

## **Band Booster Meeting Notes**

**March 13, 2006**

**Taken by Dorothy Moler**

Attended: Bob Cummings, Jon Groen, Bill Beacht, Jim Moler, Dave Porter, Bernie Tregoe, Nancy Baker, Dorothy Moler, Denise Hill, Keith Webber, Debbie Crutchfield, Sharon Edelstein and Howie Lore.

Meeting started at 7:05 p.m. at the BHS library.

Introduction: The new Executive Committee—thank you to all the new officers.

The minutes from last meeting were distributed and approved. Dave motioned to approved, Bob seconded, motion carries.

**Treasurer's Report:** Bob Cummings went over the Budget Activity Report Summary (Feb. to March 2006). Of special note expenses: incentives" was the Lazer Tag. Income: Lotto, Tag Day, Wreaths are all late checks that came in this last month. KIDA Show: Discussed income and expenses, per KIDA Show Indoor Guard Summary sheet. The "Note: \$1,000. transfer" was transferred out of Winter Guard account to the Competition account. Other points mentioned were the \$400 income from Upbeat Music Consignments, and we expect to receive about \$500. in member dues. Howie also mentioned that the signs that were put up to direct buses from Rt. 340 to BHS were very appreciated by directors. Next year we should try to sell more ads to put in the program.

The discussion then changed to the Competition account. It started with a \$3,000 budget, but was not used due to lack of participation in the event. Only 3 schools were interested at that time. To date, the only money drawn from that account were KIDA dues and lollipops. Bob motioned that we maintain a savings account with the \$1,000 as a buffer to be used, if needed, at the end of the year. Discussion continued about past accounting: purchasing CD's, the bus company checks, Disney trip funds put us over the \$25,000 for tax reporting. A savings account is needed for instruments, band uniforms, new uniform hats, etc.

Discussion moved to consolidating all accounts into one account. Bob motioned to all the accounts—competition, drum line, color guard, into the main checking account, motion carries. Bob motioned to transfer \$3050.49 from our main checking account to savings (this was our surplus from the '05-'06 budget). Motion carries.

Discussion continued with a question from Sharon about the \$20,000 in the accounts, which is a normal surplus for the boosters.

**Railroader Indoor Review:** Jim said that the judges were pleased with how smoothly everything was handled. They enjoyed their experience at BHS, the head judge said that it was the best he'd been treated in years. A big thanks went to Howie and Mr. Groen for their efforts in organizing and leading the Review. Thanks also went to all volunteers and a special thanks to Denise for her hard work organizing the concessions.

**Outdoor Competition:** April 1<sup>st</sup> is the deadline to sign up to sponsor an outdoor competition at BHS. Two dates were discussed, Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup> and Oct. 21<sup>st</sup>. There is a \$250. application fee. The fee would come out of this year's budget. Mr. Groen stated that our school is a good location because of the amount of land we have. One drawback is where to put the judges. Motioned to submit paperwork and \$250

application fee for October 21<sup>st</sup> competition pending approval of date by BHS administration. Motion carries.

**Taxes:** Jim discussed our tax situation. After talking with Allison Garman and Martina Brewbaker he feels confident that we can file without the assistance of an accountant.

**Band Season:** Mr. Groen went over the schedule for the next band season. Spring Concert is scheduled for Wednesday, May 17<sup>th</sup>. This term's concert band will practice on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 6-8 p.m. Mr. Groen would also like to have the band play for the middle schoolers. The drumline, colorguard, and jazz band will perform at Fredericktowne Mall on May 6<sup>th</sup> at 5 p.m. Other events for the jazz band to participate in are the Apple Blossom Festival Jazz Band Competition, which is on a school day, \$100. entry fee.

BHS will offer choir next year, so far 13 students have signed up. So far only 30 students have signed up for marching band. Rehearsals will be held on Mondays and Wednesdays. Mr. Groen is working on recruiting more students. Sharon asked if the band could perform for the PTA's April 4<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**Summer Camps:** Percussion instructors for '06 will be the same as '05. Two students will go to drum major camp. JMU has a camp that costs \$255 each student, July 9-12. Other camps will be looked at. Section leader camp will not be the same as in past years. At band camp the instructors will be working with the woodwind and color guard. Mr. Groen will be working with the section leaders. The last day the band will rehearse in the morning, attend Shepherd in the afternoon, and have the picnic in the evening. 8<sup>th</sup> grade camp with leadership team will be June 12<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Groen and Howie expressed interest in having the marching band attend the DCI competition at Fauquier High School in Warrenton, VA on Tuesday, August 1<sup>st</sup>. This would be during band camp.

**Competitions and Football Games:** Mr. Groen would set up the schedule differently with some breaks between competitions, to allow for practicing or adding new things. There are six home football games scheduled for the fall. Mr. Groen committed the marching band to attend the Martinsburg competition on September 16<sup>th</sup>. He is also interested in competing at Century High (Oct. 7<sup>th</sup>) and Middletown, PA (Oct. 14<sup>th</sup>). The kids really liked the double header day. Physicals will be required for all marching band students.

**Other discussions:** Purchase of instrument for the pit. A marimba to take out on the field for competitions costs about \$2,600. Mr. Groen talked to Mrs. Dawson, FCPS, there are funds that would cover about \$1,000, and will see if he can get \$500 from Russ Beaton. Booster may be able to cover the difference. The drum line wants to have a car wash in April.

The 2006 show will be titled "Catch Me If You Can". Peter Hopkins is writing the arrangement for the show. It would be good if he could get started on it. A motion for Mr. Groen to spend up to \$50 to purchase the music score for next band season out of this season's budget. Motion carries.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Budget:** There is a need for possibly three instructors for guard, raised by Mr. Groen and Howie. Howie suggested recruiting 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders to compete as guard members. We need someone to pull the trailer. There are three possible volunteers.

**Committees:** Jim asked for people to volunteer for committees.

**Other:** Dave has a list of Blue Wave Band schools from two years ago. We could use for outdoor show. Debbie is working on a spring basket bingo. She needs approval from the boosters to proceed. It would probably be held on a Sunday in May. Motion by Howie to buy baskets (\$1600.) if the date can be set. Keith seconded it. Motion carries.

Meeting adjourned at 8:59 p.m.