

MINUTES – SEMINOLE HIGH SCHOOL BAND PARENT ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING

November 10, 2009

ATTENDING:	P.L. Malcolm	Band Director
	Andrea Newhouse	Band Director
	Cherie Heckford	President
	Scott Smith	Vice President
	Michele Wawoe	Treasurer – Student Accounts
	David Darby	Secretary
	Kevin Fletcher	Web Master
	Penny Fletcher	Photo / Video Chair
	Jerry Thorpe	Equipment Chair
	Mary Trego	Spirit Wear Chair
	Gary Vogel	Alumni Representative
	Kathy Galvin	London Trip Committee Chair
	Sherri Quest	12 th Grade Rep.
	Elizabeth Darcy	9 th Grade Rep.
	Terry Sisaleumsak	Fundraising Chair
	Aurora Reyes	Chaperone Chair

Cherie Heckford opened the meeting at 6:32 p.m. Cherie thanked all that were in attendance for their hard work. She also expressed her appreciation for all that the parents are doing for the band. The London Trip meeting with the London dignitaries went well. The BPA was presented with a gift of a set of coins.

Directors Comments by Andrea Newhouse and P.L. Malcolm:

Andrea Newhouse informed the BPA that three students made the All-State Band:
Ryan Sisaleumsak – Alto Sax
Keyn York – Alto Sax
Mark Harrison – Tenor Sax

The London Trip was approved prior to the meeting with the dignitaries. Walt Griffin and Mr. Reineke attended the meeting with the dignitaries.

The SHS Band received straight superiors at this year's FBA.

Coming Events:

November 11th – Homecoming Parade

November 13th – Homecoming
Afternoon Pep Rally
7:30 – Football game against Lake Howell

November 14th – Homecoming Dance

December 5th – Christmas Parade

December 6th – Tri-State Honors Band at FSU

December 8th – Jazz Band and Orchestra Concert

December 10th – Winter Band Concert

December 15th – BPA meeting

Regarding the fall concert, Mr. Malcolm stated that most high schools do not usually have one. It is difficult to prepare for because it occurs during marching season. Mr. Malcolm explained some of the options for how the band will support the football team during the playoffs. Regarding band participation, as decisions are made parents and volunteers will be notified.

We still have some students behind on dues.

Fundraisers are doing well.

The BPA is financially sound.

Ms. Newhouse commented that she is proud of the student growth. The students peaked at the right time and gave a great performance at FBA.

Mr. Malcolm added that our band has a very good reputation. Our students lived up to that reputation. In addition to performing well, our students were very considerate by asking how the other bands did. They congratulated them and didn't brag on themselves. They exercised good camaraderie with the other bands that were present.

October meeting minutes:

Scott motioned to accept the October 13th meeting minutes. Penny Fletcher seconded the motion, and all agreed.

Photo report:

To the knowledge of the Photo Committee, we have gotten pictures of all the students. We now have an order form on the website for those who would like to order a picture of their child. Should anyone like to see the picture before purchasing we can send them a low resolution picture. We would also have "sample" written across the photo so it could not be used. It would be ideal if we could keep the previews down to a minimum due to the amount of work it takes to do this.

Cherie suggested that we have a computer set up at the Winter Concert and take orders there.

Financial Report: Marci provided a report prior to the meeting because she was not able to attend. There were a few transactions that posed questioning. Cheri explained that she and Marci will go over the transactions after Marci returns.

Regarding delinquent band dues, Michelle Wawoe reported that she has only received one payment since the last meeting. In the past the band has used the Disney parade to leverage payment of band dues.

Discussion arose as to how to remedy the problem of not receiving payments for delinquent band dues. In an attempt to resolve this problem, Scott Smith made the motion to restrict any students that are delinquent in the payment of their dues from participating in any band trips or fund raisers designated for band trips. Penny Fletcher seconded the motion and all agreed.

General fundraising report:

Important dates for fundraising:

11/14 – Cheesecake Pick-up @ 9AM in Auditorium

11/18 – Tree and wreath order deadline

12/1 – Christmas tree delivery in front of school
Pick-up @ 9AM

12/1 – Gold Party

Website report:

This month Kevin has added Search functionality so you can search the entire web site (including the Blog) from the Home page. He has added FACEBOOK and TWITTER links at the bottom right of the home page. He has updated the Flash pictures at the top of the Home page.

Kevin has requested that we (the band organization) provide him with more information about past, current, and future events. He is currently in need of information about Senior Night, and the meeting with the London dignitaries.

Several ideas were discussed as to how we can get more information to our webmaster to display on the web.

A few ideas are listed below:

- It was stated that as an organization we need a committee to collect information and provide it to our web resources.
- Get the students involved in reporting about band events
- Get parents involved

Michele Wawoe has offered to take some of the content from FACEBOOK and send it to the webmaster in paragraph form.

The discussion about providing information to the web resources lead to further discussion of whether or not we need a newsletter.

P.L. Malcolm explained that we have to keep some printed promotional / informative literature for people interested in the band, alumni, and for availability in the front office of the school.

Scott motioned that we replace the current newsletter with a bi-annual SHS band newsletter in electronic format to promote all current events via the internet. Terry Sisaleumsak seconded the motion and all agreed.

Spirit Wear Report:

Mary Trego informed the BPA that the students have been begging to have sweatshirts for this coming week since we are expected to have colder weather. She will have them available for the next home game. She will also print up a flyer to send home.

Chaperone report:

Fifteen to sixteen people have already signed up to volunteer for next week's football game. We will be running two shifts at the grill so that no-one has to man the grill for the whole game.

Regarding fundraisers send your request to participate to Aurora and she will fill the spots that are available.

Senior Night:

Scott explained that we had a great Senior Night this year. The students really seemed to enjoy themselves. Everyone seemed to enjoy the food.

Scott also explained that he felt that the Dazzlers contribution to the event was less than adequate. P.L. Malcolm explained that Senior Night has evolved into a much nicer event than in years past. The BPA has worked hard to improve the banquet each year. It was recommended that the presidents of both organizations get together and discuss how equal responsibility for the coming year's Senior Night can be accomplished.

London Trip:

The band received a coffee mug, cuff links and a paper weight from the London dignitaries.

Mr. Malcolm shared the analogy that the London tip is like the Kentucky Derby. It takes forever to get the horses into the gate, but before you realize it they are off and running.

The question was asked, "How will this affect the New York trip?"

Mr. Malcolm explained that the trips to New York are not what he has always intended for the band to do. He wants the trips to stay educational and memorable. The trips to Washington D.C. are what he would like to be ongoing. It is good for the

students to be exposed to our countries history. It is not his intension to New York then Washington then New York etc. We do not have plans for future years. We are going to focus on this trip to London.

Mr. Malcolm informed that the band currently has a London trip committee which currently consists of Cherie Heckford, Kathy Galvin and Lynn Warner. Additional committee members are needed. The committee is organizing fundraisers, payment schedules, and payment blocks. They are doing everything in their power to make sure that everyone can raise the necessary funds by the set deadlines.

P.L. Malcolm stated that he has high standards for his students. He wrestled with the trip financially and he feels that the Europe trip is well worth the cost. Now we have to provide opportunities for our students to raise the necessary funds.

Cherie Heckford shared with the BPA some of the current fundraising opportunities: Amway Arena, Cook Book, Coupon Books, Car Washes, UCF events, and the coming Gold Party. If the students are working these events they will get their share of the funds.

Staples donated a tri-fold flyer for the band and they are willing to help with other printed literature.

Gold Party:

The band gets 15% of all proceeds. We also get 5% of any parties that are offshoots of this party. Usually home parties only receive 10%.

UCF fundraiser:

The BPA received \$450 - \$475 for the night. It was a nice clean atmosphere to work in.

UCF concerts:

Scott Smith motioned to formalize a proposal as to how much will be designated per person for the UCF fundraisers. Elizabeth Darcy seconded the motion, and all agreed.

Cook books: Savoring Seminole

1,500 cook books will be shipped to us by Dec. 4th.

It is planned to start the Cook book fundraiser after the Trees and wreathes are delivered. Flyers will be provided to announce the fundraiser. The cookbooks have 369 recipes and will sell for \$16.00 each. Arrangements have been made to sell the cookbooks at the Lake Mary Farmer's Market.

New Business:

Japanese students will be coming to the USA again. The last group asked if the band would have them again.

Mr. Malcolm stated that we need a line item for on the budget for gifts, niceties, etc.

Scott Smith informed the BPA that as an organized non-profit organization we are required to have a budget for the coming year. He mentioned that the BPA should make there wish list now.

Journey thru Jazz:
Music selection needs to take place. Mr. Malcolm needs to meet with Mr. Wawoe.

Band Banquet:
The date for the band banquet has to be finalized. The facility also has to be secured. Scott Smith has offered to follow-up on this task. Elizabeth Darcy offered to help with negotiating the price of the Sanford Civic Center if it is necessary. Sherri Quest has secured a photo booth for the banquet. \$400.00 will cover all of the cost for the photo booth. Sherri will operate the booth for the event.

The next SHS BPA meeting will be held at 6:30PM on Dec 15th at a restaurant to be announced.

Scott Smith motioned to adjourn the meeting. Penny Fletcher seconded the motion and all agreed.