

**Brecksville-Broadview Heights High School
Band Booster Meeting Minutes**

The meeting was called to order in the Band room at 7:05 PM Tuesday, 1/08/19 by President, Kathy Drinko.

Secretary's Report: (Laura Kovach)

The minutes from the 12/04/18 meeting were read and approved by a committee and are posted on the band website.

Volunteers to proof this meeting's minutes are Stephanie Sak and Kathy Holland.

Treasurer's Report: (Melanie Smith and Katie Churchin)

Checking Account:

Balance as of: 11/30/18 \$42,320.61

Deposits:\$5,956.01

Disbursements:(\$2,567.73)

Balance as of: 12/31/18 \$45,708.89

Adjusted Balance:\$44,678.86

Paypal Balance:\$22,538.05

Endowment Savings:

Balance as of :9/28/18 \$11,425.78

Uniform Replacement Savings:

Balance as of:8/31/18 \$82,633.25

Program Committee Reports: (Pam Knerem)

Band Alumni: (Pam Root)

-No Report

Box Office: (Stephanie Sak)

-No report.

Chaperones: (Sheri Fenton and Suzanne Orlando)

-No Report.

Drumline: (Pam Knerem)

-The first candidate who was offered the percussion advisor position declined the offer made by the school board.

-Another potential candidate is looking promising. This person said they would begin the indoor drumline program for this year but the drumline would not be participating in any competitions or travelling to any events to perform. All performances would be held at the High School. The upside to this situation is that there will not be a "pay to participate" fee for members of drumline this year.

- Pam asked Mr. Rex if the students could borrow school equipment and have parents drive the students to competitions so they could compete. Mr. Rex could not answer this question without looking into the matter more closely.
- Mr. Rex is hoping that all loose ends will be tied up within a week and the candidate will be hired.
- AJ Orlando has written music for indoor drumline.

Hospitality/Game Snacks: (Lisa Weber)

- Left over game snacks will be used at the Spring 8th grade Middle School concert reception, indoor drumline and at 8th grade orientation if any are still left.

Flagline: (Melissa Brubaker and Elena Kucharski)

- No Report.

PSO: (Michele Mihalich)

- BIMAS-2 Universal Screener will be given to all students between January 7th through January 18th.
- Sip-N-Support will be held February 21, 2019.
- The High School has hired a private clinical counselor for students in need of emotional/mental support.
- The "No Fuss Fundraiser" needs more people to contribute so that the High School can purchase and install three more water fountains in the school.
- No Technology Day will be held March 11th this year.
- See the PSO web page for more information on "happenings" in the district.

Publicity: (Melissa Burdick)

- No report.

Senior Night: (Pj Malnar)

- No report.

Swarm Board and Decorations: (Lisa Trout)

- No Report

Uniforms: (Lori Reagan, Rima Julien, Sheyenne Uhlir and Linda Gauntner)

- Lori has done an exceptional job at getting prices, fabric and lining samples and a new raincoat sample that she was able to present to the Executive Board and also to the boosters at this meeting.
- More than half of our current raincoats are more than 12 years old and are no longer performing as they should.
- Every season, several zippers need to be replaced at a cost of \$20.00 per coat.

-After many phone calls and hours of research, Lori's recommendations are as follows:

1. The company she likes best is called Banding Together.
2. The most durable fabric is a 400 weight Denier available from a supplier called Style Plus. Banding Together is the only distributor for this company.
3. The lining weight will be 2.75 oz. which is a change from the lining in our current raincoats. The coats will be less bulky and will dry quicker.
4. The color of the coats has not been determined, but will be either black with a red hood or red with a black hood or all red. The hoods will have white lettering with a black outline with BBHHS Marching Band imprinted on them. They will not feature a logo so that the raincoats won't become dated.
5. The raincoats will feature silver snaps which are far more durable than zippers.
6. The price to purchase 320 coats amounts to \$23,294.00
7. Banding Together will give us three directors coats at no charge.

-Katie Churchin proposed that we use the money in the endowment account for the downpayment and use money in the uniform replacement fund for the balance.

Katie also proposed that we close the endowment account since the money in it can only be used for uniforms per the Bylaws. After that, any future endowment money that comes in would

go directly into the uniform replacement fund.

-A motion to order the coats using funds from the endowment account and from the uniform replacement account was made by Pam Knerem and seconded by Kathy Holland and the vote was unanimous to go ahead with the purchase using the endowment and uniform replacement funds.

-Michelle McGrath made the motion to close the endowment account and to place future endowment contributions directly into the uniform replacement fund. Stephanie Sak seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously by the Boosters. The Bylaws will be revised to reflect this change.

Summer Uniforms: (Kathy Holland and Lisa Karakostas)

-No Report.

Yard Signs: (Alicia Ravagnani)

-No Report.

Ways and Means Committee Reports: (Amy Zajac)

Athletic Programs: (Melissa Burdick)

-No Report

Athletic Program Sales: (Michelle McGrath)

-Thanks to Michelle selling programs everywhere she could think of, 234 Fall athletic programs have been sold with only 16 remaining and all money has been turned in. Michelle said that

this is the same exact number of programs sold as last year.

- Of the 50 Winter programs that were printed, only 9 remain and Michelle is confident that these will sell as well.
- She asked if we should order more next year. They come in increments of 50. The Boosters will consider if we should get more next year.

Athletic Program Layout: (Kim Traum)

-No Report.

Citrus Sales: (Allison Winokur and Barb Wisniewski)

- The citrus sale went smoothly.
- Barb introduced two new Boosters Diane and Rich Landoll, whose daughter will be playing the trombone in band.

Disney Raffle: (Grace Nichols)

-No Report.

Endowment/Patrons: (Kim Traum)

-No Report.

Spirit Wear: (Alicia Ravagnani)

- Alicia has been busy looking into different companies to purchase spirit wear from.
- She feels selling spirit wear through an online store may be the best solution.
- Through her research she has found three promising companies who could manage this for us.
- Each company suggests that we cut down on what we offer and we were all in agreement with this idea.
- There would be a window of time that items can be purchased from the online store which would ensure timely delivery of spirit wear merchandise so band members would have their items no later than the second game of the season.
- The online store can be opened and closed at our discretion offering more flexibility to us to sell spirit wear any time of the year.
- If the Boosters decide to go with the online store, Alicia suggests that we get the word out this school year to inform parents that ordering spirit wear will be done differently for next season.
- The directors have requested that we decide on one consistent logo for all spirit wear rather than having multiple choices.

Pancake Breakfast/Music in Our Schools Event: (Suzanne Orlando)

- Mr Rex spoke to Mr. Cocciola and Mrs. Garlock regarding the need for more volunteers from orchestra and choir for the pancake breakfast and they were able to round up a few people.

Indians Tickets: (Stephanie Sak)

-No Report.

Band Director's Report: (Mr. Rex and Mrs. Astey)

- Mr Rex was pleased with the performances from all the bands at the Holiday concert.
- The directors are looking at ways to restructure the concerts to help keep them a little shorter in the future and welcomes any suggestions anyone has to facilitate this.
- Mr Rex asked for patience with the director staff while Mrs. Astey deals with some personal issues. Mr. Hanna will fill in for Mrs. Astey as his schedule permits.
- If a new percussion advisor is hired soon, Mr. Rex will ask that person to help with chair placement auditions.
- In regards to the Holiday concert, it was suggested that we ask for students to volunteer as ushers at concerts to help fill in seats especially on the lower level so that no one has to stand or sit on steps.
- It was brought to Mr. Rex's attention that some of the auditorium doors on the lower level were locked making it difficult to get to sections where there were open seats. He will see that this does not happen at future concerts.
- Quotes for the Disney trip have come in and Great Day! Tours will probably be who the band will use. The cost will be around \$950.00 which is a slight increase over last year's trip.
- Since the same hotel will be used, a couple issues need to be resolved. Last year, in rooms where there five students in the room, there were no cots available. The hotel was also unprepared and did not direct students to the changing facility. As a result, students and chaperones had to take turns changing in a couple bathroom stalls which caused people to have to wait well over an hour to change clothes. Mr. Rex will make sure these issues are resolved before any papers are signed.
- The Disney trip is scheduled for April 13th-17th of 2020.
- Mr. Rex is gathering a focus group of students who will be asked for ideas on what they would like to see the band look like over the next few years.
- Michele Mihalich asked if any of the music teachers would be piano accompanists for students performing at OMEA. Unfortunately, Mrs. Garlock nor Mrs. Astey are available so students will need to find their own accompanists this year.
- Colin Toghill, clarinet player in Concert Winds has been named Student of the Month for January.
- About 75 Christmas ornaments were purchased. Sheyenne's team will sell them at various upcoming events for \$10.00 each. We ordered 200 so that leaves 125 that need to be sold.

President's Report: (Kathy Drinko)

- We mourn the loss of Karen Horvath who did so much for our band. On behalf of the Band Boosters, Kathy sent a card and gift of money to the Horvath family.
- Next month we need to start the process of finding replacements of chair people who will be leaving us at the end of this school year.
- Kathy asked all chairpersons to write out a job description of what their responsibilities are for their replacements.
- Kathy's goal is to get the responsibilities of each chairperson posted to the band website.

A Motion to Adjourn: Katie Churchin and Stephanie Sak
Adjourned: 8:30 PM