

# HIGHLANDS BAND ASSOCIATION

August 9, 2005, Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Co-President Diane Keeler at approximately 7:30 p.m. with 18 present (including 7 officers and the director).

Motion was made to approve last months minutes by Janet Adams, seconded by Angie Markus, all approved.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Susan Newman presented the Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual Statement. The association has received approximately \$11,700.00 in band fees which is slightly over one half needed. Fourteen families have yet to send any payments (which total \$2800.00). It was discussed when we would begin contacting these families and all agreed to start at the end of this month. Even though our fees total \$400.00 per student, the actual cost is around \$700.00. It is imperative that these fees be collected.

PLEASE CONTACT DIANE KEELER @ 441-5519 TO DISCUSS PAYMENTS IF YOUR FAMILY HAS NOT YET ADDRESSED THIS ISSUE.

We have received \$1600.00 in Program advertising monies so far. We are still receiving AFD monies through the mail! She also pointed out that we are still within our budget on almost all items and that we are still waiting to receive reimbursements for copy write fees.

**HBA CREDIT CARD INFO:** Bill Hewins reported information he had gathered for the Association to open a Credit Card Processing Account. This account would be available to HBA fundraising programs to increase sales, plus, it could be used by parents to pay for band fees and miscellaneous items for their children. He presented a detailed listing of four services that he researched. He did pursue Bank One's program but was never contacted by a representative after several follow up calls. After much discussion it was agreed to table the vote when more information was gathered by September. Thanks Bill for your detailed report...we all understood the concept so much better!

**STIPEND FOR PROP ARTIST:** Doreen Taylor requested that if it were possible could we compensate our young artist, Mike Fausz, for his great art work on the prop. She reported that he had spent approximately 8 hours painting, was very agreeable to the different hours we asked him to come, and had never asked to be paid. After a brief discussion of the budget and whether we could accommodate him, there was a unanimous vote in favor to pay him \$75.00.

**FUNDRAISERS:** Chris Kleemeier and Mary Nielsen reported on all the activities her group is working on. Cathy Sudkamp is chairing the Remke Bonus Program which restarts on September 1<sup>st</sup>. She will need parents at school functions to promote sign ups. If you are going to a program at school and would be willing to arrive a little early and get people to sign up, please call Cathy @781-4548. She is also looking into a similar program at Meijer.

Mary Kay totaled about \$50.00 this past month. Rhonda Daniels did also add that she was still expecting more orders to add to that amount.

The last car wash of the season was August 13, @ 12:00-5:00 p.m. We had a lot of kids signed up and time spent will go toward their band fees.

We still do not have a chair for Split-the-Pot at the home Football Games. We reviewed the responsibilities and the time expectations (approx. 6:00-8:30p.m.). Mark Reibling said that Barb could possibly do it but could not carry items out to the entrances such as tables, programs, sandals. Anyone who is able to be at the Band Room by 6:00 p.m. and carry out items, please call Chris @ 441-0501 or Mary Nielsen @ 781-9551. We have several families who have volunteered to work the remainder of the first half so if you are not able to stay for that time period, we could work around that!

Highland Heights Skyline Chili donated 100 3-ways for Band camp and it would be great if the Band families could support his business! The Newport Skyline is hosting a Band Night on September 14<sup>th</sup> from 5-9:00 p.m. Any student 16 or older can work the fundraiser by bussing tables and refilling drinks. Money earned would go into the general fund and we do need a chair for these events. Responsibilities would include posting yard signs, organizing workers and press releases.

There was a small preliminary meeting for the 2006 Dinner Dance which has been named Recess: Caution- Parents at Play! By choosing this theme the committee felt we could utilize all the props, and take advantage of the warmer weather on April 22<sup>nd</sup>! It was also decided not to begin contacting sponsors until after the Athletic Boosters dance in October, but that we would begin writing letters and listing those to be contacted. Chris, Mary Nielsen, Kathy McIntosh, Pat & Mary Moore will seek donations for the Silent Auction, while Cheryl Mobarry will make follow up phone calls. Kathy Earlywine, Doreen Taylor, and Diane Keeler will head up Corporate Sponsors. Mary and Chris would also like to have Band Families put together their own baskets or packages for the Silent Auction. The idea of 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place raffle prizes to be donated items instead of cash will also increase our profit margin. The July 4<sup>th</sup> Booth for 2006 will be a gaming booth for children. Chris was informed that the request forms would also be available in October and based on first come first served.

**UNIFORMS:** Bev Youtsey explained that all kids now have uniforms and those who missed the shoe fitting will be refitted this week. She requested help at the first football game for dress. Janet Adams, former chair, volunteered to help her! It tends to be a little chaotic first time out and she could use the help. Any new parents that would like to get a feel for the excitement before a show please call Bev @781-2786! *Note: Bev thought we need to try to be more organized as a group at competitions in the bleachers. She commented on how many other schools were so much more effective when sitting together and maybe we should aspire to that idea. All agreed!! Hanging the HBA Banner at the top may encourage everyone to sit together along with supplying pom-poms, horns, flags, etc.!*

**BAND CAMP:** Many thanks were given to Angie Markus and Rhonda Daniels for taking on the HUGE responsibility of feeding our kids last week! It was agreed that the Middle School was a great improvement over our former location!

Even though we had a hot week, the kids did a great job handling it. It was quite a relief to be able to have sectionals in the air conditioned Middle School! However, next year, we do need to increase the garbage detail after hours.

Thank yous will be sent out promptly to all the businesses that donated food to our program. It was agreed by all that our move to the High School has created a better appreciation by the community of all the hard work these kids devote to their music!

There is still an issue of where to store the Band Buggy and the Prop this fall and winter. Lori will keep inquiring and Mark Reibling mentioned he could speak to those in charge of the football storage.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT:** Lori began by explaining the reasons for the cancellation of the Ryle Preview Show which unfortunately causes our first competition performance to be pushed back to the September 10<sup>th</sup> Show @ Beechwood. She detailed the new classifications and that we are now in the 3A East Division. Unlike the past, there may be drawings at the competitions instead of automatically going in chronological order. She also pointed out that because we have all our events close to home this year, we will not compete against schools in our Division until Regionals.

At the beginning of the meeting Lori stated she had 8 rooms out of 15 left for State. By the end of the meeting all rooms had been spoken for. If you are interested in going to State, there are plenty of hotels 15-30 minutes from the Stadium, but it is suggested not to wait till October. Since the kids will miss Homecoming, it was decided to set the date for an "After party" on October 24<sup>th</sup>. Angie Markus volunteered to Chair this event. Thanks, Angie!

The Cincinnati Enquirer was at the High School August 9<sup>th</sup> to gather information for an upcoming story about the Band.

She reviewed the possibility of the Jazz band participating in an additional Competition for the Gifted and Talented. The issue at hand was that the HBA may have to fund the excursion since the school is already sponsoring an earlier event. Transportation would be the main stumbling block!

The meeting was adjourned @ approximately 9:00 p.m.

#### **UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES:**

**HOME FOOTBALL GAME, FRIDAY, AUGUST 19, 7:30 P.M.**

**HOME FOOTBALL GAME, FRIDAY, AUGUST 26, 7:30 P.M.**

**PAUL BROWN STADIUM, SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 3**

**BEECHWOOD COMPETITION, SAT. SEPTEMBER 10**

**HBA MEETING, TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 7:30 P.M.**