

Highland Band Parents

November 19, 2007

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

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

18 members present

Meeting called to order by President Sheryll Rider. The minutes from the October meeting were approved 1st by Patty Uhe and 2nd by Karen Fromme. Motion carried.

Susan Bowman gave the treasurer's report. Including in the report she also stated that the upright string bass is paid for and it was \$500 more than what the memorial fund had. The difference was taken from the general fund. The treasurer's report was approved 1st by Carol Meffert and 2nd by Jeff Menz. Motion carried. The directors gave their reports.

Directors' Reports:

- Mr. Davis reported that the Grantfork 6th grade band joined the Highland Elementary 6th grade band for a concert. The students earned lunch at McDonald's for having their music prepared for the concert. They did very well at the performance. He also reported that he now has a total of ten 6th grade band students in Grantfork and nineteen 5th grade band students there. Their Christmas Program will be held December 18.
- Mr. Dugger reported that the students participating in the Prairie Honor Band will be going to McKendree on Tuesday, Nov. 20. The marching band will be playing Christmas music in the Santa Parade in Highland on Friday, Nov. 23. Call time is at 5:30 pm at the 4-diamonds. The parade begins at 6:30 pm. The students should dress warmly. The high school band will be performing their Christmas Concert on Tues., Dec. 11 at the middle school. Students will be wearing white tuxedo shirts, black bow ties and black pants for the concert. He also reported that the new upright string bass is being used in both the jazz band and symphonic band, and it will be used in concert band next semester.
- Mr. Allen reported that his students who participated in the IMEA did well, and there was a good representation of Highland students. He also reported that the middle school band will be performing their Christmas Concert on Tues., Dec. 11 at the middle school. OLD BUSINESS
- Fundraisers for January- Carol Meffert reported that the highschool band will be selling candy bars in January. They will sell for \$1.00 each, and the students will profit \$.50 on each bar sold for their own account.
- Fall Fundraiser Delivery- The items will be in the Kennel on Friday, Nov. 30. Help is needed beginning at noon to sort the items. Please pick up your items in the Kennel between 3 and 6 pm on Friday, Nov. 30.

- Fundraiser Committee Meeting-Sheryll reported that the new Fundraiser Chairperson for next school year is Brett Lemann.
- Santa Parade-Angela reported that the students need to dress warm and festively for the parade. They need to meet at the 4-diamonds at 5:30 pm. They will be marching the same route as the Homecoming Parade.
- Band Concert-Dec. 11 at the middle school. Students are to wear white tuxedo shirts with black bow ties and black pants and shoes. Shirt and ties may be fitted and ordered from Glik's before Wed., Nov. 21.
- Solo/Ensemble-Mr. Allen reported that Highland Middle School will host the contest on Feb. 23. Mr. Wilson, Mr. Allen, and Brett Lemann will be chairing the concession stand for this event.
- Upright string bass-Mr. Dugger reported that this instrument needs a storage case built that will stay in the band room. A memorial plaque for the string bass was also discussed. It was suggested that a memorial plaque with names on it will be purchased and hung in the band room for future memorials. The motion was made to purchase a plaque. 1st by Karen Fromme and 2nd by Jeff Menz. Motion carried.
- Disney Trip Update-There are 120 students and chaperones going on the trip. The cost is \$656.00 a person. The trip was planned through Bob Rogers Travel which specializes in Disney Band Trips. The first payment of \$328 is due by Dec. 21. The final payment of \$328 is due by Jan. 18. The band will leave after school on Tuesday, March 18 and will return on Sat. March 22.

NEW BUSINESS

- PR Committee-Jeff Menz and Renee Poths are the new PR committee members. This is a new committee formed to take care of advertising the band program throughout the community. This was discussed during the meeting as a need for the Band Parents Association. It was discussed that a picture of the new upright string bass purchased with memorial funds be put into the newspaper. The next meeting will be Monday, January 14 at 7 pm in the HHS Kennel. Meeting adjourned.

Carol Smith, Secretary