

**Souderton Area High School
Big Red Band Boosters
General Membership Meeting Minutes
Nov. 7, 2016**

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM in the band room.

President's Report (Marie Allen):

The minutes from the October meeting were read and approved as written.

Marie asked parents to be thinking about their feedback on the band meals this season, having 8th graders join the marching band at home football games, and any other feedback on this marching band season as it comes to a close.

In other news, the BRBB will need people to serve on the nominating committee which oversees nominations for next year's executive committee. Georgia Myers will chair the committee. Please let Marie know if you are interested in serving on this committee.

We are also looking for someone to be the committee chair for the spring home indoor show.

We are considering having the band organize a 5K race as a fundraiser for the 2017 Disney trip. Right now, we are looking for runners who would be willing to help with an informal "feasibility study" about this possibility. So, if you are a runner who could lend your insights about what runners expect in a well-organized race, please let a member of the BRBB know!

First Vice President's Report (Georgia Myers): nothing to report

2nd Vice President's Report (Becky Sell): nothing to report

Secretary's report (Kelly Mowery):

We received a thank you note from the North Penn Marching Knights, acknowledging the BRBB's donation of a \$1,000 J.J. Pepper gift card (\$500 from BRBB with a \$500 match from the company). This donation was made in the spring, following a fire in the music wing of North Penn High School which destroyed a large portion of their music library. The North Penn Marching Knights were very thankful for the generosity of the BRBB.

Treasurer's Report (Anne Marie Resnick):

The BRBB has given a \$250 deposit to the Philadelphia Soul so that we can play stand tunes at one of their games this spring as a fundraiser. This deposit is refundable if we cannot agree on a convenient date once their season is announced.

In looking over this month's financial statement, the unbudgeted, approved expenditure of \$2500 was for a marching baritone and t-shirts for 8th graders who played at football games. The second unbudgeted, approved expenditure of \$2000 was for repairs to the mule, a new subwoofer and iPad.

Student credit forms have been updated to show funds available to each family. Money from the wreath sales will be added to student credit accounts next month.

Director at Large's Report (Frank Falbo): nothing to report

Director's Report (Mr. Tucker):

Mr. Tucker expressed his gratitude to everyone who helped with this marching band season. Now, the parade season is upon us! The band will be practicing for our two upcoming parades, which are especially important this year since we will be making a video of the band at the parades. This video will be sent to Disney and will determine the date and location for the band's Disney performance in November 2017.

FYI, the directors for indoor drumline and indoor guard will be hosting an information night soon for students and parents to learn about the indoor season with no obligation to participate.

Mr. Tucker is working with Peak Performance tour group to arrange pricing and details for the 2017 Disney trip. As soon as these details are determined, they will be shared with the BRBB. The Executive Committee will also develop a plan for a unified approach to fundraising.

Website Committee Report (Tracey Bean/Jeanette Wunderly):

Nothing to report

Quartermaster Report (Bill Schloo):

We blew out a wheel on the podium at nationals. This has been repaired, and Bill also bolted the wheels onto the podium. There are other repairs needed for the podium. Thankfully, we had just serviced the mule, since it was heavily used at nationals.

Wreath Sale Committee Report (Pollie Rodrigue):

We sold 399 wreaths this year!!! Pollie inquired about using the BRBB truck to transport the 399 wreaths to her house on Wed., Nov. 23rd for distribution to band members. She will follow up with Frank Falbo to discuss this possibility.

Indoor Home Show: We need a committee chair for the event, to be held in the spring.

Uniform Committee:

The BRBB invested money approximately 2 years ago to buy what we hoped were high quality locking, wooden hangers for uniforms. These hangers have been a disappointment. The wooden bars fall out of the hanger easily and many of the hangers have broken. Therefore, the band must decide how to proceed in replenishing our supply of hangers. This decision must be made before January uniform return. One key question is whether or not to get a locking bar on the hanger, as this really affects price. An informal poll of parents in attendance at the meeting was taken to gauge whether or not students actually take advantage of the locking mechanism. Results were mixed. Tracey Bean will continue to lead the uniform committee in deciding how the BRBB should handle uniform hangers in the future.

General business:

Marie asked parents present to provide feedback about the game day meal program this year. Parents reported that everyone liked the meals, there was a good variety (not too much pizza!), and people liked not having to order their meals each week (as was required several years ago).

Marie also asked parents for feedback about the new initiative to have 8th grade band members play stand tunes with the band at home football games. The consensus was that the students who participated enjoyed it. In the future, directors will continue their efforts to advertise this opportunity.

The question was raised if there was a way to let current 8th grade families know about the dates for band camp fairly soon, before families begin planning summer vacations. Parents in attendance pointed out that many families begin making summer vacation plans in January and February. Unfortunately, some parents of incoming 9th graders make vacation plans without considering the dates for band camp because they are not aware of them.

Wendy Marky just completed the annual review of the BRBB's financial transactions. This important process did not reveal any discrepancies or inconsistencies in accounting. Wendy had the following suggestions for the future: 1) Consider implementing a way to track the status of the iPad that was just purchased by the BRBB so that we know where the iPad is in upcoming years; 2) Continue to brainstorm better ways to track concessions purchases and sales; and 3) Do a physical inventory of the band store periodically (it was noted that we already try to do a physical inventory of the band store at least once/year).

The meeting was adjourned at 7:37 PM. See you Dec 5th!!

Respectfully submitted by Kelly Mowery.