next Friday.

Percussion is working together and drumline will come in 1 hour earlier. Mr. Groen thinks band will do well on Sat. and 23 is first football game.

Need parents on bus for chaperones . Jim Moler and Kevin M will coordinate roadies.

Podium needs wheel. Discussed Pep Band Tee shirts.

Move Up Night for 8th grade is Oct. 21. Laurie will coordinate with them re: tee shirts.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m. The next meeting of the BHS Band Boosters is Monday October 10 at 7 p.m. in BHS Library. All band families are invited to attend.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie Kaler, Secretary