

Highland Band Parents  
February 9, 2009

Officers present: Angela Truccano, Jeff Menz, Susan Bowman, Diane Hoyt  
Band Directors: Mr. Wilson, Mr. Allen, Mr. Dugger, Mr. McElwee  
13 members present

The meeting was called to order by President Angela Truccano. The secretary's report was given and a motion to approve the minutes from the January meeting was made 1<sup>st</sup> by Lana Hediger and a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Terry Menz. The minutes were approved as given. The treasurer's report was given by Susan Bowman. Fundraising dollars are down from last year. The Cardinal games were down 3 to 4 thousand dollars, and the fall fundraiser did not bring in as much as last year. There is a concern of how much money will be left to split among the directors. A motion to approve the treasurer's report was made 1<sup>st</sup> by Dave Hickey and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dawn Reagan. The treasurer's report was approved as given.

### **Directors' Reports:**

- Mr. Wilson reported the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade have a Solo & Ensemble contest on Feb. 28<sup>th</sup>. Mar. 9<sup>th</sup> is the 6<sup>th</sup> grade band concert. This has been changed to 6<sup>th</sup> grade only. They will be playing four musical pieces in which 3 of those will be played at the Mar. 28<sup>th</sup> band contest. Mr. Allen and Mr. Dugger will be at the concert to critique the band and then hold a mini clinic to help the students better their performance. Mar. 28<sup>th</sup> is the IGSMMA contest at Triad MS for 6<sup>th</sup> grade only. Mr. Wilson is organizing a 6<sup>th</sup> grade cookout and baseball game performance in Apr.
- Mr. Allen reported 12 students participated in the EIU Honors Band. The Solo & Ensemble contest on Feb. 28<sup>th</sup> has about 1000 entries. We are in need of 10-15 people on Friday, Feb. 27<sup>th</sup> to help get ready for Saturday's event. The Mar. 28<sup>th</sup> contest at Triad MS is coming along nicely.
- Mr. McElwee reported that he has 1 student from Grantfork 6<sup>th</sup> grade going to the Madison County Honor Band Festival on Feb. 14<sup>th</sup>. He has purchased about \$1000 in much needed equipment (mostly percussion) for Grantfork. In the high school he is getting ready for the Apr. 4<sup>th</sup> Organizational contest and the Feb. 19<sup>th</sup> MVC. There are 13 students participating at this all day event. They will depart the high school at 7:15 a.m. and a concert will be held at the Lewis & Clark College in Godfrey at 7:00 p.m. that evening. Dress code is concert tux.
- Mr. Dugger reported that 12 students went to Bi State and 2 went to All State. The ISU Concert Band Festival date has been changed from Apr. 25<sup>th</sup> to Apr. 24<sup>th</sup> for Highland due to prom on Apr. 25<sup>th</sup>. They will leave for ISU around 10:30, perform at 2:30 and stay around to hear other bands and return sometime in the evening. Summer band camp will be at the Eastern Illinois University campus from Aug. 3<sup>rd</sup> through Aug. 8<sup>th</sup>. This is camp for the full band, including flags, the instructors and 3 to 4 parent chaperones. The cost will be approximately \$130 per student. Fundraising opportunities are available for the students to raise money to help cover this expense. He introduced Zach Simon, a student teacher, working with both Mr. Allen and himself.

## **Old Business**

- Fundraising-Cardinal games-Leon Uhe reported that they asked to work 7 games. Sundays-4 and Saturdays-3. He was told by the Cardinals that we need a minimum of 12 people to work a stand each time. We will send out emails for the game dates as soon as they are confirmed.
- Fannie May Candy sales-Info will be presented to the students on Feb. 17/18 and selling will be through Mar. 3<sup>rd</sup> with delivery the week of Apr. 1. There are 5 types of candy in ½ lb boxes that will sell for \$11. The band will get \$5 per box and 60%(\$3) will go to the band and 40%(\$2) will go to the students accounts. Other selling incentives will be explained when info is presented.
- Other fundraisers-A yard sale and gamer night has been approved by the district. Angela would like a committee to look into dates and details for these two fundraisers. Dave Hickey has volunteered to explore the gamer night fundraiser.
- Volleyball Tournament-Feb. 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> Help is still needed to work concessions. The funds raised will go directly to the MS band program. Last year this fundraiser made \$700.
- Solo Ensemble-Feb. 28<sup>th</sup> Sign up sheets are being sent via email. Jeff would like 8 people per 2hour shift. Hall monitors and runners could possibly be students.
- Trailer Ads- Kathryn Comish reported that the letters asking for advertisers have been sent and she is waiting for responses.
- Web Site- Lana Hediger reported that it has been updated. Check it out for the latest in band parent meeting minutes, band camp info, etc.
- Officer nominations for 2009/10-President-Jeff Menz, VP-Dawn Reinhardt, Treasurer-Susan Bowman, Secretary-Dawn Reagan. Elections will be held at the Mar. 16<sup>th</sup> meeting.

## **New Business**

- Basketball Senior night-Feb. 20<sup>th</sup> Each senior in pep band will be recognized.
- Upcoming events-Mar. 7<sup>th</sup>-Solo & Ensemble contest, Mar. 9<sup>th</sup> HE & Grantfork 6<sup>th</sup> grade band concert, Mar. 28<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade organizational contest, and Mar 28<sup>th</sup>-MS band contest at Triad MS. Truck driver/chaperones needed.

The next meeting will be Mar. 16<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the high school kennel. A motion to adjourn the meeting was made 1<sup>st</sup> by Dave Hickey and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Vicki Deuser. Meeting adjourned.

Diane Hoyt-Secretary