**MINUTES – SEMINOLE HIGH SCHOOL**

**BAND PARENT ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING**

**3/12/13**

ATTENDING:

P. L. Malcolm Band Director

Andrea Newhouse Band Director

Shelly Coker President

Mike Johansmeyer Vice President

Deborah Seaman Secretary

Randy Seaman Photo Committee

Jen Polk Treasurer – Accounts Payable

Jill McAuley Treasurer – Student Accounts

Sallie Clark 11th Grade rep

Dawne Hube

Payton Hube

Cheyne LaBonte

The meeting opened at 6:48 pm.

**Director’s Report**

Mr. Malcolm listed some of the things the band has been doing like the North Hampton Concert, Jazz MPA, hosting Solo and Ensemble; plus Concert MPA with all three bands getting superiors. Miss Newhouse received her first superior for band. He also said that the two band trips are coming up with the trip to Japan coming up next week. He spoke about going to Hiroshima and the memorial which should be very moving for the kids. The Jazz Band will be playing a variety of tunes that are similar to journey through jazz. He said that our kids will say more through their music than politicians ever could. He thanked Ms. Clark, Ms. Corker, Ms. Proudfoot, and all of the other parents who have worked tirelessly to make this trip happen.

Shelly Coker brought up the award that Mr. Malcolm received for his contribution to band directing in the state. He was honored in January with this award which is the highest honor that can be given in the state.

**Treasurer’s Report**

Mike Johansmeyer said that he, Shelly Coker, and the three treasures have met on multiple occasions to go through the budgets and have come up with a new plan for next year so things will be in place when the new treasurers take over. He explained that he has a proposed budget for next year. This includes this year’s budget, last year’s budget and what we actually spent. The accounts have been reconciled and will be presented on the next meeting. If anyone wants to see the budget he will email it to them. When everything is completed he will have an annual audit. Mr. Malcolm said that the band used to complete a budget and present it to the general BPA at the first meeting to be voted on. Shelly said that we have $27,000 in the account. Jill said that we have a few students who have paid on their dues. There is $8700 still due. She said she has had contact with several parents whose students have left the band and they need to be on a list for the front office.

**Committee Reports**

**Uniforms**

Mr. Malcolm said that we should contact Chris Ball and buy 10 white jackets in small sizes.

**Spirit wear**

Sallie said that she has listed items on Facebook that are on sale. She needs to order cinch bags.

**Fundraising Committee**

Ms. Clark said that the City Books earned $5,500. Some students still have not turned in books and will be charged $20.

Ms. Coker said that only 27% of the eblasts are being read. She has been doing eblasts now and she is looking for somebody to take over. Mike brought up the subject of parents participation in the BPA. He said that in the Dazzlers the students are not allowed to perform if they do not have parent or substitute to volunteer. He mentioned the way the Dazzler parents are required to volunteer. Heidi suggested giving just one job to each parent. Sallie suggested the phone tree. P.L. responded by saying that we need to find a way for better communication.

**Photo Committee and Events Report**

Ms. Clark asked Randy where he would like to set up for the bandquet. She said they could meet and see the venue. She also said that tickets will be $20.

**Old** **Business**

State MPA will be April 25.

**Band trip**

$105,000 has been sent so far on the Japan trip. P.L. got extra jackets for Mr. Phillips and Mr. Gaudreau.

Andrea talked about the Washington D.C. trip saying that the second payment due on the 20th. There are students that have not paid and owe dues so she needs a list. Jill said that she will come in and talk to the kids.

Mr. Malcolm introduced a trip in Hawaii for the Pearl Harbor Parade which would be in two years. The band has been formally invited and Mr. Gaudreau has been told about it. It will be much cheaper than Japan because it is subsidized and would be around $1500 to $2000. The trip would be 6 days and he would like to do a concert on a memorial. He said they would not do a band trip next year so people can save money. He will have a friend of his explain the trip to the band on the D.C. trip. A $500 deposit is needed within a month. He asked if he should move forward and the majority said that he should.

Mr. Johansmeyer voiced some concerns that some in the band felt left out of the Japan trip and that this trip would exclude many students. Ms. Newhouse said that if anyone would like to head up an activity for seniors next year instead of the trip she would not be opposed to that. Shelly said that fundraising needs to start early. Sallie said that we need a huge fundraising committee which is broken down into small groups. Mr. Malcolm said communication should be the key for next year. Heidi suggested that the BPA reach out to the middle schools at their meetings. Mr. Malcolm asked that the meeting be adjourned and the topic of recruiting volunteers be discussed after the meeting with those who want to stay.

**New Business**

Eblasts will go to eblast@seminolehsband.org

Journey to Japan concert moved to 3/19 at 8:00am during school. Mr. Malcolm said the band will perform for the students and Journey Though Jazz will be later in the year.

Incoming parent meeting is on 4/4. Ms. Newhouse said that in the past we have had band parents talk about committees and fundraising for dues. Mr. Malcolm said it would be nice to have some band parents there.

Shelly mentioned the nominations committee is taking suggestions for next year’s board members. Sallie Clark, Deborah Seaman, and Kathy Galvin will make up the committee. Email them at nominations@seminolehsband.org.

Meeting adjourned at 8:33 by Jill McAuley and seconded by Shelly Coker.