



EBPO Meeting Minutes – March 25, 2015

ATTENDEES:

Dorit Askenazy, Sue Berry, Travis Brooks, Hank Cook, Kat Cook, Jen Goeglein, Sarah Kolo, Karen Maline, Charlie Mitchell, Mae Pattison, Steve Pattison, Shawna Peele, Cheryl Rosenberg, Trevor Rosenberg, and Karen Ruthrauff.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by EBPO Vice President Steve Pattison.

APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY MINUTES

The February minutes were sent to members earlier in the week and passed out at the meeting. Travis Brooks asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Karen Maline mentioned that she wasn't sure if the numbers for the finance report were correct, and since no copy of the report was available, approval of the February minutes were tabled until the April meeting.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Travis reported that nomination were held at the last meeting and that we still have to fill the secretary and junior treasurer positions. There's not much effort involved besides attending the meetings so after the committee reports, we'll take one last stab at nominating officers.

FINANCE REPORT

Noela wasn't at the meeting but sent an email with the totals in our accounts: the uniform account/reserve fund has \$8,334.69 and we have an operating balance of \$17,590.62 for a total of \$25,925.31.

Karen Ruthrauff asked if the trailer falls under operations, and Travis said that it does. Sue has a concern about outstanding checks. She thinks that there are a couple of checks missing. She asked how much we made from concessions at District Assessment.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Uniforms: Jen said the next big thing is the spring trip to Disney; there are eight people going who need to be fitted in marching band uniforms. She sent an email to everyone today letting them know that if they weren't in marching band, they need to get fitted. For the studio recording session, everyone has to have a "Piano Man" shirt and we need to get shirts for those eight kids. The question is, do they have to pay for them or do we just give them the shirts? We'll let Mr. Mitchell decide.

Spirit Wear: Jen said there is no report.

Chaperones: No report. Dorit thanked everyone who helped with District Assessment. Travis asked if we need chaperones for the Australia kids coming in and the dinner we're providing. Mr. Mitchell said we may need volunteers for the meal.

Fund Raising: We have a spirit night scheduled for April and a car wash in May. Mr. Mitchell hasn't gotten permission for the car wash yet, and asked for the dates again. Steve is going to try to get Ledo Pizza for April and another place for May. We should have gotten a check from Chipotle.

Tag Day: Sarah Kolo said her request form still has not been answered. Mr. Mitchell just heard today from the fundraising coordinator who wanted to know if the whole arts program would be involved. Sarah will provide the email from Ms. Guillen to Mr. Mitchell saying that we can have our own tag day, for his meeting with the coordinator.

Hospitality: There is a group from Australia (96 kids) coming on Wed, April 8 at 4:00 until 9:00 p.m., and we are providing dinner. The travel agency for the Australia kids is taking care of the food for all the kids. We will buy it and they will cut us a check. There will be an after school rehearsal for this on April 7. Mae Pattison will send a sign-up genius for volunteers.

Mae asked if we're going to ask for donations for the spring trip. Mr. Mitchell said we're going to have dinner at school to give the kids time to get here. The bus will pull out at 6:00 and the kids will have to be here at 4:00. Jen said we should buy cases of water and use the snacks left over from assessment.

Communications/Publicity: Sarah Kolo said she needs to do some work on the calendar. She said there's not much new information on the calendar. Travis asked if we can run an ad on the front page to solicit officers.

eScrip: Dorit said there is nothing new to report.

OLD BUSINESS

Trailer: Jen said she doesn't think we should leave trailer repairs for the fall. Travis said we can get it up to snuff before school starts. As far as painting it, he wasn't able to get it done by now like he wanted to and doesn't know who can move it to take it where it needs to be to have the work done. Karen Maline asked if we need to find someone to be in charge of pit crew. The trailer is not a requirement to go to shows anymore because Mr. Mitchell budgeted for a rental truck for competitions. Travis thinks we should use it as much as possible by finding a parent or someone who is comfortable driving a rental truck. Steve suggested we plan on not using the trailer. It's good to keep it moving, but we should probably plan on renting a truck. Karen Ruthrauff asked if we could also advertise on the front page of the website for a driver/truck for marching band contest days.

BAND DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Mitchell thanked parents for helping with District Assessment. He said band directors have been emailing him and telling him what great parents we have and how much they appreciated the hospitality. The judges in the auditorium gave our symphonic band a I, II, and a I for the pieces we played, and a I in sightreading.

Regarding the Australian group coming in, a performance is planned for 7:00 that evening with several groups performing and will last until about 8:30.

Two students will be performing at All-State band at Christopher Newport University.

Regarding the trip to Disney the following week, we'll eat before we go and then stop on the way for breakfast. When asked how much money they should bring, Mr. Mitchell has been telling students to bring at least \$20 a day to feed themselves. Orchestra hit a snag so we as a group are in need of an extra male chaperone. Regarding uniforms, he told the parents that the non-marching band kids will have to buy marching shoes, but he will give them their Piano Man shirts.

When we get back, he will start auditioning rising 9th graders at the middle schools.

April 25 is Solo and Ensemble at Key Middle School.

He finished his report by urging parents to go to the guard show this Friday at West Springfield High School. They have been doing a great job and have middle school kids going to the show for recruiting purposes.

NEW BUSINESS

Members of the board realized after reading the By-Laws that we nominated board members for next year too early by one month, so Travis Brooks repeated the process of taking nominations for next year's EBPO officers, resulting in the following slate:

President: Karen Maline

Vice President: Karen Ruthrauff

Secretary: no candidate

Treasurer: Sue Berry

Jr. Treasurer: Cheryl Rosenberg

We went through the job description for each board member for the new parents who showed up to the meeting. Travis talked about how rewarding it's been to serve on the board. He talked about how enjoyable it's been to see the kids who have come through the program over the last four years, and how nice it is to work with them. The election will take place at the April 29th meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Steve Pattison moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded and passed. The meeting was adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen Maline
EBPO Secretary