

HIGHLANDS BAND ASSOCIATION MEETING

January 10, 2006; 7:30 p.m.

Minutes

In attendance: Director Lori Hopkins, Board members Diane Keeler, Susan Newman, Chris Kleemeier, and 10 parent members.

Minutes were approved with first motion from Susan Newman and second from Rhonda Daniels.

DIRECTORS REPORT

New marching band uniforms were approved by the Ft. Thomas Board of Education at their monthly meeting on January 9, 2006. Lori expressed her deep appreciation to Dr. Stinson and each of the board members for their unanimous decision. She also expressed sincere gratitude to principal Mr. Emmons for his support, as well as to those parents in attendance. Lori will meet with the representative from the company who will manufacture the new uniforms in the next week. At the time of this meeting it is uncertain when the new uniforms will be available for wear. It was decided to proceed with cleaning of the current uniforms. The jackets will be dry cleaned and the white bibs will be home laundered one more time. It was discussed what to do with the old uniforms once the new ones are in place. The suggestion to sell them to current and previous band members was well received. They are not in good enough shape to attempt to sell them as a lot to another band or organization.

It is likely Phase I of the construction/renovation of the high school will begin this spring. This means the contents of the high school band room must be moved to the middle school. A discussion took place regarding the moving and storage of the instruments, music cabinets, shelves, etc. A new high school band room is in Phase II of the renovation plan. In the interim the middle school band room will be the band's main headquarters, including period one band for high school students. Next year it is anticipated there will be approximately 60 students taking band first period!

Three instrumentalists from Highlands High School were chosen for the All State Band. They are **Matt Keeler**, orchestra first trumpet; **Lucas Hausrath**, concert band first mallets; and **Wes Sparkes**, jazz band first trumpet. Highlands is well-represented with three of the total of 19 northern Kentucky students chosen for All State Band.

Highlands is likewise well represented in the Northern Kentucky Select Band. Auditions were held on January 7, 2006 and 24 students from Highlands Middle and High schools were chosen, as well as two first alternates: They are: High School Select Band - **Jen Adams, Erica Sellers, Alex Adams, Katie Lockwood, Sean Hanson, Matt Keeler, Eric Owsley, Clinton McIntosh, Tim Nielsen, Joey Drury, Ryan Connley, Tyler Story, Alan Hutchison, Lucas Hausrath.** Middle School: **Anny Murphy, Andrew Mershon, Taylor Gross, Ryan Hahn, Morgan Jones, David Jump, Kaitlyn Lemmons, Emma Mitchell, Sadie Tegarden and Dana Youtsey.**

Winter Guard and Percussion preview show will be January 21, 2006 at Campbell County. Discussion was held regarding track suits, show shirts and pants for winter students.

The pep band is scheduled for some basketball games. Lori expressed her pride that Highlands is one of the few high schools that have a pep band at basketball games.

Concert bands are preparing for NKU festival in March. Discussion was held regarding the poor attendance at the high school winter concert and suggestions were entertained as to how to improve attendance. Ticket sales and publicity were suggested.

Lori expressed her gratitude to Greg Whittle for the beautiful podium he built for the concerts, and also for his recording and producing of the winter concert CDs again.

The Middle School Band as well as the Jazz Band will participate in the Kings Island music festival to be held in May. The band board approved the hiring of a second bus to transport the jazz band.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Susan Newman issued the current budget report. The only actions at this time are issues regarding the winter guard and percussion programs as well as the Scrips fundraising program. Discussion was held about collection and possible refund (after jackets and show shirts are factored in) of winter fees.

FUNDRAISING REPORT

Chris Kleemeier reported that the December Skyline night yielded \$77 for the band. Discussion was held as to when the next Butter Braid drive will take place. It was decided kick off would be March 6 and delivery would take place March 27.

The next Middle School dance will be the Mardi Gras Dance on March 4. A chairperson is desperately needed for this as well as sub-chairs for tickets, chaperones, refreshments, publicity, decorations, photographs, games and prizes. Please contact her if you can help.

Schraeder Dry Cleaners will again provide the tuxedo fund raiser for the prom (April 29) as well as for the Mother Daughter luncheon and fashion show where escorts wear tuxedos. Chris is exploring the possibility of our participation in this luncheon held by the Drama Club.

CDs of winter concerts as well as limited numbers from old concerts are available for sale. These were masterfully recorded by Greg Whittle. Check website for details.

The annual band association dance will be April 22. The theme is Recess. A chair person for the games department is desperately needed for this night (game suggestions include Putt Putt golf, jarts or darts, poker).

Cathy Sudkamp reported the Remke fundraising program continues to yield dividends for the band. According to Remke's, card holder spending during the 4th quarter of 2005 was significantly increased. This should mean an increase in the dividend for the band.

It was decided no brochure sale will be necessary this spring, with Butter Braid, Scrips, and door to door drive, tuxedos, and Middle School Mardi Gras dance, our dance, as well continued Remke's donation.

Jill Wood reported on the progress of the Scrips gift card program. As of this meeting over \$800 has been earned for the band. A discussion was held regarding the need for an investment up front to purchase a supply of the most popular gift cards to keep in stock. It was approved that an investment will be made and Jill will contact treasurer Susan Newman about funds needed for this.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Next meeting Tuesday February 14, 2006 at 7:30 p.m., Middle School Band Room