

HIGHLANDS BAND ASSOCIATION

September 13, 2005, Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Co-President Diane Keeler at approximately 7:30 p.m. with 20 present (including 7 officers and the director).

Motion was made to approve August minutes by Chris Kleemeier, seconded by Mary Nielsen, all approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Susan Newman distributed an updated copy of the P & L's for September. She reviewed the Color Guard, Props, and the Football Program pointing out that we are still under budget on Guard and Props, but over on the football Program. It was pointed out that the Budget for the Program was based on last year's cost and that this year we possibly ordered more to be printed. She said she would follow up with Debra to get actual numbers. She also brought up the Ryder Rental Truck misunderstanding, and although they now require us to place a \$500.00 deposit at the beginning of the season, our account would be credited at the end of the season.

Fees for State were brought up and after transportation, hotels for 2 nights, and food were tallied it was agreed by all that \$60.00 - \$70.00 would cover each student. Notices will be sent with payment stubs to be due by October 14th. Also check the website for info!

Our check from Remke for the quarter period ending in March was \$534.52 and our most recent check was \$449.50. Wow! Chris hopes that these reward checks will be even more successful with new signups in the coming season! Cathy Sudkamp is the chair and anyone that would like to sign up please contact her at cathysudkamp@fuse.net. Thanks Chris for pursuing this and Cathy for taking over the reins!

CREDIT CARD INFO: Bill Hewins followed up with his research from last month on the Credit Card Processing Account. After discussion, everyone agreed to use PayPal. With no monthly fees or set up fees for the Virtual Terminal, Pay Pal would suit the needs of the Association the best. Everyone also liked the idea of starting the service soon so as to accommodate Band Fees and the Butterbraided Fundraiser. Bill will look into getting it started. Thanks again Bill!

Bill also discussed the Statewide Band Association Meeting and a possible Golf Outing Fundraiser. Not many were interested in attending the statewide meeting this year but the Golf Outing may be an option next year. Anyone interested in helping with the idea, or has had experience with one, please contact Bill at whewins@fuse.net.

BAND CARTS: Mark Reibling presented the idea of constructing carts to attach pit equipment in order to ease the movement of all the large sideline instruments. He also pointed out that it would not only take the stress out of time constraints in competitions; we would also need fewer parents to help. The carts would stack for storage outside the Band room and be protected by tarps. We have wood left over from the props and would

have to purchase the wheels. Discussion ensued over whether we could justify the cost. Mark and Lori said they would investigate other Bands who are using this method and get back with us. Thanks, Mark for the idea!

UNIFORMS: Bev Youtsey reviewed the progress with the uniform committee and said she does need more help at the competitions. *Please remind all students to wear their Blue Collared Band Shirt or Competition T-Shirt!* Although there are many tasks that upperclassmen can help with such as taping gauntlets, rehangng uniforms, and garbage detail, we do need more parents “backstage” to keep things running smoothly. If you are a parent attending a competition, join in the fun and help before or after the show! Either call or email Bev @ 781-2786 or bevyoutsey@yahoo.com. She also asked if anyone could fill in for her this week at the Football game (Friday, 23rd). Janet Adams and Diana Nagel volunteered. Janet is also the Chaperone Coordinator for the buses. Thanks, Janet and Diana!

We also are running low on bottled water. **The Association is requesting that each family donate a case of small water bottles.** This will get us through the season and not require us to beg businesses for donations. It was also mentioned that some new parents are confused about which meals would be provided at competitions. Please read the itinerary for that competition. It can vary from week to week depending on the time of the performance.

FUNDRAISING: Chris reported that our Skyline Chili Fundraiser is in full swing. As a reminder, they are held the 2nd Wednesday of each month through December 14th. It's a great fundraiser that gets the band members a chance to get involved and brings the Association 10% of sales during the 5:00-9:00 p.m. event. We are always in need of parent chaperones, so let Chris know if you can help at chris_kleemeier@fuse.net.

The Butter braid fundraiser will have a kickoff at the Middle School on October 21st and the High School on October 24th with a November 17th delivery date. There was discussion on how to store large orders that cannot be picked up immediately, the new incentive program, and whether we should make sales mandatory. This sale has the potential of being one of our top three fundraisers and by having a large percentage of participation we could eliminate the need for smaller fundraisers. Ideas for this included each member selling a minimum of 5 or a cash buyout (\$4.00 out of \$9.00 goes to the band, so a family could send in \$20.00 and not participate in the sale). There will be more details on the info sheet including what percentage will be earmarked for the Middle School Band.

The Middle School Dances are being chaired by Sandy Hurtt and the first one will be held October 28th (6th grade) and October 29th (7th & 8th grade) at 7:30-10:00 p.m. Mary Nielsen has been emailing Mary Adams with questions about what was expected of us and what kind of support we would expect from the school. Among concerns was the need for more Dads to chaperone than Moms! Anyone interested in helping with the decorations, chaperoning, and cleanup, please contact Sandy at jhurtt33@hotmail.com.

The 2006 Dinner Dance, Recess: Caution – Parents at Play is progressing well. Kathy Earlywine said she would like to make the sale of 4 tickets mandatory instead of the raffle tickets. It was more important to have more people there to help increase the profit on the Silent Auction. She also suggested that we lower the price of the raffle tickets. There will be a Texas Holdem' Station, Corn Hole, a Whack-a-Mole, and pictures on the Teeter-Totter!

We need a Games Chair. Anyone interested please call Kathy @781-1433.

Chris reported that she had sent in our application for the Fourth at the Fort and she was waiting for approval.

DIRECTOR: Lori has been working on the date for the After Season Dance. It will be hopefully held at the Middle School on November 4th. It was also mentioned that Senior Night needed to be scheduled, possibly on September 23rd?

In reference to our performance scores, Lori shared her concern about the judges not being able to hear our solo performers. Players would need to be miked and amplified. Mark Reibling described a wireless solution that he had discussed with Greg Whittle other Marching Bands are using this system. He said he would look into the cost and whether any of our equipment could be used.

Winterguard became the next topic, and although we had decided earlier in the year not to budget a team this year, all agreed that it had made a huge difference in the overall performance of our Competitions. We did discuss that it would be expensive purchasing new silks and uniforms, not to mention the buses. But Michelle has at least 20 kids interested in participating and if the fee was \$200.00 per it could cover Michelle's pay, possible new uniforms, reusing props and silks and supplemental transportation (providing parents drove their own children and Lori drove the school van). She will get more detailed costs for the next meeting. All were in favor!

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

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WWW.HIGHLANDBAND.ORG

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