

Highland Band Parents

April 21, 2008

Officers present: Angela Truccano, Jeff Menz, Susan Bowman, Diane Hoyt

Band Directors present: Mr. Dugger, Mr. Davis, and Mr. Wilson

18 members present

Meeting called to order by President Angela Truccano. Minutes from the March meeting were approved 1st by Patty Uhe and 2nd by Chris Wilson. Motion carried. Susan Bowman gave the treasure's report. She pointed out that the centers and HUE have used their money from the Rikkli grant, but she has seen nothing from the High School and Middle School. Mr. Wilson pointed out that Mr. Dugger has received some items. The truck repair for the Disney trip amounted \$750. Susan had some concern on hosting the IGSMMA contest. Mr. Wilson stated that there was good feed back from the participants and because we have a nice facility, we will attract bigger schools in the future.

The treasure's report was approved 1st by Dave Hickey and 2nd by Vicki Deuser. Motion carried.

Directors' Reports:

- Mr. Wilson reported the District Spring Concert for grades 5-8 is May 13th. The 6th grade baseball game/cookout will be held April 30th. The band will be playing at the baseball game against Triad followed by a cookout. Susan Szoke and her husband are in charge of the food. Caroline Giger will help with crowd control. In discussion on the future of the 5K run, it was decided to give this fundraiser to the PTO.
- Mr. Davis reported the Grantfork 6th graders will also be attending the baseball game/cookout. The high school concert band participated in the IHSA Organizational contest on April 12th. He was pleased with the band scores of 2nd across the board. Full drum line auditions will start May 5th. Packets were distributed to the high school and middle school 2 weeks ago.
- Angela reported for Mr. Allen. Thank you to Leon Uhe for driving the truck to the April 5th competition. The Illinois State University Middle School Invitational was held on April 19th. The band placed 1st in class and 4th overall. The band will attend the State Full Band Contest at Triad on April 26th. Since the high school and middle school will both need trailers on this date, the middle school is looking for a truck to pull their trailer. May 20th is the tour of the centers. Leon Uhe has volunteered to drive the truck. Thanks to all the parent volunteers for these events. Spring Concerts for the middle school will be held May 13th at 7:00 p.m. Students will be attending the State Solo Ensemble Contest at Triad on May 3rd.
- Mr. Dugger reported the symphonic band took 1st across the board at the IHSA Organizational contest on April 12th. ISU Concert Band Festival is April 26th. Thanks to Mr. Jim Reagan for driving the truck. Spring Concert for the high school will be on May 6th. Drum major auditions to be announced this week. There will be 3 drum majors for next year. Mr. Dugger is looking for

a flag corps coach. After an experienced coach is found, auditions will be held. Anyone who might know of someone, please contact Mr. Dugger. Both symphonic and concert band will participate in the Graduation and Memorial Day Ceremonies. The fall marching schedule is out and there will be 3 competitions this fall. The band parents thanked Mr. Dugger for getting this info out early, so plans can be made accordingly. We will be doing a mass mailing of the schedule, policies, and camp info.

Old Business

- Angela introduced the new officers/class reps.
- The high school musical concession stand made \$417. Angela thanked the Freys and Uhes and all who worked this event.
- Cardinal Games-Patty Uhe reported there are 6 people working the April 27th game. She is trying to work something out with the Highland Lions club to share workers on some games so the money raised would be split with another group from Highland.

New Business

- Michelle Murphy reported that the uniforms will go to the cleaners May 1st. Anyone able to help remove from the bags should come to the school after school that day. A uniform care contract was introduced. This will be signed by the parents and students stating responsibility for any damage or loss of uniforms. The school district pays for one cleaning a year.
- There are 30 incoming freshmen. This makes the total band count, including flag corps. 120 for the 2008-09 year. Angela sent out info to all the incoming freshman on practices, purchase of summer uniforms, etc.
- Class reps are now responsible to organize help (walkers, water bottles) for the summer parades. We now have new bottles and carriers. Jim Reagan has volunteered to drive the truck for all 3 summer parades.
- Lemonade Shake-up stands-Patty Uhe will chair the Alhambra and Grantfork Homecomings. Sharon Frey will chair the Schwietzerfest.
- Muny Concessions-Angela stated that Kevin and Beth Frey went beyond the call of duty to be there every Friday last summer selling popcorn and soda during the performances. We are currently looking for someone to chair this fundraiser.
- Little Caesars Pizza Fundraiser-Brett Leman will meet with Mr. Dugger to decide on when to start this summer fundraiser.

Angela thanked the previous BPA officers/chairs for their services over the past years.

The next meeting will be on Monday, May 19th in the Highland High School Kennel at 7:00 p.m. Meeting adjourned.

Diane Hoyt, Secretary