

Highland Band Parents
August 18, 2008

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

Band Directors present: Mr. Allen, Mr. Dugger and Mr. McElwee

15 members present

The meeting was called to order by President Angela Truccano. Secretary's report was given. The minutes from the May meeting were approved 1st by Dawn Reagan and 2nd by Vicki Deuser. Minutes approved. Treasurer's report-Susan explained the money listed under liabilities for the HHS, HMS, & HUE was money not spent from last year. Money in the last year seniors' accts. has not yet been moved into the general funds. Money raised from the Schweizerfest and Alhambra lemonade stand has been listed. Munny concessions have not been updated. Summer band expenses are not listed. A motion to accept the treasurer's report as given was carried and approved 1st by Tammy Tiller-Hewitt and 2nd by Michelle Murphy.

Directors' Reports:

- Mr. Allen reported IMEA auditions date is Oct.13th. Fall concert is Oct 9th. Solo Ensemble Contest is Feb. 28th, 2009. Christmas concert is Dec.16th with Grantfork Christmas concert Dec.9th and Spring concert is May12th, 2009. He expressed excitement about this year's band program and has set a very high goal of scoring in the top 3 at the ISU competition in the spring. He wants to host a 7th & 8th grade student party to reward them for all their hard work and participation during the Solo & Ensemble contest last spring and next. He asked if the BPA would pay for the food. A motion to have two parties this coming year was carried 1st Patty Uhe and 2nd by Vicki Deuser. Motion was approved. A 2nd class rep to help Dawn Reagan was discussed and will be looked in to.
- Mr. Dugger reported that all went very well with the summer band camp. He liked seeing the great parental involvement. He is talking with Mr. Reagan about building carts to haul pit band equipment and shelving for the band room music library. Vicki Deuser is coordinating the ordering of the mandatory band t-shirt needed this marching season. Tues/Thurs. band practices begin Aug. 19th from 6-8 p.m. Saturday practices start Aug. 23rd from 9 a.m. until noon. No practice on Saturday, Aug. 30th due to the Labor Day weekend. He is looking for 4-5 men to help with the moving of pit band equipment during all home football games and competitions. He would also like to find someone with a 4 wheeler that can be used during this time. Oct 11th there is no competition and Oct. 18th there will be 2 competitions in one day. Newton will be in the afternoon and they will travel to Effingham in the evening.
- Mr. McElwee is very excited to be a part of this band program with the BPA involvement. His duties are 5th and 6th grade band instructor at Grantfork along with Asst. Director and percussions in the high school. He majored in Piano and has marched with the percussions in high school.

Old Business

Angela thanked all who helped over the summer.

- Cardinal Games-Patty Uhe reported that the 1st game we made over \$1,000, but the 2nd game, because we did not have enough workers and had to share a stand, made around \$500. Next game is Sat. Sept. 6th. Sat. Sept. 27th is the rescheduled game from April.
- Muny Band Concessions-Angela thanked all who took a Friday night to work the concessions. While the final dollar amt. has not been tallied, approximately \$400-\$450 is expected.
- Lemonade Shake-up Stand-Angela thanked Sharon Frey(S-fest chair) and Patty Uhe (Alhambra/Grantfork chair) for all their time and hard work. Patty commented that student participation was great to see.
- Little Caesars fundraiser-Jeff Menz explained the breakdown of profit margin. 60% profit will go to the BPA fund and 40% will go to the students' accts. The money in their accts can be used for future band camps out of town or to purchase items needed such as gloves, t-shirts, etc. The forms along with the money are due Aug. 25th. Pick up of these items will be Thurs. Sept. 4th 2:30 until 6 p.m. in the high school kennel.
- Band Camp-Thank you to: Tim Lucia and the Fire Dept. for use of the misting tent. Rene Poths for providing tasty snacks every day. Michelle Murphy for getting all but 5 students fitted with uniforms. Vicki Deuser for supplying lunch for the seniors one day. Thanks to all the parents who helped chaperone or fitted uniforms. A new tent had to be purchased at a cost of \$176.60. We received free shipping because the K-fest allowed us to order with their tent order. Old parts were salvaged and will be used if needed.

New Business

- T-shirts that are mandatory for marching season are in the process of being ordered. Vicki has sent home a letter and an email explaining the shirt. Cost of the shirt is \$15. Turn your money in to one of the drum majors. Shirts will be distributed on Sept. 4th. An optional hoodie is available for \$20. Parents wanting to order one are asked to email Vicki your order by Sat. Aug 23rd. Black gloves are needed by the first football game and can be purchased for \$3 that night.
- Football game-Friday, Sept. 5th is the first home football game. We would like to see all the class reps to be in the commons by 5 p.m. to help with uniforms/water and pit equipment. Other parental help is needed as well.
- Senior Night-Friday, Oct. 24th Tammy Tiller-Hewitt and Michelle Murphy are coordinating the picture taking and set up of the board for the night.
- Competitions-BPA will be sending out requests for chaperones/truck drivers for all competitions. The 1st one will be to Edwardsville on Saturday, Sept. 20th. Sign up sheets will be available at the next band parent meeting.
- IMEA-Jeff Menz is looking for a committee to help plan this fundraising event. Last year the BPA made over \$1500. Please contact him if you are interested.
- Fall Fundraiser-In Oct. the middle school and high school students will be selling assorted items. A committee is needed to put together a list of items. Also, we are looking for a general

fundraiser chairperson to coordinate the fall/spring fundraiser and Little Caesar Pizza fundraisers. Please contact any BPA officer if you are interested in helping.

- Mazzio Night Coordinator is Terry Menz. Be watching for upcoming dates.
- Class Reps: Vicki Deuser and Kim Oldenkamp—Seniors; Tammy Tiller-Hewitt—Juniors; Toni Asher—Sophomore; Brett Leman—Freshman; Dawn Reagan—Middle School; Susan Szoke—Elementary. They will be gathering/updating info on all students in the band program.
- Welcome letter-A letter will be sent home with 5th through 8th grade students explaining the BPA.

The next band parent meeting will be Monday, Sept. 15th, at 7:00 p.m. in the high school kennel. Motion to adjourn meeting 1st by Vicki Deuser and 2nd by Tammy Tiller-Hewitt. Meeting adjourned.

Diane Hoyt, Secretary
