

Instrumental Music Boosters
Board Meeting Minutes
September 21, 2005

Opening and Welcome - 7:00 P.M.John Sayre
Introductions of all in attendance were made.

Minutes.....Jill RachBeisel
A brief, informal summary of the highlights of the August 22nd meeting was given. A motion was made, a second and a unanimous vote to accept received.

REPORTS:

1. Director Bands.....Chris Campbell

- A. The delivery of new equipment, furniture and instruments has been coming in a continuous stream. Last Wednesday's practice was cancelled due to an unexpected delivery. Sorely needed instruments have arrived including an arsenal of double bases, Celli, music stands, chairs etc.
- B. A brief review of the space was done including that the practice rooms and large band/orchestra room have full recording capability with 2 CRW's.
- C. The Concert and Symphony Bands are off to a great start. Having both groups 50 minutes each day is a great improvement from the every other day schedule of last year. This is very helpful to get the groups up and performing. There is high energy and enthusiasm in both bands.
- D. Chris has the All State Sign up sheet for interested students. He is encouraging students to sign up.
- E. Chris encourages parents and students to be vocal about needed alterations for marching band uniforms. There is a shortage of long pants this year.
- F. Next performance is Saturday September 24th. Report time is 12 noon and the game is 2pm.

2. Director OrchestraBen Denne

- A. Ben also announces a terrific start to the year.
- B. Ben reports that he and the students are going through a transition as he is introducing a new structure and a new teaching method. He is currently assessing technical abilities for seating . The process includes

recording the students which will enable them to hear themselves over time and appreciate their improvement.

C. First concert is in December.

3. Treasurer Report.....Ed Pettus

A. Account balances:

1. Checking account.....\$31,768
(Uniform sub-account.....\$17,380)

2. Savings account.....\$1,039

B. A motion was received and seconded. The report was accepted

4. Fundraising Report.....Brenda Brewington

A. Next Car Wash - Oct 8 at the Ellicott City Armory

B. Barnes & Noble- Nov 21 & 22- Small Ensemble can perform, details are forthcoming.

C. Uno's Night is Nov 22- same as Barnes & Noble to facilitate involvement

D. Angie's List is up and running. Closing date is set for October 12. This will be promoted at Back-to-School Night

E. Earrings and License Plates can not be located for fundraising. John will look again in the spirit wear. No one else was aware of their location.

F. Brenda also checked with Noodles and Company. Fundraisers are permitted and dates will be secured and discussed at the next meeting.

G. Benigin's Restaurant is interested in sponsoring us. Dates will be clarified.

5. ColorGuard Report.....Kathy Burton

A. The group is down to 12 girls but they are very enthusiastic and having fun.

B. The color guard is now under the direction of Chris Cambell.

6. Orchestra Report.....Dan Beisel

Nothing to report

OLD BUSINESS

1. Patron Program

Chris is spearheading this initiative and will be doing a formal mailing. Kick off will be at Back-to-School Night.

2. Email list of students is ready and will be distributed by Chris to those who need

it for communication purposes.

3. **Assessment Fees:**-After a brief discussion Chris announced that assessments should remain the same as last year. Mr. Denne is considering the need to charge orchestra students an assessment fee. With all the new equipment, need may be less. Further discussion covered the raising costs for buses needed for after school activities including competitions. Costs went from \$100/bus to \$400/bus. The county only provides \$100/bus and the remaining cost must be covered by the booster group. This may lead to higher assessment fees in the future. The impact of gas prices may also influence the costs and create more pressures. Chris did mention that one consideration is to eliminate these costly trips if need be. A motion was made and seconded to keep the assessments the same as last year:

- Symphony Band- \$80
- Concert Band- \$30
- Color Guard- \$30

ACTION- The motion passed with one nay and the remaining Yea.

4. Alternative Fund Raising Ideas

a. Angie's List was again mentioned and the idea to extend the open period.

b. Spirit wear orders are being collected. Chris wanted more time to get the orchestra students involved in the activity.

ACTION- Extension of the Due Date to Sunday October 2 was suggested and accepted. Some spirit wear and fliers will be available at homecoming.

c. Restaurant Raffle is fully organized thanks to Colleen Pettis. The tickets are ready for pick up tomorrow, September 22, 2005.

ACTION- The tickets will be bundled in packets of 50 for distribution. A reminder that parents, not students, must sell the tickets due to the fact that the activity is considered gambling.

d. Safety First Driving School Inc. opportunity was discussed. Chris has opened a discussion with Mr. Levi who is looking into the idea. The concern that it creates competition with Lion's Pride was raised. Opposing views included that the existing driving school company is very expensive and has no competition. Having alternate, non-competing times and a lower cost would be attractive to the students and the IMB group.

ACTION- Chris will follow up with Mr. Levy for a green light.

5. Our New Web Site- Dale Worley announced that the template of the Web site is ready for viewing and includes pages for all the groups including concert band, symphony band, color guard and orchestra. HHSMusic.com is the name and reserve for 5 years for \$100 which was generously donated by Doretta Boazzo. Thank you Doretta!
- ACTION-** take a look and send Dale pictures and text etc. Links will also be added.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Homecoming-

- a. John Sayre volunteered to spear head the float decorating.
ACTION- volunteers will meet before this Saturday's game to plan theme.
- b. Picnic between the parade and game was discussed:
- i. There may not be sufficient room to have the students relax and eat with all the construction. **ACTION-** Chris will clarify available space behind the band room.
 - ii. **ACTION-** John will provide the ice and we will have coolers/water.
 - iii. Grilling may be very difficulty given access problems to the area. **ACTION-** It was decided to go with subs and baked goods rather than try grilling this year. Doretta Boazzo also volunteers to coordinate food for the picnic.
 - iv. **ACTION-** John will bring Canopy
- c. Parade- Band must be at the school by 8:30. **NEEDED-** drivers to help transport band members to the start of the parade. **ACTION-** An email will be sent to solicit volunteers.
- d. Table at homecoming- **ACTION-** Chris will ask Mr. Levy if we can have a table.

If we can- we will have spirit wear, donor program fliers etc.

2. Senior Recognition- November 11 home game

Mary Dainekoff volunteered to work with Dan Beisel to assist with organizing. Will discuss at next booster meeting.

3. Fund Raising Allocations-

a. John presented the original allocations from last year and three alternate plans that would shift the percentages around. There was discussion around the importance to students and parents of various events including Car Washes and other events that require labor by students and the Raffle that requires work by the parents. There was a general consensus that monies from these events should be 100% student allocation and this would be off set somewhat by Barnes and Nobles, Uno's Night, Spirit Wear & Angie's List that are 100% unit.

b. Concessions will be eliminated due to the new auditorium and hallway where food and beverages are banned.

c. Parent participation in Car Washes was also discussed. The issue of increased allocation to a student who's parent(s) may be assisting was discussed. The history of this was presented by Mary McKittrick. Apparently the parental involvement was solicited when in 2001 when there was a need to raise \$40,000 for new uniforms. The only way to get enough parent involvement at the time was to make it worth their while. It was generally agreed that while it made sense at the time, it was not necessary or fair now. **ACTION-** It was agreed to have all monies be allocated to member students only. Parents can volunteer their time to help organize the students and support the fund raiser.

4. Uniform Committee- Rachel Sumter agreed to chair this initiative

5. Concert Committee - A volunteer was sought but no one came forward. Jill RachBeisel agreed to co-chair when the time came.

6. Videographer- Doretta graciously volunteered her husband Randy to assist with videotaping the band at half time. Dale Worley also agreed to help.

7. IMB Newsletter Coordinator- no volunteer came forth. Jill RachBeisel agreed to work with John to produce the newsletter.

8. Financial Management in Howard County School System- New Procedures by the Howard County School System were presented by Rosalie Bowen. In summary:

- i. The booster parent group can raise money and keep accounts as we have been doing.
- ii. Any items or money spent on the students, however, are considered donations and must be approved by the school administration as follows:

1. Donations \leq to \$500 must be presented to the principle and approved.
2. Donations $>$ \$500 must be first approved by the principle and then forwarded to the county administration for approval.
3. Chris asked the question of turn around time given that band expenditures routinely exceed \$500. This is unknown.

iii. **ACTION-** a meeting will be set up with John Sayre, Ed Pettis, Rosalie Bowen and Nancy Dixon, bookkeeper to review procedures. Ed requested a full copy of the County regulations to review before the meeting. He was directed to the county web sight.

9. Reminders to attendees that the calendar of meetings and email addresses are on the back of the tonight's agenda.

NEXT MEETING- October 19 At 7PM.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:50pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jill A. RachBeisel, Secretary at Large

Addendum- September 23, 2005

Chris found the earrings and license plates!!! We are in business!!