

Souderton Area High School
Big Red Band Boosters
General Membership Meeting Minutes
February 5, 2018

The meeting commenced at 7:07 pm. The first order of business was Dr. Sam Varano's formal introduction of Mr. Rick Freda as our new marching band director. Dr. Varano shared Mr. Freda's extensive qualifications with the boosters and noted how lucky we are to have him aboard!!!!

President's Report

1. Anne announced that dates for band camp have been set. We will have a one day mini-band camp on August 9. We will also have full band camp August 13-17 and August 20-23, with the parent preview on August 23rd. The hours for band camp will be the same as last year. Mr. Freda added that we will also have weekly band practice sessions throughout the summer. These aren't required, but are encouraged when possible. Mr. Freda's goal is to have all music to students by June 1st.
2. We will be turning in our requested dates for Celebration of Bands to the US Bands organization. Our 1st choice is October 13, second is October 6, and third is September 29. We will found out later this spring what date we have been given.
1. Anne announced that we will assemble the Scholarship committee next month. Kelly Mowery will be chairing this committee and will need at least one new member for this year, possibly more.
2. Anne explained that our old Remind text messaging system for the marching band was shut down, and so instructions have been sent out via email to join the new group. This group will be for both parents and students in marching band.

1st Vice President's Report

1. Jenn Miller will be looking for two volunteers to join the nominating committee. This committee is beginning its work now. She will also be sending out a talent survey via all band parents to see if there are parents with specific skills that could be helpful to the BRBB.

2nd Vice President's Report

1. Denise has now moved all concessions to the closet, and wanted to recognize the Maldonado's and her son for their help with this.
2. The date for Concert Sundaes this year is July 8th, 2018. A 50's Doo Wop group is performing that night. We are looking for people who want to sponsor the Concert Sundaes series by making a donation of any amount. The goal is to raise \$500 in sponsorships. Interested people should let Denise know by March 1, if you would like to sponsor the event and be recognized in the program. Otherwise, all sponsorship money is due by April 1.

Secretary's Report (given by Kelly Mowery, in Stacy's absence)

1. We approved the minutes from the meeting on 1/10/18.
2. We are proposing changes to our by-laws this year, the most significant of which is the addition of an elected Recording treasurer. This is our current mode of operation, but it is not reflected by our by-laws. The proposed changes will be sent to the general assembly via email before our March meeting. There will then be a time for discussion and questions at our March meeting, followed by a vote on the proposed revisions. Please be on the lookout for the email so that everyone can be informed.

Treasurer's Report

1. As expected, most of our current expenses are supporting Encore and Forte. Each group has been purchasing uniforms and equipment. Drumline has purchased an \$800 7' LED lit artificial cherry tree as a prop for their show.
2. The only significant income this month was \$366 earned through the Chick-Fil-A fundraiser. The restaurant nights committee (Amy McCouch and Deanna Wimmenauer) have done an awesome job with this and exceeded our fundraising goal for the year.
3. We will hopefully sell the Chinese dragon prop from the 2016 show next week, when Mark Mowery delivers it to a buyer in New Jersey that has agreed to pay \$200 cash for it.

Director-at-Large Report

1. Sign-Up Genius for the March 10th indoor show will be sent out soon.
2. Frank has built some new shelving to accommodate equipment in the truck for the indoor groups.

Director's Reports

1. Mr. Freda reiterated his enthusiasm for his new position and appreciates everyone's support. He also encouraged students to participate in playing pep tunes for the Unified Sports event on March 6th.
2. Tink had several announcements:
 - a. She is also going to create a second text group specifically for Forte members, not parents (she will also continue using the one that includes parents when appropriate).
 - b. Forte shirts are available for sale in the band store.
 - c. She is looking for some seamstresses to help with sewing backdrops.
 - d. She will not be at the Feb. 24th competition at Daniel Boone, and neither will Andrew Groatesman. Ally Hempelman will be serving as the director, with Marie Allen's help. Extra support is appreciated.

Committee Reports

Fundraising Committee

1. 5K-Julie Zettlemyer stated that the date of the race would be 11/3/18 and that the first committee meeting is set for 2/21/18 at Henning's at 7PM.
2. Restaurant nights have gone fantastic. We earned \$366 at the Chick-Fil-A fundraiser. Amy and Deanna thank everyone for their support. They are tentatively planning a final restaurant night on Sunday, May 20th at Margarita's.

Uniforms (Tracy Bean)

1. Nothing to report.

Quartermaster Report (George Priller)

1. Mr. Priller had helped build the new shelving for the truck to create additional space for the indoor show equipment.

Indoor Show (Deanna Wimmenauer)

1. Need to create a Sign-Up Genius for volunteers.
2. The show will be starting a little later due to the SAT's and access to the auxiliary gym.
3. There are about 50 units signed up this year, and it is a very tight schedule, since we must start later in the day due to the SAT's.
4. Ensembles are allowed to enter the building at 1:15 and the first group performs at 2:30. We are performing last at 9:52 PM.

Jazz Show (Christine Brush)

1. We are hosting the Jazz show on 4/13/18 only (not two days). The first band will perform 30 minutes earlier than last year, and the last group will perform 30 minutes later than last year. Therefore, we will need slightly longer volunteer shifts.

Flower Sale

1. Nothing to report.

Website

1. Nothing to report.

Band Banquet (given by Anne Resnick, in Stacy's Bivighouses's absence)

1. The banquet will be held on Saturday, May 12th and the Family Heritage restaurant.

With no further business, we concluded this meeting at 7:53 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly Mower (for Stacy Bivighouse)