



EBPO Meeting Minutes – April 29, 2015

ATTENDEES:

Dorit Askenazy, Sue Berry, Scott Chesson, Kat Cook, Noela Francis, Jenny Goeglein, Sarah Kolo, Karen Maline, Charlie Mitchell, Mae Pattison, Steve Pattison, Brian Ruthrauff, and Karen Ruthrauff.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:12 p.m. by EBPO Vice President Steve Pattison.

APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY AND MARCH MINUTES

The February and March minutes were passed out at the meeting. Steve asked for a motion to approve the February minutes, which had been tabled so that the finance report information could be corrected. Kat moved to approve the February minutes, the motion was seconded and the minutes were approved. Mae Pattison moved to approve the March minutes, which were sent out earlier in the day, as revised. The motion was seconded and the minutes were approved.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Steve announced that the election for the next board would happen at the end of the meeting but there's not much else to report. Jen asked about the date of the car wash, which is May 9.

FINANCE REPORT

We have been receiving checks, including from Chipotle (\$218), and from the Australians' travel agency to offset the dinner (\$487). Those will be listed in the April financials. The balance at the end of March is \$26,365.97. Steve asked if we'll need to do anything regarding insurance and band accounts. Noela said her name has to come off the band accounts and we have to take care of insurance. Former treasurer Alicia Chan said she would help with that. We also have to change the names on the P.O. Box and the insurance policy from Travis to Karen in May when the bill comes. We also have to change the debit cards from Travis' name to Karen's. Jen said that we might want to start thinking about making a payment into the uniform account instead of just letting interest accrue in that account. When asked about the life of a band uniform, Mr. Mitchell said they should last 10-12 years and we should only need to replace or add to the number we currently have. The decision was made to address this issue when the executive board works on the budget. They will decide how much money to put into the uniform fund.

Jen said that we still have to clean the marching and concert band uniforms this year, and we may have other unexpected expenses, as well. **Action item: The board should consider how much money, if any, to take from the general fund and put toward the uniform fund.**

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Uniforms: Jen said she has an invoice for shoes for the eight students not in marching band. Mr. Mitchell will pay the invoice upon receipt and the students will pay the school. She wants to get the marching uniforms dry-cleaned as soon as possible and asked for volunteers. The Pattisons volunteered. She wants to do the marching uniforms before the spring concert (May 19th) and then do the concert uniforms after the concert. Jen suggested budgeting \$1,000 for cleaning the uniforms.

Spirit Wear: Jen would like to work with the student leadership on spirit wear as soon as possible. The show is Copeland, which will be easy to do in school colors.

Chaperones: No report

Fundraising: We have a spirit night at Ledo Pizza this coming Monday night, May 4, and a car wash on Saturday May 9, from 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Steve said he would do an inventory this weekend of car wash supplies. Jen urged Mr. Mitchell to inform the kids about both events and to see if our kids want to work this Saturday at Twain's band car wash and invite them to work our May 9 car wash.

Tag Day: No report, but the day is September 12 and so far we don't need to share it.

Hopitality: Nothing to report. Steve said there will be water and pizza at the car wash.

Communications and Publicity: Action item: make sure Sarah has the car wash, spirit night, and concert dates on the calendar.

E-Scrip: it's in the finance report.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Mitchell has a line item in his budget for truck rental on competition weekends. We need a V-8 350 to haul the trailer around, so we're just going to rent a truck instead. In any case, we want to get the wiring fixed and make it road-worthy for future use, which may cost up to \$1,500.

BAND DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Mitchell thanked everyone who helped with the exchange dinner and concert with the Australian students and chaperones. They were so impressed with the hospitality and let it be known that they want to come back. They gave Mr. Mitchell a plaque with the emblems of both schools.

Steven Kirby and Paul Goeglein participated in All-State Band.

Spring Trip: We had a long bus ride to and from Florida but had a great time. The Disney photographer took a picture of the whole band marching in *straight lines*, which prompted him to buy that picture. He has a recording of the DVD from the recording session, which can't go on the Internet, but we can make duplicates for parents to have. It was a great trip and everyone had fun.

The spring concert will be on May 19. It will feature a piece written for our band, which will premier that night, and a guest artist.

Mr. Mitchell held auditions at Twain and Holmes middle schools. We have 32 students coming in and of those, about 20 will be doing marching band. Next year, we might be able to lower the cost of marching band from \$200 to \$175, although the EBPO members suggested that he keep the price up so that we look ahead to putting extra money into uniforms. He said that anything we don't use has to be returned to parents anyway unless they say they want the surplus to be used for uniforms. The money is supposed to be used for the current students. When asked if the band will be playing at graduation, Mr. Mitchell replied that they would.

When asked if seniors in band will be able to wear cords at graduation, he informed us that none of the fine arts students (drama, orchestra, band or choir) will get cords for their efforts. Only clubs with international affiliations get cords.

NEW BUSINESS

The following officers were elected for the next school year:

President: Karen Maline

Vice President: Karen Ruthrauff

Secretary: Vacant

Jr. Treasurer: Scott Chesson

(Note: Sue Berry was not re-elected but she remains on the board to fulfill her 2-year term.)

ADJOURNMENT

Jen Goeglein moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:58. The motion was seconded and passed. The meeting was adjourned at 7:58.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Maline, EBPO Secretary

Amended as approved,

Sarah Kolo, Acting Secretary