

Souderton BRBB

General Membership Meeting Minutes

March 2,2020

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm in the band room.

A motion to approve the minutes from the February 3, 2020 General Assembly meeting was made by Tracey Bean. It was seconded by Polli Rodrique. A vote was cast and the minutes were approved.

Director's Report (Mr. Wilson): Indoor season is in full swing. The scores are higher this year. He has an amazing group of Parent Volunteers helping this year. Jennifer stated she likes the Encore Facebook Page and would like to speak to Ms. Fisher about starting one for Forte as another form of communication.

President's Report (Jennifer Clemente): No student representation for tonight's meeting. Frank will be organizing Fair Parking May 20-May23 for the Harleysville Fair. Clarke will update the dates of the Fair as they are incorrect in CHARMS. Please encourage people not attending the DC Trip to volunteer. Jennifer will check with Clarke to see if clearances are needed to volunteer. Frank informed the Jaycees about the DC Trip. They are working with us so that we can hold on to the volunteer spot. Marianna would like pictures from the Forte competitions to post on social media. Devon Funk emailed Jennifer with a tentative date for the Band Banquet. It will be June 6, 2020. We need to secure a location.

1st Vice President's Report (Kelly Taylor): Bingo update will be discussed in the committee reports.

2nd Vice President's Report (Denise Nase): Denise is looking for a replacement. The rest of her report will be reported during committee reports.

Secretary's Report (Becky Eells): Nothing to report

Treasurer's Report (Michelle Martin): Michelle received the check from Chick-fil-A in the amount of \$294.49. We made our budget for Restaurant Nights at \$1202. Final payment for the DC trip is due April 1, 2020. The final payment is the final account balance. Mr. Straka is in communications with the Tour Company to close the registration so we can get a final count and the Mattress money can be distributed. Jennifer would like to hold the final payment until that distribution can happen. Polli questioned if there would be a DC Trip meeting. Mr. Wilson states he will discuss with Mr. Straka so they can hold a mandatory meeting.

Director At Large (Clarke Goshow): No report

Committee Reports

Band Store Report (Jenn Miller): Nothing to report

Restaurant Nights: Nothing to report

5K: Nothing to report

SCRIP- nothing to report

Bingo (Becki Jellen): Donations are coming in but are slowing down. They have received some good donations. Amy will need someone to take over logistics of calling Bingo. They are still working on getting the bingo balls or the computer program. They are considering using screens from the Movie room and using a splitter to have 2 screens visible. Tim will set it up as he has done so for Cheer. Preston will call Bingo. They are looking for someone to pull numbers. They need help with room set up, supplies, equipment and logistics. Polli will advertise at the Jazz Show.

Uniforms Committee (Tracey Bean): Uniforms will be returned after the DC Trip. IF they decide to not take the raincoats to DC, she would like those returned ahead of time, as well as uniforms for those students not attending the trip.

Jazz Show.: (Christine Brush): 3/20/20 . Volunteerism is low. 2 senior parents are running hospitality and parking. They will need shadows. Jazz show coordinators are senior parents as well.

Indoor Show (Laura Kline): 4/25/20 no report.

Concert Sundaes (Denise Nase): The date changed to July 5,2020. Souderton Lions asked if we could switch dates. We will have the Allentown Band. We were asked to donate \$500 as a service organization. This year they are “strongly” encouraging 20 additional people to donate another \$25 each. Denise does not feel this is achievable. This could be our last year because of this request. There has been ongoing discussion regarding continuing this fundraiser and with the new requirements of \$500 and an additional \$500 will cause us to break even. Jennifer requested the possibility of a

pre-budget meeting with the new EC. We will need to have an open and transparent discussion about income. Cutting the budget will decrease show quality and the students will suffer from that. Indoor Groups are the only groups that do not have extraordinary fees to participate. Amy suggests we have a mandatory parent meeting in April. Kelly suggested we tie it in with the DC meeting.

A discussion began about upcoming 8th grade students and how to get their parents involved. It was suggested the current band students visit 8th grade students. Becky confirmed that has happened in the past. Lisa suggested we invite 8th grade parents to meetings. It was suggested we hold an incoming Freshman Parent meeting in August. It was suggested the Band Directors give a pitch to 8th grade parents on Back to School night. Polli suggested personal invitations to parents to come to meetings and to cover spots that are vacating. In 2017, there were 29 Freshmen, in 2018, 24 and in 2019, 22. It was suggested that Upperclassman parents be “paired” with Underclassman parents.

Quartermaster Report (Joe Longazel): Nothing to report.

Lisa reported that the Quartermaster is over budget. Can we increase the repair budget? There are items that still need repair work done. A question was posed: Does the concert band repair budget get absorbed by the BRBB or is it separate? Answer: it is not separate. It was suggested that we change the verbage to “general” repair. Jennifer explained that budget and approved budget vs what you think you can spend because there is “extra” are two different things. We need to have a balanced budget. No income equals no funding. Volunteerism affects the budget as well. Meeting attendance is important for

voting on such items as budget, fundraising, equipment, etc. There is also a difference in what the District pays for vs. what the BRBB pays for. It was mentioned that we need repairs on instruments.

Jennifer asked Lisa to price out those repairs and send that information to Mr. Freda and Jennifer for consideration for the budget.

Website/CHARMS (Tracey Bean, Marianna Clark, Steve Basile, Amy McCouch): No upgrade for March.

There are still “bugs” in the system.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:22 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Becky Eells, BRBB Secretary