

BRBB Mandatory Meeting  
August 19, 2020  
Senior and Junior Parents 7:00-7:35  
Sophomore and Freshman Parents 7:48-8:32

The meeting was called to order at the times indicated above.

The assembly was welcomed by Denise Nase. She stated that we will make the best year that we can under the circumstances.

The Executive Committee was introduced to the assembly.

**President:** Denise Nase. Denise has 7 years with the band. She has served on the Executive Committee as 2nd VP for the past 3 years. Daughter Maddy is a Senior and in Drumline this year. Maddy has been in the Pit and Trumpet section.

**1st VP:** Kelly Taylor and Karen Duffy. This is Kelly's 3rd year on the Executive Committee. Kelly's daughter Jordan is in the Flute section and is a Senior this year. This is Karen's 1st year. Karen's daughter Kenna is a Junior and is the Assistant Drum Major. Kenna was previously in the Trumpet Section.

**2VP:** Open Position

**Treasurer:** Michelle Martin. This is Michelle's 2nd year as Treasurer and 5th year with the band. Her twin son's Ian and Alex are Juniors this year. Ian is playing snare and Alex is a clarinet player.

**Director at Large:** Neil Aldredge. This is his first year on the Executive Committee. His son, Aiden, is in the drumline and is a Sophomore.

**Secretary:** Becky Eells. This is Becky's second year as the Secretary of the BRBB. Her daughter, Sarah is a Senior. Sarah was previously in the Pit for 3 years and is playing the Saxophone for her Senior Year.

Mr. Freda, Director of the Marching Band, was introduced to the assembly. Mr. Freda welcomed everyone. He reiterated the need for 2nd VP as concessions can be up to 20% of the budget. Once we lose the stand, we most likely will not get it back.

He thanked the Parents for their cooperation as weather affects practice this season since we cannot practice inside. The kids are doing great this week and the first song is done. The Seniors picked this year's show and both the kids and the Staff are excited. The schedule is still up in the air. Dr. Varano would like the band to go to the away games to support the Football Team but we are unsure that we can go at this time. Dr. Varano would also like the season to be as "normal" as possible. The games and the band performance will be broadcast live on SATV. He apologized to the Freshman Parents for not being able to get out to the schools for recruitment this year and is thankful to those who signed up. He is glad to be back and have some sense of "normal".

CHARMS is the best place to find information. Volunteer opportunities, The EC, schedules, contact information and forms can be found on CHARMS. This information is also on

the website, soudertonbigred.org. We also have 2 facebook pages:Souderton Big Red Band Boosters and Souderton BRBB Parents. Please contact anyone on the EC if you have any questions.

The Handbook also has all the information you may need. A copy of the handbook was sent in the Welcome Email Denise sent last week. It can also be found on CHARMS and the Website.This is also a great resource for New Band Parents.

Please consider Volunteering for 2nd VP. The concession stand is such an important fundraiser for the BRBB. It is 15-20% of the budget. The position can be shared. Please contact Denise Nase or Kelly Taylor if you are interested or if you know someone who might be great in that position. We cannot afford to not fill this position.

Please get your Volunteer Disclosure form to Mr. Freda. That form needs to be completed every year. Clearances need to be done every 5 years. Please contact the District Office to see if your clearances are still valid for the 2020/2021 Season.

The Outdoor Season is TBD. If we have Football, it will start in October. Volunteers will not be needed unless contacted. The Indoor Season may present volunteer opportunities. The band may travel but no parents. As soon as the schedule is available, we will post it.

Meals will be provided for each Thursday Night of Band Camp. Week 1 will be pizza. Week 2 will be ziti. Friday Night meals will also be provided if we have a season. They will be different than previous years. It will probably be pizza, ziti, etc.

Uniforms will not be worn until October. The band will wear black member shirts at this time. Please get your student's uniform dry cleaned. Have the student try them on. If their uniform still fits, they will keep it for this season. New band members will be measured for their uniform. Devin Funk will take lead on Uniforms this season.Regina Stopyra will be helping her. Tammy Aldredge will take the lead on the Band Store. Sally Gerth will be helping Tammy. Dinkles will need to be purchased directly from the company this season. If you have any wearable uniform items, please place them in the sharing box if desired. Other students may be able to get use out of them. Reminder to new students, each student will need a garment bag. They are available at the Band Store. Here are the links to purchase shoes:

Guard Shoes: <https://bandshoesonline.com/product/spin-frontline-shoes-black/> Band Shoes (Dinkles)::<https://www.bandshoppe.com/shop/shoes/band-shoes/dinkles-glide-marching-band-shoe-104055/black/default.html>

In person Band Competition season is cancelled this year. They have a choice of either having Judges come to a rehearsal and give feedback or They can send a video of their performance for rating. Rating will be similar to Jazz band ratings, Superior, Excellent,Outstanding and Good.

Pick up and Drop off Protocol once school starts will be a bit different. Please do not use the loading dock area. Mr. Freda will let us know how the students will go from school to practice. Please pick your student up in front of the school.

Fundraising opportunities will still be available this year. The concession stand will not be open this season. We will still have: Scrip, Restaurant Nights, Sponsorship Mailings, Virtual 5k, Wreath Sale, Flower Sale, Bingo and a possible Mask fundraiser. These fundraisers will be very important this year to keep pulling in as much money as possible.

Spirit Week is next week. Please encourage your student to participate.

KOC food drive will take place during Band camp. Each section was assigned a food product. Pamphlets were sent home and information was posted on Facebook. Please consider donating if you can.

A question was raised at the Senior/Junior meeting about what can be done for the Seniors as early as possible. Tommy Meehan will be at the Thursday August 27,2020 rehearsal to take pictures. As soon as we know what the season will look like, the better we can plan events like Senior Night ( in conjunction with the Football and Cheerleading Seniors).

A question was raised at the Sophomore/Freshman Meeting about how are we serving food in a safe manner during the pandemic. We are not allowed to serve food prepared by volunteers. All food is from a restaurant setting or prepackaged. Sections are asked to come up individually to cut lines and we have more tables to create more space. Hand sanitizer and disposable dinner is provided. Gloves and Masks are worn by everyone, including the volunteers serving the food.

The next meeting will be a Zoom Meeting on Monday, September 14,2020 at 7:00 pm  
A link will be sent prior to the meeting.

The meetings were concluded as noted above.

Respectfully submitted,  
Becky Eells  
BRBB Secretary