

Highland Band Parents
September 15, 2008

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

The meeting was called to order by President Angela Truccano. Secretary's report was given. The minutes from the August meeting were approved 1st by Dawn Reagan and 2nd by Brett Leman. Minutes were approved as given. Treasurer's report explained by Susan. Points of interest were the Little Caesars fundraiser \$662.81 profit. Lemonade Shake-up stand \$3,251.73 profit. Cardinal game concessions through Aug. 3rd 1,340.09. Two of the games \$ have not yet been listed. A motion to approve the treasurer's report as given was carried and approved 1st by Dawn Reagan and 2nd by Vicki Deuser.

Directors' Reports:

- Mr. Wilson handed out a list of the Elementary School upcoming events. Fall District Band Concert for grades 6th – 8th will be Oct. 9th at the Middle School starting at 7:00 p.m. He is planning to take the 6th grade to the Organizational contest this year. It gives them the opportunity to play more and it will be a good experience to get them in the mode for contests at the Middle School level. On Nov. 17th the 5th grade will hold a concert with the music students. He is working on trying to have the 6th grade perform at a Cardinal Baseball game. Details will be posted as they become available.
- Mr. Allen reported that on Friday, Sept. 19th the Middle School band would be performing with Triad band at the Grizzlies game. He is looking for a parent to drive the truck/trailer to the stadium. He has approximately 85 students in the band and is very impressed with the group. IMEA auditions are Oct. 13th and as of now he has 30 students auditioning. The Groove Dogs have met twice and there are still openings if any student is interested. Some of the dates on the Middle School calendar for basketball games are incorrect. He is waiting on release of the correct dates before posting another schedule.
- Mr. McElwee reported in Grantfork he held another open recruitment and added 6 new students to the program. Currently he has 16-6th grade students and 17-5th graders in the band. He thanked all the band dads who helped with moving the pit equipment at the first football game. He reported for Mr. Dugger that the band is ready for the Edwardsville competition this Saturday. They feel it will be a good learning experience and the band can take the pointers back with them to work on for the Oct. competitions.

Old Business

- Cardinal games-Patty Uhe reported that we have one more game on Sept. 27th. The last game we had only 7 workers to man a very busy stand. She will be

contacting help from her list. Angela thanked her for coordinating this fundraiser this year.

- Little Caesars-Angela reported that 30 students sold items and the profit for the band was \$662.
- Football game-Friday Sept. 19th Senior class reps are in charge of recruiting help. The band will be leaving after the halftime performance for the remaining games. Seniors will have their pictures taken this Friday for Senior night. The students need to arrive in the commons no later than 5:00 p.m. to begin getting dressed for rehearsal before the game. Oct. 3rd is homecoming game and the sophomore class rep is in charge of recruiting help. Oct 10th the freshman class rep is responsible and Oct 24th is Senior night and it is the junior class rep's responsibility to recruit help.
- Edwardsville Competition is this Saturday, Sept. 20th. Rehearsal begins at the high school at 1:15 p.m. Students are to arrive with their black band shirt and shorts so they can easily dress into their uniform at Edwardsville. **DO NOT BRING ANYTHING OF VALUE WITH YOU ON THE BUS.** Cell phones can be kept in the students' instrument case which will be stored in the locked trailer. Personal belongings such as purses will be collected and locked in the trailer. The buses are not locked and drivers are not required to stay behind and guard them. For this competition the students will not be changing out of their uniform until they arrive back at Highland at the end of the evening. Therefore all students will need to ride the bus back to Highland. Chaperones are needed along with about 8 dads to help with the pit instruments. Please contact Jeff Menz or Angela Truccano to help.
- IMEA- Oct. 13th-Jeff Menz reported he will be sending an email asking for assistance. He needs individuals to help with choosing menu items for concessions, ambassadors, room monitors, traffic directors and concession workers. Room monitors can be kids who are familiar with the upper elementary school. Last year this event made \$1600 for the band.
- Fall Fundraiser-Susan reported that the committee met last Monday and brought some new ideas to the table. The committee is looking into these items and will report back at a meeting on Monday, Sept. 22 to choose items to sell. Anyone interested should come to the Korte Company off of US Route 40 on Monday night at 7:00 p.m.
- Welcome Letter-Diane reported the letter has been delivered to the band directors to hand out to all 5th-8th graders. Parents should be looking for these to come home with their students.

New Business

- Homecoming Parade-The date on the calendar is incorrect. It is Wednesday, Oct. 1st. The band will be marching in full uniform.
- Oct. Competitions-We are looking for volunteers to chaperone these competitions. Newton/Effingham on Oct. 18th and U of I on Oct. 25th. We are marching at U of I and if there are any cancellations for field show competition, we are first on the list. Times are not definite as of yet.

- Middle School Concert-Oct. 9th for grades 6th – 8th at the Middle School at 7:00 p.m.
- Tux shirt/ties-A reminder will be sent out to all Freshman and new students that they will need to purchase a white tux shirt and black tie by the end of November. This can be purchased at Gliks for \$14.60. Both concert and symphonic band will need this attire to perform at concerts.

The next band parent meeting will be Monday, October 20th, at 7:00 p.m. in the high school kennel. Motion to adjourn the meeting 1st by Dave Hickey and 2nd by Brett Leman.

Meeting adjourned.

Diane Hoyt-Secretary