

**Hanford Music Association  
Meeting Minutes for September 1, 2015**

Meeting called to order by Kathy Blanchard at 7:07pm.

**Attendance:** Kevin Swisher, Chris Newbury, Kathy Blanchard, Katy Keillor, Julie Soderquist, Troy Stivers, Terri Stivers, Mike Lowery, Julie Lowery, Marilyn Allen, Dawn Salyer, Don Salyer, Meri Brines, Pam Anderson

**June 2015 minutes** approved as written.

**Treasurer's report** – Meri Brines

It's early in the season; not much activity yet. See attached report.

**New Business**

Forms – the annual packet of forms all students are required to turn in is now online. HHS Athletic Dept and Bookkeeping will manage this, with the assistance of our Charms volunteer. Bookkeeping tracks fees owed, Charms tracks individual fundraising by students.

Charms calendar has been updated.

Poinsettia sale – Julie Soderquist volunteered to chair this fundraiser.

Raffles – HMA used to hold a beef raffle, which brought in \$3,000-\$4,000. If someone has a contact, perhaps this will be a good year to hold it again. Kathy Blanchard also suggested a fresh egg raffle. We will need a volunteer to chair.

Concert attire – parent Roberta Johnson volunteered to head this project, with Katy Keillor assisting. We want to keep an eye on hem length, so it's more uniform – no more hems dragging on the floor. Students must be in concert attire for the October 26 guest artist concert.

Fees/Payment for concert attire – payment is due to HMA prior to getting attire checked out. Students must be in concert attire to perform, and the performance is required for their grade. It was asked if this can be set up online, as we already have an account on Square. After some discussion, it was agreed to keep the fee at \$25. At the end of the year, students will be responsible for getting their tuxes cleaned, and returned in the dry cleaning bag, with the receipt.

Football concessions -- we are running concessions on Friday, September 11, on the visitor side. We need both parent and student volunteers (non-marching band, as there is a performance that night).

Program ad sales – the band handbook hopefully will be online soon, and will include information about selling ads in our guest artist concert program books. In a nutshell: \$20 for business card size, \$35 for quarter page, \$60 for half page, \$100 for full page. Full page ad also receives two comp tickets for one night, for each of the four concerts. Pricing includes all four concerts. For all four concerts, we probably produce a total of 2500-3000 programs throughout the year. 25% of the profit goes to the student selling the ad.

#### Guest Artist Concerts:

October 26 Dallas Brass at RHS for one night only

December 11-12 Milonga latin band

February 27 Frye String Quartet

May 20-21 Allen Vizzutti , trumpet

Katy Keillor suggested an additional idea for fundraising—having frames on hand. When students get their programs or pictures autographed at the guest artist concerts, we can have frames on hand for additional purchase.

Silent auction – some discussion was held whether we could hold a silent auction at the Dallas Brass concert. Since this concert is the Monday after marching band's final competition in Everett, it was agreed that a raffle would be easier to organize, and that we need volunteers who are not heavily involved in marching band. Pam Anderson volunteered to work on raffle items.

Mr. Newbury brought up the idea of hosting some sort of 'after party' for our guest artists, perhaps at a winery or restaurant. This could be a booster fundraiser. A limited number of VIP tickets would be sold to a 21 and over crowd. Guests would enjoy appetizers and visit with the guest artists.

Music booster day September 19th -- This year we will have parents posted at designated locations. Students will take their donations back to their designated parent volunteer. Parents must stay at their spot until all students have been picked up. Marilyn Allen and the Lowerys will chair this event. Mr. Swisher is working on a postcard script for students to carry. Instead of just asking for money, we want to also invite the public to our concerts.

Part-time administrative help – HMA has budgeted \$3,000 for someone to be a liaison between boosters, parents and staff. We need a job description and an agreement on hours/scheduling.

#### Marching band update:

- Props – about 30 parents came to the work party and got the initial construction done. We're just about set on props. The goal this year is to have students carry props on and off the field.
- All day practice has been moved to September 26<sup>th</sup>, even though that day is also homecoming. Rehearsal will most likely be from 8:30-2:30
- Look for daily marching band communication on Facebook and via email.
- Our pre-game rehearsal on Friday afternoons will change, but details are not completely filled in yet. Practice and dinner will mostly likely be at HHS.
- Nichols Drywall will sponsor all our paper goods, up to \$300

Meeting adjourned at 9:09pm.