

Highland Band Parents

October 15, 2007

Officers present: Sheryll Rider, Angela Truccano, Susan Bowman, Carol Smith

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

31 members present

Meeting called to order by President Sheryll Rider. The minutes from the September meeting were approved 1st by Vicki Deuser and 2nd by Matthew Wiegand. Motion carried. Susan Bowman gave the treasurer's report. The treasurer's report was approved 1st by Jeff Menz and 2nd by Sharon Young. Motion carried. The directors gave their reports.

- Mr. Wilson reported that everything is going well at HE. He noted a schedule change on the calendar. On November 15 the 5th and 6th grade band and junior choir will have their music concert at the auditorium at 7 pm. The 5th grade band and music concert previously scheduled for November 12 is cancelled. The 6th grade band students will play at a 6th grade basketball assembly during the school day on Nov. 21. He announced that the parent representative for HE Band is Susan Szoke. Mr. Wilson also thanked Dave Hickey and Jeff Menz for chairing the IMEA auditions event on Oct. 8. He also thanked everyone who helped out.
- Mr. Davis reported that he has lost a few more 6th grade band students in Grantfork. He is now down to ten 6th graders. He has twenty-two 5th graders.
- Mr. Allen reported that he is very pleased with the results of the IMEA auditions. He thanked BPA for organizing the event. He had a request for a tutor for his bassoonists. He asked if the BPA would pay for someone to come in to do this. He stated that he had someone in mind that would be willing to do this. The BPA approved that they would pay for lessons given by Sheila Acuncius to students who would play the bassoon. The cost for this is \$20 a week for 10 weeks. The motion was made 1st by Dave Hickey and 2nd by Brett Lemann. Motion was carried. Mr. Allen also requested that the BPA help pay for a party for the middle school band students. The BPA approved that they would pay for a party. 1st by Brett Lemann and 2nd by Dawn Reinhardt. Motion carried.
- Mr. Dugger reported that marching season has ended. He also reported that 3 high school band students will play at the IMEA and 7 jazz band students will also play. He requested that the high school band have a bonfire. He asked for a volunteer to have it on their property. Donna Smith volunteered to have the high school bonfire on their property. A date will be set at another time. Mr. Dugger also reported that the students did very well at U of I marching competition. Many individual goals were met. He will be holding auditions for symphonic and concert band very soon. All auditions will also be for chair placement. He has lined up SIU-E directors to judge the auditions. The students will have a week in advance to practice and prepare for auditions. Symphonic band students will practice in the band room and concert band students will practice in the Kennel. Mr. Dugger reported that the cost of an upright string bass will cost around \$1950. This will be purchased with Colleen Marchetti Memorial funds. Mr. Dugger also announced that the students will be wearing black slacks and white tuxedo shirts with bow ties for the December 11th concert. The cost of these shirts and ties will be \$14.17. Students are to go to Glik's and get

measured, order and pick up the shirt and tie on their own. They are to wear their summer black marching pants.

OLD BUSINESS

- Cardinal Games-Kevin Frey reported that he is still waiting for the final check to total our net profit for this season. A new chairman/chairpersons are needed for this fundraiser for next season. There was also discussion as to continuing with this fundraiser. No decisions for next season have been decided on.
- Fall Fundraiser-Carol Meffert reported that the orders are due Oct. 24 and items will be delivered on Nov. 30. Turn in completed order forms and money to the fundraiser box in the HHS band room or they can be brought to Carol Meffert at the middle school office. This fundraiser will be the standard 60/40% split. 60% of the profit will go to BPA and 40% profit will go to the student account.
- IMEA-Dave Hickey and Jeff Menz reported that the event net profit was \$1400. Extra food items were taken to U of I on Sat., Oct.13 for the marching competition. Dave and Jeff thanked those who donated cookies. There were plenty. A meeting was held to review the day and to make changes for next year.

NEW BUSINESS

- Fundraiser Committee Meeting-There will be a meeting on Oct. 29 at 7 pm in the high school band room. Committee members will be discussing future fundraising plans for the BPA. The committee includes Carol Meffert, Kim Oldenkamp, Brett Lemann, Donna Smith, Toni Asher, Jeff Menz, and Kevin Frey.
- Disney Trip Update- Mr. Dugger reported that a total cost has still not been determined for the trip. He would like to get a count of the number of students who will be taking the trip. A commitment form will be given to the students to fill out and turn in, along with \$20 (non-refundable). This will help to determine the total cost of the trip.
- Bulldog Mascot-Family Care Pharmacy is hosting a Customer Appreciation Day on Sat., Oct. 20. A student volunteer is needed to wear the bulldog costume and hand out candy for this. The jazz band will be playing in the parking lot as well.
- Food Pantry Donation-Susan Bowman reported that \$252 worth of food items left over from the IMEA auditions and U of I trip were donated to the Highland Food Pantry.

The next meeting will be Monday, November 19 at 7 pm in the HHS Kennel. Meeting adjourned.

Carol Smith, Secretary