



EBPO Meeting Minutes – October 13, 2015

ATTENDEES:

Steve Andrews, Dorit Askenazy, Richard Askenazy, Sue Berry, Pat Bown, Scott Chesson, Kathryn Cook, Karen Ehrlich, Ginger Fletcher, Jen Goeglein, Sarah Kolo, Debbie Labriny, Karen Maline, Chrissy Martinez, Jaime Martinez, Charlie Mitchell, Karen Ruthrauff, Adam Sklar, and Lee Ann Sklar.

WELCOME/CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by EBPO President Karen Maline.

Approval of September 8, 2015 Meeting Minutes (First Approved by Pat Bown and Seconded by Scott Chesson.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Tag Day: Thanked Sarah, Dave and everyone who participated for a great Tag Day.

Hospitality for Games and Competitions: We need additional volunteers. It's always the same people signing up, especially for meals. Karen said she would send a reminder email.

Taco in a Bag (Snafu and this week) It's the band's week. We discussed extra cheese, sour cream. Karen will send out email and sign-up genius.

The 50/50 Raffle: The band made \$266.00 because a former band parent won the raffle and donated their winnings back to the band!!

Band Spirit Buttons: Karen reported that the Tag Day announcement had prompted a community member to reach out to the band and choir about a possible fundraiser through buttons and magnets that she makes. Karen turned the conversation to Ginger Fletcher, who passed out order forms to explain what the fundraiser would entail. The pictures that Jen Goeglein took at the Stafford competition of the 21 seniors could be used to make buttons for them and their parents. There is a three week turnaround usually per Stephanie, the crafter that makes the buttons. It was proposed that we look into giving the seniors buttons instead of the teddy bears at the band banquet or flowers at Senior Night. Jen Goeglein will send thumbnails of the pictures she has to Stephanie this week, so we have them by Senior Night. Discussion centered around who would communicate with Stephanie and collect the money for the buttons. Karen M said this wasn't meant to be a big fundraiser, and that for each \$5 button, \$2 would go to the band. Everyone agreed that we liked magnets too. Sarah Kolo volunteered to coordinate with Sue Berry on collecting the button money and orders, which would be put in the Treasurer's black box. It was unanimously agreed that the band will pay for either flowers for the seniors or a picture button for them instead. Sarah said she would look into the possibility of buttons if they could be finished in time.

FINANCE REPORT

Sue Berry distributed copies of the updated Treasurer's Report and reported that the reserve (uniform) fund has \$15,336.39 and we have an operating balance of \$20,263.97 for a total of \$35,600.36. She reported that the Tag Day fundraiser totaled \$8,998.00, not including expenses and additional incoming donations.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Chaperones/Volunteers

8th Grade Night (Friday, October 16, 2015) Dorit asked how many students would be coming from the middle schools for 8th grand night and if we would need extra chaperones. Mr. Mitchell said there would be 40 students coming. Karen said she would send an email asking for additional chaperones as well as volunteers for Taco in a Bag that night.

Senior Posters for Senior Night – Discussion about whether to tape the senior posters to the band area before the game and after practice, or if the band section members should just hold their posters. The final decision was that the chaperones who put the protective covers on the benches will take the posters to the field so they are there when the band gets to the stands.

Band Banquet – Sue Berry is still trying to contact the people who make the marching bears that the EBPO gives to seniors. Alternatives for gifts were discussed. Several dates were suggested for the band banquet. Friday night was voted down due to busy schedules, and the need to have access to the cafeteria. The band banquet is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, December 5, 2015, around 6:30 p.m.* The Vice-President sets up the committee. Mr. Mitchell will check on the availability of the cafeteria with the front office. Formal dress is suggested. Dancing, decorations and senior gifts were discussed.

FIRST AID - No discussion.

FUNDRAISING

Ledo's Night: The band made about \$207.00 from the spirit night at Ledo Pizza.

Spirit Night at Chili's: Chili's is an all-day event on October 20, but people must turn in coupons or flyers for the meal to count toward the band to be able to receive the 20% donation. Coupons were distributed to the band parents. Some confusion was resolved about which Chili's location. It will be held at the Manchester Blvd. Chili's. There was a question about other area schools having fundraisers there at the same time but Karen R. confirmed that "Mr. Chili" assured her that no other groups would be involved or sharing Chili's space.

Future Spirit Nights - A spirit night at Moe's was suggested. Karen Ruthrauff was checking into any ideas for a fundraiser at Moe's. Noodles & Company is tentatively scheduled for January 19.

Craft Fair at EHS on 11/7/15: Ginger suggested having a booth at the Athletics Boosters Craft Fair on November 7th but the group decided we needed more notice and the fall is already a very busy time for the band. Different ideas were suggested for fundraising, however, at the end, it was voted that we plan early next year to participate and coordinate the band's table. It was estimated that the cost for participating per table is \$55-65. Keurig coffee, hot chocolate, slushies, face painting and popcorn were suggested.

Tag Day – Tag Day was a big success. Money continues to come in.

HOSPITALITY

Ginger said that we still didn't have enough volunteers signed-up for the Friday night football game dinner or the breakfast for the JMU competition. She also asked if the eighth graders were supposed to be included in the number for the dinner she had planned for Friday night. There was a decision to scrap plans

* Note: a week later, a decision was made through an email conversation to change the date of the banquet to December 12.

for the nachos for Friday night, and instead to have the EBPO buy pizza for everyone. Karen said she would include a reminder in her email to sign up for the competition breakfast and next week's band dinner, which will be chili.

UNIFORMS

Jenny said that we might need to buy new shako boxes because they are cheap and fall apart easily. If the blue lock tabs are broken, the box will not lock. Six or seven were broken the first week of marching band. A dozen spares may exist. There are not too many options out there for ordering new boxes. Our boxes range from \$10-12. Jen will price them and bring the choices of prices and other shako boxes to the next meeting.

Concert Band – Jen said there are enough tuxes but only 18-20 women's tops and bottoms. She said she will look into ordering more tops. We have extra XL sizes, but not many large girls who need that size. Mr. Mitchell asked her to come up with some options for the time being.

Spirit Wear – Spirit Wear will be available during the week of October 16, 2015.

PIT CREW

Steve Andrews thanked the pit crew for all their work. He reported that Jamie Martinez bought replacement wheels for the pit carts and will be turning in a reimbursement form. He said that the battery in the ATV, which is over three-years-old, also needs to be replaced. Jamie tried his best to fix it but it is shot, so he will buy a new one. The total cost for the wheels and battery should be about \$150. Sue Berry gave the reimbursement form to Mr. Martinez.

PUBLICITY

Sarah Kolo said that additional information continues to be posted on the website and asked for anyone with website updates or corrections to send them to her. She also reported that the band was joining the choir and drama to create a fine arts flyer to be included in a *Keep in Touch*, which would include a calendar of all performing arts events.

BAND DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Mitchell thanked the pit crew. He said that he is expecting the band to improve their performance by Saturday's competition. Mr. Burke, Director of Hayfield Marching Band, apologized for a band member's behavior at the Battle of the Birds (football game). The winter concert will be held on November 18 and the Holiday Extravaganza performances will be December 16th and 17th at 7 p.m. A list of practices will be sent via the email list. Band members are encouraged to watch for the practices for their section. There will be two common practices.

NEW BUSINESS:

Eighth Grade Parent Liaison—Karen M said that we were supposed to hold nominations for the 8th Grade Parent Liaison in September according to the bylaws, so asked for nominations from the floor. The duties of the Liaison are to keep in touch with middle school parents and band directors, letting them know about performances, and helping with recruiting if possible. Chrissy Martinez volunteered to be the Liaison, which makes her a full member of the EBPO board.

Bylaws Committee—Karen M. asked for volunteers to serve on the Bylaws Committee and make recommendations for revising our current bylaws according to the “new” fiscal structure of the band. Jr.

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Treasurer Scott Chesson volunteered. A suggestion was also made that Karen M. ask for someone with bylaws experience to serve on the committee. She said she would send a separate email for that purpose.

Budgeting for a Second Drum Major Stand—Karen R. asked if we need to take steps now to include a second drum major stand in the next budget since we will have two drum majors next year. Mr. Mitchell said that won't be necessary because we already have two stands, one low and one high stand, for the drum majors.

ADJOURNMENT:

Pat Bown and Sue Berry moved to close the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Labriny
EBPO Secretary