



EBPO Meeting Minutes – January 12, 2016

ATTENDEES: Kat Cook, Dorit Askenazy, Sue Berry, Scott Chesson, Ginger Fletcher, Jen Goeglein, Sarah Kolo, Debbie Labriny, Karen Maline, Chrissy Martinez, Jamie Martinez, Charlie Mitchell, Karen Ruthrauff, Edgard Santos.

WELCOME/CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by EBPO President Karen Maline. The December minutes were passed out at the meeting. Chrissy Martinez moved to approve the minutes, Scott Chesson seconded; the motion to approve the minutes passed unanimously.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Holiday Spectacular went well. Santa was AWESOME! The total for the banquet for next year was discussed. Sign-up Genius was suggested for next year for ticketing Winter Spectacular to make it easier for next year. If you were involved in a big way, please write notes for future reference.

Giftwrapping at Barnes & Noble: The weekend before Christmas and Christmas Eve are the best days to sign up for gift wrapping. The band gets first choice for dates next year because we were dependable. Karen suggested not signing up for Black Friday in the future, and getting the kids more involved. We would make more if they would play during our shifts. Have a Sign-up Genius just for them.

FINANCE REPORT

Sue Berry distributed copies of the updated Treasurer's Report and reported that we have a balance of \$14,466.74 in the operating fund and \$15,337.93 in the uniform fund for a total of \$29,804.67. Sue asked that receipts for the band banquet be turned in to her as soon as possible or deposited in the box in the band room. The band made \$40 at the Olympian restaurant fundraiser.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Fundraising

Spirit Nights: Karen Ruthrauff reported that the upcoming fundraisers are: Monday, January 25th, Green Turtle; Tuesday, February 23rd, Johnny Rockets. Noodles & Co. has a new manager and didn't come through for a Spirit Night.

Popcorn Fundraiser: Ginger discussed how the popcorn fundraiser would be implemented. Mr. Mitchell will distribute flyers. Start date January 18th and sale ends January 29th. Orders due back in by February 5th. Ginger, Karen & Sarah Kolo with coordinate. Popcorn Sales: 50% off the orders for each student. \$10 per package. Order shipment is free.

Hospitality—Please turn in any receipts for banquet.

Pit Crew—Jamie Martinez said to change the oil in the four wheeler. New tires on ATV and new battery was purchased.

Publicity/Communications—Karen M. will send minutes to post on website to Sarah Kolo.

BAND DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The band has been working on their music for District Assessment. Mr. Mitchell made sure both bands are scheduled to perform on the Friday night (March 4). The pre-assessment concert will be on February 18.

Spring Trip: Forty-two students are signed up for the trip. Since they are playing at a basketball game, they will wear khakis and their show shirt—not band uniforms.

OLD BUSINESS

Recruitment for 8th Graders—Chrissy and Jaime Martinez showed a photo of the nearly completed recruitment stand to be placed at Twain and Holmes Middle Schools. Chrissy said they want to set them up in the band room of each school by the end of next week. There was also discussion about the brochures that would be placed in the displays.

Bylaws Review—Scott Chesson said changes to the Bylaws would be ready for discussion at the February meeting.

NEWBUSINESS

Winter Guard—Edgard Santos, the instructor for the Edison/West Springfield Indoor Winter Guard presented information about this year’s guard, a schedule of competitions and performances, and a draft budget. He said the guard is very strong with veterans who are skilled and new members who are enthusiastic. They are trying to take the guard to a Winter Guard International competition in New Jersey in March and working to come up with fundraising ideas. The budget he presented asked for a contribution from the EBPO of \$1,400 which would bring each Edison participant’s cost to \$365. Karen Maline noted that the EBPO budgeted \$1,600 for the Winter Guard and suggested approving the entire amount. After some discussion about guard participation in band fundraising activities, including the upcoming popcorn sale, Sarah Kolo moved to contribute \$1,600 from the EBPO to the Edison/West Springfield Indoor Winter Guard. The motion was seconded and approved.

Spring Trip—Sue Berry noted that the budget also called for a contribution from the EBPO toward the spring trip but reminded attendees that we didn’t have our usual fall fruit and cheesecake fundraiser. She asked if we should still contribute the \$1,500 budgeted. Sarah Kolo moved to allocate \$1,500 for the spring trip to be used at the director’s discretion. The motion was seconded and passed.

ADJOURNMENT

Jen Goeglein moved to close the meeting. The motion was seconded and passed; the meeting was adjourned at 8:09 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Labriny
EBPO Secretary