

Instrumental Music Boosters
Board Meeting Minutes
August 22, 2005

Present:

John Sayre, Kathy Burton, Mary McKittrick, Brenda Brewington, Colleen Pettus, Ed Pettus, Dan Beisel, Lisa Ragland, Diana Worley, Dale Worley, Bill Burton, Ben Denne, Chris Cambell and Jill RachBeisel

Opening and Welcome - 7:30 P.M.John Sayre

Minutes.....Jill RachBeisel

A brief, informal summary of the highlights of the July 27th meeting was given

Correction to the minutes was made: a sixth home game was added for Friday, Nov 11.

Announcements:.....John Sayre

Mr. Ben Denne was introduced as our new orchestra teacher. Ben gave his email to contact him- Benjamin_Denne@hcpss.org

REPORTS:

1. Director's Report.....Chris Cambell

- A. Chris proposed the establishment of a 'concert subcommittee' in the boosters which could be responsible for ticket sales, organization of ushers, program design and printing etc. He would like to have a more upscale appearance this coming year.
- B. Chris also proposed forming a 'Uniform Committee' that would oversee the management of the uniforms (i.e.-cleaning and alterations) as well as provide support for themed performances. i.e. skirts for the color guard that could double as caps for a routine.
- C. Chris is also looking for someone interested in being our videographer to capture the game marching routines etc.
- D. Chris talked about the integration of the orchestra into the booster group where the efforts of the parents and students can benefit everyone.

- E. The color guard is under way with a new look. There are 13 girls working very hard to get ready for the season.
- F. Calendar development is underway and each student should receive a completed, up to date calendar on the first day of school.
- G. Fall practices are scheduled as follows:
 - a. Color guard - Tuesdays 2:30-4pm
 - b. Marching band- Wednesdays 2:30-4:30
- H. Completion of the data base with all new students added is underway. Chris hopes to have it by September 21.
- I. Patron Program- Chris supports this and encourages an early and vigorous kick off this year to raise funds. A general announcement will be made on back-to-school night September 28th.
- J. Additional purchases of instruments have been made and delivery is pending.
- K. Chris's email- HowardHSBand@comcast.net
- L. New Band Room should be ready August 23rd. Chris will let folks know if he needs assistance in the set up. Space includes: ensemble room, two practice rooms, computer lab and full recording capability!
- M. Funds for the new band room were secured totaling \$214,000. Equipment has been ordered and Chris is waiting for deliveries.

2.Orchestra Update.....Ben Denne

Ben expressed his excitement at being part of the music department and looks forward to working with an enthusiastic group of students and parents. His plans include expanding theory classes in music.

3. Treasurer Report.....Ed Pettus

- A. Income from last year.....\$98,360
Expenses.....\$86,988
 Net Income.....\$11, 370
- B. Balance as of July 31, 2005.....\$31,858
- C. Uniform Fund.....\$17,382
 (with annual contribution of \$5,000)
- D. Highlights of revenue from last year included:
 - a. Bake Sale \$91

b. Barnes & Noble	\$612
c. Donor Program	\$485
d. Spring Concert ticket sales	\$1,362
e. Winter Concert ticket sales	\$1,578
f. Uno's 20%	\$718
g. Fall Car Wash #1	\$816
h. Fall Car Wash #2	\$680
i. Spring Car Wash	\$525

- E. Expenses included \$700 for Awards banquet
- F. There was a discussion regarding assessments charged. Ed suggested sending a formal invoice to each student's parent(s). This could be done early in the year and would be accompanied by a letter explaining the use of the funds so parents understand the need for the assessment (\$1,800 for uniform cleaning, extra clothing needed etc.) There was general agreement supporting this idea. Clearance to send this letter will be obtained from the front office.

4. Fundraising Report.....Brenda Brewington

- A. August 20th car wash raised \$708.
- B. Barnes and Noble Night is set for November 21 & 22.
- C. Second Fall Car Wash is not yet set...TBA
- D. Howard ear rings and decals will be sold at homecoming.
- E. Brenda will look into identifying the "authorized dealers" to work with.

OLD BUSINESS

- Ice Cream Social:
Ed and Colleen will provide the ice cream
John will bring the canopy in the event of rain
Brenda will bring banner
Date is Friday, August 25th after practice at 8PM.
- Room Set Up:
Chris will contact booster members by email if help is needed

NEW BUSINESS

1. PEP BAND- Chris announced he needed a Pep band for freshman orientation on Thursday, August 25th.
2. STUDENT ADVISORY GROUP TO THE BOOSTERS:
Chris will coordinate an advisory group consisting of 1-2 students from each group-marching unit, concert band, orchestra and color guard.
3. ALUMNI POSITION- This was briefly discussed and there was limited support for the concept.
4. NEWSLETTER COORDINATOR- This is a vacant position. Recruitment at the first Booster meeting will occur to fill.
5. ADDITIONAL FUND RAISING IDEAS-
 - i. Resurrect Angie's List
 - ii. Spirit wear
 - iii. Restaurant Raffle development under way
 - iv. Safety First Driving School Inc. is interested in providing instruction for Howard Students and Boosters can earn money. Chris will pursue application and approval
6. Future Booster Meetings- will be held on the third Wednesday of each month and the time will be moved to 7PM.

NEXT MEETING- Wednesday, September 21 , 7 PM in HHS Band Room

Meeting was adjourned at 9:30 PM.

Jill RachBeisel, Secretary