

**Souderton Area High School
Big Red Band Boosters
General Membership Meeting Minutes
April 8, 2019**

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 pm in the band room.

President's Report (Deanna Wimmenauer): Student representation at tonight's meeting; Natalie Manalansan.

- March meeting minutes were read by attendees and approved.
- Bingo was a huge success. The next big event is the Indoor Show on April, 27, 2019. She invited everyone to review the calendar. Natalie mentioned that graduation is scheduled for June 10th along with it being an early dismissal day for the underclassmen.
- We are in the middle of the Flower Sale. The flyers are all online. An email was sent out to everyone directing them to the website. Flower orders are due on April 17, 2019.

1st Vice President's Report (Kelly Taylor): Kelly shared that she met with the Nominating Committee last week. We are still in need of a President and Secretary for next year. Michelle Martin has put her name in for the Treasurer position. If more than one person would like to do the job, that is welcomed. An email will go out to everyone sharing what positions are open.

- Kelly also shared that she has gathered people for the Scholarship Committee. They will be meeting shortly. The scholarship application will be sent out to all senior families no later than Sunday, April 14, 2019 and will have it due on Sunday, April 28, 2019. She will then plan a meeting for Monday, April 29, 2019.

2nd Vice President's Report (Denise Nase): Denise was not present for the meeting. Deanna shared her report. Concert Sundaes requires us to pay \$500 to participate in selling ice cream at a concert. The BRBB asks for donations from our families to offset this cost who in turn, will have their name entered into Concert Sundaes program that is handed out at every concert over the summer. She needs the names of those interested in donating by Sunday, April 14th, 2019. The money does not have to be turned in right away but she does need to know your intent. Please email, call or talk to Denise in person by the April 14th. An email will go out to everyone letting them know of this deadline.

Secretary's Report (Julie Zettlemyer): Julie reminded everyone to please make sure they sign in before leaving the meeting.

Treasurer's Report (Jen Maldonado): Jen is waiting on the final receipts from the Jazz Band show. We are a little above what our projected income was. Bingo was great! Please get Wildwood payments in. Guard is currently turning in money for t-shirts. Please note what the money is for when turning in your money.

Director At Large (Clarke Goshow): Clarke asked that people please sign up for the home show. This week's show is covered. Please also sign up to bring food for Wildwood. A truck for Wildwood has been secured. Parking for the home show and for the Harleysville Fair will be handled by Frank Falbo.

Director's report (Rick Freda): The entire 2019/2020 Marching Band calendar is now available. June 5th is "Freshman Tryout Night". All students are asked to report. Commitment contracts are due by June 19, 2019. Students are asked to make 3 of the 8 Wednesday evening practices over the summer this year. A comment he received from the students at the end of the season this past year was that they didn't have enough time to work on marching basics since this was worked on over the summer and not everyone attended the practices. The parade on September 14, 2019 can be removed from the calendar. We will not be attending this parade due to our anticipated late return from the away football game the night before and having a competition the evening of September 14, 2019. The Band on the Run 5K is not yet listed on the calendar. We are awaiting a confirmed date. After a great deal of discussion with the Executive Board, it was decided that we would not be having a fall home show. Mr. Freda has taken into consideration that in the past our home show has been the one opportunity for the middle school students to perform in the high school stadium. As a result, the 8th grade students from Indian Crest and Indian Valley will be invited to participate with the Big Red Marching Band at our home football game on Friday, September 20, 2019. This year we will just focus on the 8th graders to see how everything goes and possibly add the 6th and/or 7th graders in future years. This year the Big Red Marching Band will be participating in both the US Bands and Cavalcade circuits. Mr. Freda highlighted two dates in October where after school practices have been switched from Wednesday to Tuesday. They are Tuesday, October 8th and Tuesday, October 20th. After school practice times in general may need to be tweaked just a bit as Mr. Freda will be transferring to Vernfield starting in the fall. The earliest he can leave Vernfield would be 3:15pm. The practice time may change to 3:30-6:00. Mr. Straka is looking to see if he can be here any earlier so that no time change would be needed. Further information will be shared as it becomes available.

- **Encore (Tim Wilson)-** April is a big month for the indoor programs. Chapter Champs is on April 27, 2019 and will be held here at Souderton. The final regular season competition is this weekend. Both groups got great seeding for Wildwood. Encore goes on second to last and Forte goes on somewhere in the middle of the pack.
- **Forte (Heather Fisher)-** Natalie reported on behalf of Heather. Everything is going great. They are making some changes to the beginning of the show based on what the judges have recommended.

Committee Reports

Fundraising Committee (Kelly Taylor):

- **Band Store Report (Jenn Miller):** Nothing to report. Deanna said that we are still planning on organizing online ordering for items. In the past we have gone with a private printing company. Jen shared that another local band uses an online organization. Devin Funk and Tim Wilson have used Nyce Shirt Company out of Harleysville in the past and spoke very highly of them. They also have an online ordering system.
- **Banquet-** Devin Funk shared that Sunday, May 19th is the date of the banquet at Souderton Park (rain date will be Sunday, June 2, 2019 at the Franconia Park- Souderton was not available due to the Concert Sundaes series starting that evening.) She is looking to make it an "Open House" type event. There will be set times for the directors to present their awards. A flyer will be created and sent out listing the details. Devin was thinking of doing hamburgers, hotdogs and veggie burgers. She is

planning on having the students bring side dishes based upon their section. Devin has reached out to an ice cream truck company called So Cool Bus. The cost to rent the truck for one hour is \$75 with treats costing \$3-\$4 a piece. On 6/2 the truck is available from 4:00-5:00pm only. They are available anytime on 5/19. The company said that they can easily get 100 people through in an hour. The estimated total for the ice cream truck would be \$375. Devin asked for assistance from those who purchase things from Costco or BJ's to find out how much money it will cost for the food items. This will determine if we can fund the ice cream truck. A discussion was made to charge a small \$10 fee to encourage participation and to get a better head count. The tentative schedule is as follows: The picnic will start at 3:00pm, food will be available from 3:00pm-5:00pm with awards scheduled to take place from 4:00pm-5:00pm, Ice cream will be available from 5:00pm-6:00pm and games will take place from 6:00pm-7:00pm.

- **Flower Sale**- Information is available on CHARMS. Orders are due to the Red Box by April 17, 2019. Flowers will be delivered to Maria's house on Friday, May 10th and can be picked up anytime between 6:00PM to 9:00PM.

- **Bingo** - It was HUGE success!!! We raised \$8,550! Becki Jellen did an amazing job getting prizes and contacting companies. A total of 263 tickets were sold. Amy McCouch shared that the biggest portion of our sales were sold by 2 people, Becki Jellen and Julie Zettlemoyer. Becki sold 33% of the total tickets and Julie sold 20%. 157 tickets were pre-sold, 68 tickets were sold online and 38 were sold the day of the event. We need to discuss whether we will continue using PayPal in the future or not. The service fee was only 50 cents per ticket. We also need to decide if this is something we want to continue doing in the future. A discussion of how to get the word out to more people within the band programs was had. It was suggested that a mandatory meeting be held for the winter programs similar to that held for Marching Band in August. It was also suggested that flyers that are more eye catching be made. Devin Funk offered to help create flyers in the future. Rachelle Wilson also suggested specifying what the money that is raised will go towards. It was also suggested that a final mandatory meeting be held at the end of each season before champs to inform families of what will be coming up and how they can support the program.

- **SCRIP**- Nothing to report.

Indoor Show- Deanna shared that we currently have 52 groups signed up for champs. The medals were ordered today. Deanna needs volunteers! Please check CHARMS. Tim talked to Rob Tochi from TOB regarding times for championships. Rob is planning on scheduling the meeting shortly. Tim is pushing to have drumline at the end and guard will be earlier. Deanna is hoping to have the show start at 12:00pm and that will take us up to 8:30pm-9:00pm. All volunteers will be freed up to watch their child participate.

Uniforms Committee (Tracey Bean): Tracey shared that uniforms will be collected during the three Wednesdays in May after Wildwood. Uniforms can be dropped off in the morning or before practice. The BRBB will be dry cleaning the uniforms. We will be asking for volunteers to help wash the raincoats.

Tracey shared that the current uniform committee will all have seniors next year and they are looking for people to take over. Devin Funk offered to help out next year.

Quartermaster Report (George Priller): Not present at the meeting.

Website/CHARMS (Tracey Bean, Marianna Clark, Steve Basile, Amy McCouch): Tracey and Amy shared that they are aware that things have been disappearing from CHARMS and have been working on it on a case by case basis.

Additional Items:

- Marianna shared that an email address is available for families to share their photos to. It is **photos@soudertonbigredband.org**. The BRBB would like to promote all groups so please include any Jazz Band, Concert Band, Symphonic Band, Marching Band, Encore and Forte pictures.

- Kelly Taylor shared that Tommy Meehan was here last Thursday and took pictures of both indoor groups. His pictures are available online. An email was sent out with info on how to access them. Natalie suggested that we reach out to Tommy to see if he could come take pictures of the Indoor Chapter Championship show on Saturday April 27, 2019.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:18pm

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Zettlemoyer