

Attendees

Allie McCandless
Alyssa Becker
Anne Dupont
Jeff Tagliabue

Jeffrey Haas
Jim Moran
John Luckenbill
Liz Glenning

Margaret Gambardella
Mari Tagliabue

The meeting was called to order at 7:41PM

Agenda

- Approval of previous Minutes
- Band Council Report – Allie McCandless
- Treasurer's Report – Jeff Tagliabue
- Band Directors' Report Jeff Haas & John Luckenbill
- Committee Reports – where applicable, validate/establish chairs where they are missing:
- Old Business
 - Band Association By Laws Review
 - Nomination Committee
- New Business
 - Website store: Poinsettia sale and general upkeep
 - Band Association credit card
 - Instrument and Equipment donations

Reports

- Band Council Report – Allie McCandless
 - Band Council cannot access online banking yet – Jeff Tagliabue will follow up
 - Starting to assemble the marching band banquet book
 - Ordered wrist bands
 - Updated Band Council portion of web site
 - Taking orders for merchandise
- Treasurer's Report – Jeff Tagliabue
 - Quick Books was on an old computer. Now it has been moved online.
 - Worked out procedure with Michael Aaron Flicker – he will provide all payments, etc. and Jeff will enter
 - \$45,450 in main account
- Band Directors' Report Jeff Haas & John Luckenbill
 - Rehearsals going well
 - Have had meetings with students regarding jazz bands
 - Having lunchtime meetings for small ensembles
 - Thursday seniors will complete bio for ad journal
 - BF 8th graders coming on Wednesday for Band Day
 - Explain schedule
 - Sit in with Wind Ensemble
 - Marching Band will play the show on the field
 - Lunch in the bleachers
 - Wind Ensemble going to GW on the Friday after December concert

- GW 8th graders will come sometime in December
- Marching Band night rescheduled to 11/4.
- Friday is the marching band mystery event
- Sunday is Poinsettia blitz day
- 47 selling teams this year – every area of town is covered
- Trying a pilot program: 4 or 5 teams will give a business card to order online
- Met with Lorissa and Vicki to discuss this
- Would like to put a message on Facebook, HSA site, It Takes a Village
- Jeff/John will craft the message
- John will contact Brian Gatens to post on Facebook
- Anne will share to other sites
- Planning Jazz in the Wood with Nick Trent – will be on a Sunday at Fish. There will only be one show at 5PM.
- December 7th concert conflicts with GW concert. Compromise: GW concert will start at 6:30 and RHS concert will start at 8:00 PM
- Winterguard interest meeting tomorrow night
- Two more marching band competitions – good season; very competitive
- At Ridge this weekend
- Nationals next weekend; Group VA starts at 8:20 and goes to 11:00 PM; Awards at 11:30 PM.
- John is considering options
- Distributed materials for captains
- Football season will continue into play offs
- Legends classic 11/21 and 11/22 representing University of Texas
- Awards dinner December 1st
- Tree lighting December 2nd

Reports Submitted via Email

- Poinsettia Sale – Lorissa Lightman
The preparations for the plant sale are going well. Bags are getting stuffed and the students picked teams this past week. I am also happy that we have brought some freshman parents into major roles. Vicki Moll is my co-chair. Allison Hunter is working with Ajanta Kumar on the merchant sale, and Dave Sayles and Ginger Monplaisir are learning the hospitality business. I've also had a few other freshman parents volunteer for major roles, so I will keep them in mind. These jobs all require people to be trained, so it's great to bring in new people who will hopefully stay involved over the next few years. Once we know who is driving, we can fill the remaining jobs for Blitz Day. Over the next two weeks, Vicki and I will be very busy getting everything ready for the sale which is coming up fast on October 30th.

- Hospitality – Laura Galis

The Marching Band Hospitality has provided meals and snacks for the band this MS season for these events:

 1. MB Rookie Camp - pizza, water
 2. Pre-competition Lunch and water, competition snack, pre & post performance water NVOT, Sept. 24th

3. Pre-competition Lunch and water, competition snacks, pre & post performance water, Pequannock, Oct 8th
4. Pre-competition snack (bagels, cheese, fruit, desert), pre & post competition water, tailgate meal (thank you to the parents in the tailgate team for this) - Metlife Stadium, Oct. 15th
5. Competition Lunch. pre & post performance water, snacks - Rutgers University - Oct 22nd
6. Snacks and water for 4 home football games

We are at about 3550 spent for this season. We still have 2 competitions and one home football game, plus the 7/8th grade Band pizza day during the last football game on Nov. 4th.

- Ad Journal – Lydia Neff

Sales are going strong. Another reminder email will be sent tonight.

Deadline is Nov.1. Then we are going to have sign-ups for "blitz" teams to try to finalize any outstanding ads.

Website lists have been updated to indicate which previous sponsors have not been approached yet. And which "First Contacts" have been "SOLD".

Anyone who has approached sponsors should be checking the website daily to see if their merchant has sent in the contract. If it's not highlighted as "sold" then they need to contact them again this week.

Discussion

- Band Association needs to review the By Laws – this should probably be done by members not on the board
- Need a Nomination Committee
- Website store: Poinsettia sale and general upkeep
 - Jim Moran will investigate what process we should use.
- Band Association credit card
 - John Luckenbill: doesn't necessarily need a credit card, but need something
 - Jeff Tagliabue: can obtain fixed amount (e.g. \$500) debit card; credit cards would need to be personally guaranteed; TD does not offer credit cards guaranteed by bank account. We'll start with a \$500 card and John/Jeff will track expenditures with a google sheet.
- Instrument and Equipment donations
 - Band Association should be filling out a donation form and sent to the Ed Center.
 - Jeff Haas will give Jeff Tagliabue the donation form.
- Attendance at meetings
 - Jeff Haas recommended having a mini-theme for a meeting – small presentation at beginning followed by the regular meeting:
 - How does involvement in high school music affect your college applications?
 - How to choose a private music teacher?
 - What summer opportunities are available?
 - How to not have to pay for the California trip?
 - What to know about college music involvement for non-music majors?

Motions

| Motion | First | Second | Vote | Status |
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| 1. Approve the minutes | Mari Tagliabue | Alyssa Becker | 8 For 0 Against Liz/John not present for vote | Approved |

The general meeting was adjourned at 9:00PM

Submitted by Jim Moran
RHS Band Association Secretary