

HIGHLANDS BAND ASSOCIATION

November 8, 2005, Meeting Minutes

Once upon a time there was a Band that was celebrated and loved by the townspeople of a small hamlet called Ft. Thomas. Each month they would have meetings to discuss all their treasured gold, how to gain more gold, and then how it should be spent so that all the land could enjoy their beautiful music.

On a brisk November evening a meeting was called to order by Co-Princess Diane as the clock struck 7:30. Twenty of the mothers and fathers of the musicians were in attendance including the Seven Fairies and Snow White! Nymph Angie Markus waived her magical branch and declared the minutes be approved and her cousin nymph Rhonda Daniels seconded. All clapped joyously and toasted their approval!

Now, back to our regular programming!

TREASURER'S REPORT: Susan Newman began by reviewing student fees. She then explained that the Group Expenses came \$1000.00 under budget because of less expenditures with music copyright, drill and props. So far, nothing has been spent on instrument repair and replacement, but we are only one third through our fiscal year (June 05-June 06). Truck and Bus expenses were noted by clarifying that we had not yet received invoices for State, but she anticipated that higher gas costs may effect the final calculations.

A discussion then ensued over the use of these Actuals for our presentation to the Board on November 14th. It was brought up that most Board members do not know how much it takes to keep this Band afloat and showing the numbers may be beneficial in our quest for new uniforms.

Bill Hewins passed around an updated tally of paid/unpaid band fees. His detail showed who paid when, how much, and what families were credited for participating in fundraisers.

FUNDRAISING: Chris Kleemeier began by reminding everyone of the Skyline Chili Fundraiser that is held on the second Wednesday of every month. November 9th will be our next event and is a great way for Band kids to pitch in and raise money. Anyone interested in volunteering please contact Chris @ chris_kleemeier@fuse.net.

Mary Nielsen also reminded everyone that the deadline for the Butterbraid Fundraiser was Friday on November 11th. This is a wonderful addition to our fundraising endeavors and she hopes that each family can participate with at least a personal order for the Holidays! Delivery will be on the 17th in the High School Cafeteria from 3-6:00p.m.

Anyone that is unable to pick up their order at that time, please call Mary @ 781-9551 to make other arrangements.

The Middle School Dances are proving to be another promising fundraiser with the help of Angie Markus, Rhonda Daniels, and Mary Nielsen (along with countless other parents who pitched in)! Because of the large scope of responsibility and entertainment, a large group of adults must participate to insure its success! A report was reviewed and submitted to the Association with the final profit totaling over \$1300.00! Discussions ensued over dilemmas with chaperones, volunteers and pictures but in the end all agreed it was worth it.

Cathy Sudkamp, chair of the Meier/Remke Bonus Cards, covered a few questions still remaining on our benefits with each program.

The Annual Dinner Dance Silent Auction Committee is in full swing gathering items and baskets for our April 22nd Fundraiser. Any families who would like to put together a basket for auction, please contact Chris Kleemeier.

Our Scrips Gift Certificate Program is up and running for Holiday Gift Giving. If you need an order form or would like to place an order, please contact Jill Wood @ 441-3849, Tammy Thomas @ 781-1149, or Angie Markus @ 442-0772. Orders must be placed by December 14th to insure delivery before the break.

The Homecoming Dance was a great success and all present talked about various happenings throughout the night!

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Winter Percussion began November 9th and will meet every Tuesday and Thursday 6-9 p.m. Winter Guard has also begun and will meet Monday 6-9 p.m. and Thursday 3-6 p.m. Competitions will be scheduled around the general band Schedule because of members in more than one activity. Unfortunately, the schedulers split the nights for the finals for a Friday and Saturday, Percussion and Guard respectively. This may pose a few problems but Lori said they could be worked out. It was discussed of how to do a separate fundraiser for the Winter Programs and T-Shirts were mentioned. Possibly having local businesses sponsor by paying to have their ad on the shirt. Would we do one big Sponsor or multiples? (Please note: There has been an inconsistency with commitments, so even though the deposit of \$200.00 is due November 15th, therefore if we do not attain the numbers needed to proceed a refund will follow.)

Lori reminded everyone of the Band of the Week on Channel 12, Friday, November 11th at 11:00 p.m. Try to remember to watch! The Band will leave after the game in uniform (no accoutrements) and Mark Reibling and Eric Markus agreed to haul the instruments!

Eastern Kentucky University Honors Band will leave Friday, November 18th – 19th and the School is paying their way! This is quite an honor for all our 21 Middle Schoolers who were chosen!

All State Final Auditions will be held on December 10th. Results will be announced for both preliminaries and Finals the next day.

Our Concert Band has been working on our Winter Program since August. Lori wanted to clarify that class time is spent on Concert Band, not Marching Band. The Jazz Band already has several pieces accomplished. What a talented group!

Meeting adjourned @8:45 p.m.
There will no meeting in December.

Dates to remember:

January 7th: Select Band Auditions
January 9th: School Board Meeting
January 10th: Band Association Meeting
January 21st: Winter Guard/Percussion Preview Show: Campbell County
January 28th: Winter Guard/Percussion: Gallatin County

Please accept my apology for the lateness of this report. Doreen Taylor