

Highland Band Parents  
November 17, 2008

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

The meeting was called to order by President Angela Truccano. Secretary's report was given. A motion to approve the minutes from the October meeting was made 1<sup>st</sup> by Leon Uhe and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Vicki Deuser. The minutes were approved as given. The treasurer's report was given by Susan Bowman. Points of interest: Last year the income was \$30,824.41 and the numbers are down this year so far because fundraisers did not bring in as much. The only over budget item was field show expense. Jeff Menz included the final figure for IMEA of \$1575. Motion to accept the treasurer's report 1<sup>st</sup> by Sharon Frey and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jim Reagan. The treasurer's report was approved as given.

#### Directors' Reports:

- Mr. McElwee reported that Mr. Wilson was not present due to the band performance of the 5<sup>th</sup> grade students. Mr. McElwee expressed a huge thanks to all who helped at U of I and throughout the entire season.
- Mr. Dugger also stated the students seemed to enjoy the marching season. He was thankful for all the parental involvement this year. Symphonic and Concert band auditions were held and the practice is going well. At this time he did not have the exact time of the performance of the Prairie Honor Band on Tuesday, Nov. 25<sup>th</sup>, but he did know that the bus leaves the HS at 8 a.m. and the concert is in the evening. There are 17 students participating in this event. Pep band performances at the home basketball games will be on a volunteer basis. Info. will be sent home with the students and through emails.
- At this time there was a discussion to possibly send Gary Deuser a monetary gift for allowing the band the use of his ATV throughout the marching season. It was motioned to be a gift certificate of \$25 to Farmers Restaurant. The motion was approved and a gift certificate and thank you will be sent to Gary.
- Mr. Allen reported that he just came from the 5<sup>th</sup> grade concert and it sounded impressive. The band currently has 120 students. The MS band will be playing at the Basketball game this Thursday, Nov. 20<sup>th</sup>. The Winter Concert is Dec. 16<sup>th</sup>. Information has been handed out for the EIU Honor Band. He is hoping for many participants. IMEA concert was superb. The auditions went smoothly and we were asked to host it again next year with more schools participating.

#### Old Business

- Fall fundraiser-Angela reported that all items have been ordered and pickup for the merchandise will be Friday, Dec. 12<sup>th</sup> starting with sorting goods at 12:30 p.m. with pickup of goods from 2:30 until 5:30 p.m. in the high school kennel.
- HMS band party-Dawn Reagan reported that it is to be held this Friday night, Nov. 21<sup>st</sup> from 7-9 p.m. She has 6 chaperones. Pizza, chips, and drinks will be

served and the entertainment will be DDR, Guitar Hero, and Rock Band. It is sure to be a fun time.

- HS Spring Awards- Friday, May 15<sup>th</sup> at the Knights of Columbus hall. The DJ and caterer have been booked. Mr. McElwee is collecting pictures of the band members at various events over the past years for a slide show. You can email him any pictures you would like included.
- U of I-Angela thanked the Reys, the Reagans, all chaperones and Jon Ammann for driving the truck up to U of I. Pictures of the band by Jolesch photography can be ordered at [www.jolesch.com](http://www.jolesch.com) or you can call them at 1-800-833-6769.
- Senior night-Angela thanked Tammy Tiller-Hewitt and Michelle Murphy for their excellent job of taking the senior pictures and putting them together on the board.

### **New Business**

- Prairie Honor Band-Tuesday, Nov. 25<sup>th</sup>. The busses will leave the high school at 8:00 a.m. with the performance to be held at McKendree at 7:30 p.m.
- Santa Parade-Friday, Nov. 28<sup>th</sup>. The band will be lining up at the elementary school at 5:30 p.m. with the parade starting at 6:30 p.m. The parade will end at the square. The attire for any student participating is street clothes. Santa hats and lights are optional. Jim Reagan will drive the truck if available or they have a truck to pull the trailer.
- Winter Concerts-Grantfork is Tuesday, Dec. 9<sup>th</sup>. The MS and HS concert is Tuesday, Dec. 16<sup>th</sup> at the MS gym. Tux shirts and ties are required for the MS/HS concert. Any freshman who does not have theirs can order one through Gliks for \$14.60. The Jan. 15<sup>th</sup> concert for the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade has been rescheduled for March 9<sup>th</sup>.
- Basketball Shoot-out-In the past the band has been asked to work the concessions stand for this event. The band gets \$500 to work the stand. The event is Saturday, Jan. 10<sup>th</sup> and Jeff Menz will be coordinating the worker schedule.
- Mazzio Fundraiser nights-They are Jan. 26<sup>th</sup>, Apr. 27<sup>th</sup>, Aug. 24<sup>th</sup> and Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2009. Thanks to Terry Menz for getting these dates and coordinating workers. Incoming funds are down this year and the BPA is looking for new ideas to raise funds. Candy and jewelry fundraisers are already approved for spring. Solo Ensemble is already in place and concessions for the MS volleyball tournament in Feb. The more funds we raise, the more money there is to pass to the directors, therefore, benefiting our band students and the program. Many ideas were discussed and we hope to have new fundraisers in place soon.

General Questions-It was asked why the band was not pictured in the year book this past year. We were assured there is a band page already done for the 2008 year book. Also, why is the band participating in the Santa Parade? It is tradition and because of our advertisers on the trailer, it is good to make ourselves visible to the community.

There will not be a Band Parent meeting in December. The next meeting will be January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the HS kennel even though it is the MLK holiday and there is

no school. A motion to adjourn the meeting was made 1<sup>st</sup> by Donna Goestenkors and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Leon Uhe.  
Meeting adjourned.

Diane Hoyt-Secretary