



ATTENDING:

P.L. Malcolm	Band Director
Shelly Coker	Operations
Randy Seaman	Photo Chairman
Deborah Seaman	Secretary
Dave Brendle	11 <sup>th</sup> Grade Rep
Christine Proudfoot	9 <sup>th</sup> grade parent
Scott Smith	Chaperone Coordinator
Gary Vogel	Alumni Rep
Bill Gorman	Equipment
Yvette English	9 <sup>th</sup> Grade Rep
Cheyne LaBonte	Student Rep
Christine Smith	
Jen Polk	Treasurer- Accounts Receivable
Maria Dwyer	
Wendy Doelle	Fundraising Chairman
Linda DeJesus	Treasurer-Student Accounts
Suzie Moore	11 <sup>th</sup> Grade Rep

David Darby opened the meeting at 6:39 pm by saying that he would like to keep the meeting to an hour and a half by streamlining the committee reports. Reports should be brief with more discussion and concerns addressed within individual committee meetings. Announcements and budget concerns should be addressed in the general meeting. Meeting should be finished by 8:00 pm. David congratulated band parent volunteers for pulling together and doing a great job.

**Director's Report**

P.L. Malcolm praised the band students by saying that they did a great job at the first two games and that they behaved well in the face of bad weather. He also said the parents did a great job.



Mr. Malcolm talked about the schedule which he discussed last meeting and is posted on the band website. He said that he is excited with the band's progress on the music they are performing. He said that he was expecting around 150 students attending middle school night this Friday from surrounding schools.

Bill Gorman asked about moving equipment to and from the Homecoming Parade. Mr. Malcolm said that they will need pickup trucks by 3:45 to transport tubas and other instruments. Christine Proudfoot volunteered the use of a pickup truck for equipment. The parade will start at 5:00pm and end at 6:00 pm. The band had two students nominated for the homecoming court; Darren Riveria and Dorian Hooks.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Jen Polk said that Sally Clark is out of town but email her the report figures.

Income - \$41,587.05

Expenses - \$16,080.90

Balance in hand - \$25,059.89

Linda DeJesus reported that she had 5 paid in full and 30 delinquent student accounts that she was working on.

David Darby said that sponsor kids forms will be on the web site and that he would check with Michelle to see if she would be working with Gary on them. He also said that the Treasurers report does not need approval since there will be an internal audit done by an outside firm. Sally is currently working on this.

Mr. Malcolm introduced Cheyne LaBonte to those present and said that as a band student he was sitting in on the meeting.

### **Meeting minutes**

Mr. Darby said that there were no minutes from the last meeting because there was no Secretary at that time. Minutes would be emailed to the board members for approval. He said that the new Secretary, Deborah Seaman, will be taking minutes from now on and he asked her to write out the minutes for the past three meetings which he will get to her. Deborah agreed to take on the task.

### **Web Master's Report**

Suzie Moore said that the communications team has had three meetings focusing on the newsletter. She has also been sending a lot of email blasts and asked if anyone had heard any complaints about too many email blasts. She has noticed some decrease in the number of people accepting them which she said is probably due to people who are no longer with the band.

### **Chaperone Coordinator's Report**

Scott Smith reported that he is preparing for middle school night. He needs people to cook hot dogs. David Darby, Pete, and Scott will be there with a grill. Cathy Galvin will do the shopping hot dogs, chips and drinks. Shelly will check on how much peanut butter and jelly is available. Mr. Malcolm said that the band will meet at 4:45 and



middle school student will arrive at 5:30 to rehearse with them. Middle school students will be ready to eat around 6:15 – 6:30. Chaperones should arrive by 5:00. David asked about the amount of Gatorade available and if more was needed because of the addition of middle school students. Scott said that two packs were available and should be enough. Mr. Malcolm said that he expects around 150 students plus chaperones to attend. Scott emphasized how important middle school night is for recruiting new band members and future BPA members. He said that his son made his decision to join band because of the great time he had at middle school night. He encouraged everyone to get the middle school parents involved in the band and talk up the band. Bill Gorman brought up water and tables that would be needed.

### **Uniform Report**

Mr. Malcolm said that the uniforms are coming along with the embroidery person coming today. He said the parents and students have been doing a great job. Uniforms were sent out to be dry cleaned with more going out than he thought should have gone out but he felt the new black uniforms were probably added in. Cheyne said that some extra uniforms may have been added in.

### **Spirit wear**

Chairman was not present. David said that spirit wear was no longer going to be sold at the games and Mr. Malcolm explained that the football team was also selling t-shirts so rather than having competition the band would sell out the stock that is left. Letterman jackets and shirts will still be sold at orientation.

### **Fund Raising**

Wendy Doelle reported that the committee had its first meeting and they need support. She said she has no idea about budgeting. Mr. Darby said that she has to decide what funds will go to the general fund and what will be going to student accounts. He said that he would discuss the details outside of the meeting.

### **Photo Committee**

Randy Seaman discussed Senior Night saying that the Glamour Shots had not been taken yet. Other photos will be ready for the seniors – ten per student. He had questions about the budget saying that there are twice as many seniors this year- 43. Costs for the photos will be \$100.00 and \$215.00 for the Glamour Shots depending on the type of matting done. Dave Brendle said that he was not happy with the matting that was done last year because of damage to the photos and he would like to use an acrylic frame. Dave said that the costs should be about the same as last year. Randy said that the costs for all should be around \$315.00 which will be replaced by the Glamour Shots that will be sold plus any videos that are sold. David Darby approved the budget and said to go ahead with the plan. Mr. Brendle said that the photos have been delayed because of time constraints. He would like to see the embroidery on the black uniforms. Glamour Shots will be taken on Wednesday and Thursday of next week and he would like an email blast sent out so students can prepare with haircuts and such. Mr. Darby said to get the text to him and Suzie so it can be approved and sent out.

### **Equipment Report**

Bill Gorman began by saying that the committee was off to a great start. His goal is to put together an operations manual and find a replacement for the chairman which he thinks he has. He would like the equipment volunteers



to report at 5:00 on Friday. Tables are in the process of being replaced now and Shelly offered two small tables for donation.

### **Sponsorship Report**

Mr. Darby said that he received response to all of his letters to students and their families except for two. He would like Gary's help in organizing that and getting them on the web so everything will be finalized.

### **Old Business**

#### **Golf Tournament**

Slow on people getting interested in the golf tournament and getting hole sponsors. David said that people did not like to play the course because it is too tight and football games on the same day may be keeping people away.

#### **Team Plan**

Mr. Darby asked that committees look over past standards so the bi-laws can be updated. He also asked that the grade reps come up with a description of what they do so that can be passed along to the next rep especially the ninth grade reps who are very important. He would also like an email blast to go out to everyone a week before the meetings so there can be more participation. He will ask that parents voice any concerns to the committee involved or their grade rep so the BPA will have all of the information needed to address the issues.

### **Fundraising / Band Dues**

David asked that all take the sheet on fundraising / band dues home, read it and email any comments to him so any other ideas can be considered. He noted changes in wording that have been made. This will be voted on at the next meeting.

### **New Business**

#### **Student Trip / Fundraisers**

Cathy Galvan and Sally Clark requested that Mr. Darby bring up the subject of umbrella and cookbook sales be used for student trip accounts in the event that we have a trip this year. Mr. Malcolm said that there is a trip in the works. He does not have a price on it yet and it will be to Savannah through Kaleidoscope. It would be the Friday before Spring break and return on Monday evening. The band would go on some educational tours, march in the St Patrick's Day Parade possibly go to Six Flags and then onto Atlanta possibly to the MLK museum. Cathy and Sally would like umbrella sales to give \$5.00 to the student accounts with a \$3.00 profit to the band and the cookbooks to bring \$4.00 to their accounts with the remainder to the band. Other fundraisers might be quarter days and car washes which have been very effective.

### **Upcoming Events**

First away game is 9/30 in Mainland. Meet at 4:30, busses leave at 5:30. Equipment should leave early.

Fall orchestra concert is 10/4.



Senior night - 10/6. Liz Darcy will be heading it up with Deborah Seaman taking care of the decorations. Scott Smith said he would like Deborah to shadow Liz so that there is a team for next year. He would like more experienced parents to volunteer because of the magnitude of the event. Mr. Darby asked that Deborah get a budget from Liz and also get information from the Dazzlers about attendance and budget. Mr. Malcolm said that he felt that the band has gone over budget and they should not spend over \$1000.00 for the event.

Fall band concert -10/13

Marching festival -10/22. David asked about meals and what else needs to be done.

Percussion Instructor

Mr. Malcolm discussed problems in the percussion section saying that he needs to bring in another instructor because of the split in the section with the drum line and the front line. He said that they both need more help and that although Ms. Turnery is a great instructor she has had some problems with the death of her grandmother and other things. He wanted to let the BPA know because it will be an extra item in the budget but he would try to pull something from the adjudicator.

Next Year's Band Trip

Mr. Malcolm said he has been courted by Bowl Games of America which put on half time show at bowl games. The trip he would like to go on would be in San Diego, CA at the Holiday Bowl. It would be a \$1200 to \$1300 trip. A \$1000.00 deposit would be needed by December because prices will go up in January. It would be \$540.00 for 5 nights plus airfare. He would like some feedback so he knows if he should pursue it. He thinks it would be after Christmas and before New Year's. Mr. Darby asked how we should promote the idea. Mr. Malcolm asked if anyone would be against the trip. Linda brought up the question about the money that would be in the student accounts and David said that the different fund raisers would have to be separate and organized. Mr. Malcolm said he could send out a survey to students because none of them know about this.

Grill

David Darby asked how big the grill should be that will be purchased. Mr. Malcolm said that it should accommodate 20 burgers because he likes to use it for other event besides the game such as a cook out reward for the students in the different sections. David said that he would purchase a grill with those specifications in mind, all agreed.

Journey Through Jazz

Mr. Malcolm said that he has requested the auditorium date, February 21. He will need assistance inviting jazz musician to perform. Wendy asked if the musicians are paid. David said that they donate their time and interact with the students. This event is also used as a fundraiser and hopefully will attract the public.

Shelly Coker asked that a discussion be held after the meeting on closet 17.

Bill Gorman motioned that the meeting be adjourned and Scott Smith seconded; all agreed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:59.