



SHS BPA BOARD MINUTES – October 14, 2014

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Jen Polk at 6:42 pm.

Director's Report: PL Malcolm, Andrea Newhouse

- Very busy time. Two weeks before MPA. The weather has had an impact on the performance. The students are so talented and giving so much of themselves. We have chosen a very challenging piece for our third song. It still needs work but we have more rehearsals before MPA to get it set. Every school is behind and frustrated because of the weather. We are not alone. Senior Night coming up. Celebratory time. Two more games after that (Lake Brantley away game and the homecoming game). Marching season is almost over. Playing many new stand tunes this season. Our drum line played at Wawa grand opening. Our jazz band played for County leadership. Band directors in this county are close. Band Director at Lake Brantley is retiring. She has taught for 40 years. It will be a surprise – extend half time, invited the mayor, presentation of key to the city to her. Would like us to participate. We will line up our band students, stand at attention and line the side of the field. We should also give something to her. This is the PINK OUT game. Remember to bring pink towels. Junior Class is selling t-shirts for \$5. Forms due back for All County auditions. Epcot is Sunday October 26th. Chaperones needed. Food and Wine Festival is going on at this time. Marching Festival – will not have a run through on Saturday. Report at 1:15 pm. Jazz Workshop – car wash fundraiser scheduled for November 1st. Workshop will probably be in January.

General Business: Jen Polk

- Minutes from the September 2014 board meeting were emailed and available on the BPA website for review. No corrections were submitted, therefore the September 2014 Minutes are approved.
- Golf Tournament. Thanks to Jill for organizing this event. Beautiful golf course and weather. So much fun. Great prizes!

Treasurer's report: Jill McAuley – The BPA Account has \$62,528.00 . The Trip Account has \$194,363.00. Big bills are coming in soon for airfare and busing so these balances will start to come down soon. Outstanding student dues: \$12,267. Golf tournament rough numbers – approximately \$4,400.00.

Committee Reports:

- Chaperones/volunteers (Tom Kaldor) We have been pretty well covered for chaperones at games. Upcoming games, Marching Festival, MPA's, working to get volunteers in place for those events. Epcot – can take 35 volunteers. (Disney rule: Can take 1 parent for every 5 students). Mr. Malcolm and the board

Attendees:

- President, Jen Polk
- VP Finance, Don Kratt
- Accts. Payable, Jill McAuley
- Accts. Receivable, Chris Proudfoot
- Director, PL Malcolm
- Director, Andrea Newhouse
- Chaperones, Tom Kaldor
- Events, Bob O'Brien
- Fundraising, Robin Kranz
- Media, Jill Alvarez
- Band Camp, Heidi Solomon
- Continuity, Nicole Anderson
- Hawaii Trip, Sallie Clark
- Quarter Days, Lee Katker
- Band Captain, RJ Gammon
- Communications, Darcy Kranz
- Julie Stevens

agree that the regular volunteers should be offered this opportunity first. We have had so many great volunteers. Richard has been shadowing and helping Tom this marching season. He will be taking over on Friday night and running things since Tom will be busy being a Senior parent. Tom will line up the Epcot volunteers by word of mouth rather than through an e-blast.

- Fundraising (Robin Krantz)
 - a. Christmas tree packets sent home with students. Delivery is December 1st (this date is difficult for families who are leaving for Hawaii) – Company may make arrangements for those families to pick up trees before December 12th. They will have to pick up the tree on 12/17/92 from the company if they want to pick it up after 12/1.
 - b. Burger Fi in Lake Mary – possibly do some kind of fundraiser there. Lake Mary HS uses that location often. Malcolm will discuss this with RJ.
 - c. Chipotle – offering some fundraising opportunities. This idea came from RJ. Details coming soon.
 - d. Golf Tournament Report (Jill McAuley) – Golf tournament rough numbers – approximately \$4,400.00. More details will come at the next board meeting.

- Events – Middle School Night – plenty of volunteers. Went well. Senior Night – about ten volunteers signed up, sub platters from BJ's, Dazzlers providing drinks, flowers and desserts. Planning for 350 approx. Only about 60% RSVP's. Bob's wife Jen is helping him with volunteers and putting it all together.

- Marching Festival – orders are in. Tickets still on sale up to the day of the event. Plenty of tickets left to sell.

- Hawaii Trip (Sallie Clark) – Just gave treasurers the charter bus information for payment. Also airlines and room info given to treasurers. There are excess baggage issues – need to talk with Equipment team about that regarding dimensions about what an oversize bag is and what the extra cost will be. Also there are questions about how to ship the uniforms. Malcolm has calls out to other band directors in the country who have done this Hawaii trip in the past. He wants to get their take on traveling with the kids, uniforms and instruments, etc. Sallie mentioned that the Memorial Performance on the USS Missouri is a very casual event. Supposedly the students can wear casual shorts (because it is very hot out there). There was discussion about wearing Khakis and the band polo.

Hawaii meeting for participants will be held after the Veterans Day concert. We will hand out itinerary at that time. Tom Kaldor will need to follow up to check that all chaperones have been fingerprinted.

Small instruments can be carried on the plane in their backpack. They get one checked bag and one carryon and a backpack. 50 pound max on the checked bags. Sallie floated the idea of having the bags brought to SHS the night before. All meds should be in their carryon (NOT in the their checked luggage.)

Discussion about ordering baseball hats with Pride of the Tribe logo and Pearl Harbor info on them.

New Business:

Charms – There was a continuing discussion about switching over to a new accounting software program called Charms. It is \$780.00 for a three year contract. It is more user friendly and other BPA boards and directors use the program and are very happy with it. We have 45 days left to decide on our current program. Directors really like the program. Easier access to info for the students and families. Easier to scan instruments and keep track of rentals.

Mr Malcolm really wants us to advertise the Veterans Day concert heavily! Contact local news outlets to let them know about the date and open to the public. Darcy said that Joye has talked to the school news and working on virtual posters. Sallie will send the virtual poster to the VFW Post when Joye or Darcy have it ready to send. Local restaurants etc. should be given a flyer to put in their windows.

Jill will work on a thank you to post on FB and the website for the golf tournament.

Mr. Malcolm said he was stopped by someone at church on the weekend to express to him how well behaved a large teenage group of SHS Band kids were at Cracker Barrel. All were orderly and friendly. She was proud that they were the Seminole Band kids. She wrote to a school board member that night about what she saw. The post was then sent to many people in the county office and made it onto Facebook as well and it was shared to many others. Made Mr. Malcolm so proud of the band students and how they are perceived by the community. They make a difference. Our BPA makes a difference. The leadership of the BPA and all the volunteers have created great opportunities for the students. Parents make a big difference in this Band program. Thank you.

Next BPA meeting is scheduled EARLY - **6 pm** on Tuesday November 18th. Hawaii trip CHAPERONE meeting is scheduled for 7 PM on Tuesday November 18th immediately following the BPA meeting.

Next Meeting Date and Location: November 18th at 6:00 pm in the SHS Band room.

Adjournment: Jen Polk at 7:35 pm