



EBPO Meeting Minutes – May 27, 2015

ATTENDEES:

Dorit Askenazy, Sue Berry, Scott Chesson, Kathryn Cook, Karen Ehrlich, Sarah Kolo, Karen Maline, Charlie Mitchell, Mae Pattison, Darwin Regehr, Karen Ruthrauff, Betsy Sandstrom, Carl Sandstrom, Adam Sklar, Lee Ann Sklar, and Anne Sturner

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. by EBPO President Karen Maline.

INTRODUCTIONS

New members were welcomed by introductions.

APPROVAL OF APRIL MINUTES

The April minutes were sent to members earlier in the day and passed out at the meeting. Sue Berry had questions about the finance report (strike sentence of amount of surplus and move action item to end), uniform section (payment of shoe invoice), and elected officers (Sue was not elected but is fulfilling her 2-year term). Sarah Kolo moved to approve the minutes as revised; the motion was seconded and the minutes were approved.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Meeting date: Beginning September 2015, the meeting date was changed to the second Tuesday of each month, except July and August.

Twitter account: At a recent board meeting, a band Twitter account was created: @EdisonBandPO. Please follow!

Facebook: EBPO plans to begin a Facebook page. Currently there is a Facebook page only for students. Karen Maline has asked for photos appropriate for Facebook.

Bylaws: Karen Maline feels that it is time to review the Bylaws. For example, move the elections to the fall when marching band is promoting participation. Karen Maline would like members on the Bylaws committee. For now, Karen Ruthrauff has volunteered to participate. After the bylaws are scanned they will be posted to the website.

All-Booster meeting: Ms. Brumfield would like all the school booster presidents to meet to promote unified goals. Karen Maline has sent recent meeting minutes to Mrs. Suberroc.

County-Wide Band Booster Officers Meeting (not FCPS-sponsored): Karen, Sue, and Karen will attend June 9. The James Madison High School Band Parent Organization invited band booster officers from other Fairfax County high schools to a meeting to discuss general concerns and conflicting messages from county officials, particularly in regards to the wording we may use to solicit fees and voluntary donations, as well as other fundraising regulations. Karen M., Sue, and Karen R. will attend the June 9th meeting.

Graduation: Mr. Mitchell needs one chaperone (Sue Berry volunteered). Drop-off time is 8 am for 9 am graduation.

Orientation: Mr. Mitchell proposed a social/orientation for rising 9th grade parents to discuss marching band and other band activities. Sue Berry proposed a brief social in June but an extended welcome during band camp with committee representation. On the final night of band camp, have a potluck followed by skit night. The orientation will be at 7 pm in the Band Lobby, Tuesday, June 16 (parents only). Mr. Mitchell has notified the middle school teachers of the date.

FINANCE REPORT

Sue Berry handed out the finance report, which shows a total balance of \$26,150, including an operating balance of \$17,825.10, and a reserve fund of \$8335.11. The report's following pages detailed revenues and expenses. Sue offered to answer any questions about the detailed reports.

Sue noted that we did receive the reimbursement of \$289 from the school for the concessions we bought for the Oakton competition, an item that has been carried as an A/R since last September.

At the orientation meeting on June 16, the treasurers will recommend an amount to be transferred to the uniform reserve account for discussion. Based on anticipated receipts and expenses through June and July, Sue figured we should have at least \$15K in our operating funds.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Chaperones/Volunteers: No report.

First Aid: Typically ensuring the first aid box is complete and up to date. The box plus medical forms, needs to be carried on all outings.

Fundraising:

Spirit Night: Waiting for check from Ledo's.

Car wash (May 2015): Raised \$1,031.62.

e-Scrip: Propose a half-sheet flyer to new parents to sign up through Safeway (only cash or debit) to pass out at June 16 event.

Hospitality: Mae has prepared a pass-down book for the next chair and includes Cindy Marisch's notes. Hospitality is critical to the success of the program. We feed the students during band camp (fresh fruit, popsicles) and before competitions, field trips, and special events at school.

Pit crew: The pit is the group of instruments in front of the band during performances at football games and competitions. That equipment, and large instruments and flags, is loaded and driven to competitions and put on the field. The pit crew is the group of parents who help move the equipment on and off the trailer, and the pit on and off the field.

Publicity: Website and e-mail lists are critical sources of information for families. Alumni and friends are encouraged to sign up for their own list (follow link from the home page).

Spirit Wear: Will be available in early August. The show shirt (Copeland) has already been designed.

Tag Day: All students and families: please hold September 12 for Tag Day.

Uniforms: Marching band uniforms have been taken to the cleaners. Next, concert uniforms will be cleaned. Jen would like to investigate new shako boxes that are more durable.

BAND DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Successful spring concert! Plans for next year:

- Band camp 7:30-5 pm both weeks, August 17-21 and August 24-28 (last two full weeks). Will not have camp the week of the 31st.
- School begins September 8.
- First football game is home v. Hayfield on Thursday, September 3.
- There will be 4 home games. Homecoming and Senior Night are the same night.
- There will be 4 marching band competitions, unofficially Sept 26, Oct 10, Oct 17, Oct 31.
- Paperwork for the fall is forthcoming. Dates will be posted on the website ASAP.
- Spring trip details will come out this summer. Spring trips alternate between long and short trips. 2016 is a short trip, perhaps Charlotte, NC, or Cleveland, OH. It will not be during spring break but likely the weekend of Apr 2 or Apr 16.

NEW BUSINESS

Mae has issued an open invitation to Melanie's graduation 12:00 pm, June 22 (immediately following graduation).

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Mitchell moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:05. The motion was seconded and passed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:05.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sarah Kolo
EBPO Secretary (Acting)

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