

**Souderton Area High School  
Big Red Band Boosters  
General Membership Meeting Minutes  
Sept. 12, 2016**

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 PM in the band room.

Marie Allen introduced herself and gave an overview of the structure of a general membership meeting. She also pointed out that next month's meeting will be on Oct. 10<sup>th</sup>, since there is no school on Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**President's Report (Marie Allen):**

A big thank you to Tracey Bean, Jill Coleman and Kelly Mowery and for their work on getting all of the students fitted for their band uniforms this fall.

Thank you also goes out to Becky Sell for getting the concessions stand up and running for this year.

We are doing a promo of the marching band with 8<sup>th</sup> graders by inviting them to come and play some stand tunes with the marching band during upcoming home football games. The BRBB executive meeting has approved the purchase of t-shirts for the students and parents. Parents will need to pay ~\$12 for their shirts. Students will receive their shirts for free.

Chaperone bags have been cleaned out and full stocked. The bags will no longer contain any type of medicine in order to avoid liability for this. Instead, the directors will carry all medications, in keeping with school district policy.

Marie explained that the BRBB purchased a generator this spring due to inadequate electricity supply in the concession stand, and then the school updated the electrical wiring in the concession stand this summer. That was a pleasant surprise to the BRBB, who had been told the electricity situation could not be remedied. Therefore, we are tentatively planning to return or sell the generator in the near future once we monitor the electricity supply for a few more home events.

**First Vice President's Report (Georgia Meyers):**

So far, the BRBB has received \$4930 from the August fundraising mailing. Kids will hand write thank you postcards for donors later this fall.

We are still looking for someone to run our wreath sale and flower sale later this year. This fairly short term volunteer commitment is a great opportunity for someone new to get involved!

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President's Report (Becky Sell):**

Becky really needs someone to co-manage the concession stand with her this year in order to be trained for the future. If you are interested in this position or know someone who may be, please speak to Becky ASAP.

**Secretary's report (Kelly Mowery):**

The BRBB has received four pieces of correspondence recently: 1) the Keystone Opportunity Center sent a letter thanking the band for their food donations collected during band camp; 2) Bill and Linda Schloo sent a note thanking the BRBB for their efforts and friendship over many years; 3) Grant Meyers sent a thank you note in recognition of the 8<sup>th</sup> grade scholarship he received in May 2016, as he graduated from IVMS; and 4) Erin Solomon sent a thank you note for the Big Red Band scholarship she received as a senior in May 2016.

**Treasurer's Report (Anne Marie Resnick):**

Anne pointed out the location of the Big Red box, in which anything for the BRBB executive committee can be placed, and reminded people that nothing for Mr. Tucker should go in the Big Red Box. She also should people where they can check their student's scrip and credit account balances (on a clipboard by the Big Red box).

**Director at Large's Report (Frank Falbo):**

Frank announced that we still need many volunteers for the Celebration of Bands. This is a current cause for concern. People are also waiting until very close to each event to sign up on Sign-Up-Genius. It would be very helpful if people could please sign up well in advance of each event, so that the BRBB doesn't have to scramble each week to find volunteers.

**Director's Report (Mr. Tucker):**

The band is participating in the usual state championships at West Chester University on October 29<sup>th</sup>. This year, the band is also participating in a larger championship near Allentown on November 6<sup>th</sup>. Please note that this is a SUNDAY. Directors are aware of the fact that Sunday is an unusual day for students to have a band commitment, but they are hoping the students will be able to make it work to perform on one Sunday in the season, since this is a unique and valuable opportunity.

**Celebration of Bands Committee Report:**

Eleven bands are committed to participating on Saturday, Sept. 24th, but we need many additional volunteers for this. This is a significant concern. Please sign up!!

**Website Committee Report:**

We will be adding a page to the website about the Celebration of Bands. The webmasters work hard to keep the website current, and will be updating a few date changes soon, as they have just been made aware of them.

**Quartermaster Report:**

Several upgrades and repairs have been made recently, including: new front wheels on the podiums, LED taillights installed on one of the transportation vehicles, and repair of the shed doors. The Quartermaster also asked people to be sure they are using the correct gas for the truck!!

**General business:**

The question was asked when 8<sup>th</sup> graders will perform with the high school marching band. Mr. Tucker clarified that dates are TBD, but that it will be several home football games.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25. See you Oct. 10<sup>th</sup>!!

Respectfully submitted by Kelly Mowery.