



## **EBPO Meeting Minutes – March 8, 2016**

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### **ATTENDEES:**

Dorit Askenazy, Sue Berry, Scott Chesson, Kathryn Cook, Jen Goeglein, Sarah Kolo, Debbie Labriny, Jen Goeglein, Chrissy Martinez, Jamie Martinez, Karen Ruthrauff,

### **WELCOME/CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m. by EBPO President Karen Maline.

Jaime Martinez moved to approve the January minutes as revised; Jen Goeglein seconded, and the January minutes were approved as revised. (There was no February meeting because of the weather.)

### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Next Year's Fruit and Cheesecake Fundraiser—Karen reported that Pee Jay's Fresh Fruit, the company that supplies the citrus for our annual fundraiser, wrote to ask if the band is interested in participating next year since we didn't this year. Karen said that she told them that the band will do the fundraiser next year and she asked where the information for the accompanying cheesecake sale is. Sue told her that all the information on past years' vendors is in the treasurer's notebook. There was discussion regarding who can participate in the fundraisers. Can non-marching band families participate? It was agreed that they could.

### **FINANCE REPORT**

Sue Berry distributed copies of the updated Treasurer's Report and reported that the reserve (uniform) fund has \$15,338.68 and we have an operating balance of \$14,685.07 (plus several anticipated receipts from the popcorn sale) for a total of \$30,023.75. She said that she is still waiting for some people to turn in their receipts from the December banquet, and she asked if we are going to have a spring banquet.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **Chaperones/Volunteers**

Dorit thanked Jen Goeglein, Sue Berry, Ginger Fletcher, Jamie Martinez and Karen for volunteering to assist in the assessment festivities, and to chaperone and ride the bus to T.C. Williams.

#### **Fundraising**

Spirit Nights: Karen Ruthrauff reported that March 16<sup>th</sup> is spirit night at Uno restaurant. There was a miscommunication at Johnny Rockets regarding the profit from the spirit night held there and they are reconciling it by sending the band a check for \$100.

Karen Maline stated that she would like to see more students involved in all endeavors. What is the issue that students don't participate in fundraisers? Is it because of transportation, cost,

timing? Can we get a student representative of talk with the students? Jen and Karen M. will draw up a survey. One survey going to the students, and one going to the parents.

Car Wash: Mr. Mitchell suggested two dates in April for a car wash and a decisions was made to try to get April 30, which doesn't interfere with play rehearsal or the mulch sale. If we can't have it at the school on that day, we'll try to find a place to have it off-site.

Popcorn Fundraiser: Karen Ruthrauff gave the report for Ginger Fletcher, who was unable to attend the meeting. We needed to sell at least one case of each flavor of popcorn, including jalapeno, before we could send in our popcorn order. After looking at all of the orders, Karen and Ginger decided to buy the remaining flavors and sell them at an event.

Karen R. distributed a price list for some available used party equipment she thought the band might want to purchase for fundraising. Because of space concerns, the idea was tabled.

Amazon Smiles was discussed and how certain purchases to towards the band fundraiser.

### **Uniforms**

Jen Goeglein said she needs to order replacement buttons for the tuxedos. She is concerned that the blouses used for the ladies' symphonic uniforms are no longer available and will follow up with the uniform company.

### **Pit Crew**

The trailer still needs to be repaired and inspected and the oil needs to be changed in the ATV.

### **Publicity**

Chrissy and Sarah discussed freshman recruiting. Chrissy will send the flyer she has to Mr. Mitchell to revise and distribute. It wasn't directed to the advanced band people, but instead was for Marching Band. It was suggested that the website should contain contact information. Sarah Kolo suggested that they get a flyer now. It was discussed more extensively on how we can reach the 8<sup>th</sup> graders.

### **BAND DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Mr. Mitchell said the students did very well at District Assessment. They did especially great on site reading, which was harder this year.

All-Virginia Band - Katie Kolo, Kyle Glasgow, and Paul Goeglein were chosen to participate in the All-Virginia Honor Symphonic Band. Their names were posted in the school-wide email which was nice! All-state will be held on April 8 at George Mason University and is free to the public.

Several band students are participating in the musical, which is April 21-23. The Spring Concert will be held on May 18.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Bylaws –The need for changing our current Bylaws stems from the changes in the way the band is funded, and the fact that there are no longer student accounts. The following changes were made to the language of the Bylaws, which were retyped and presented by Scott Chesson, this year's Junior Treasurer: 1. EBPO – all the terms on the EBPO board are for one year and the

position of Treasurer is for a two-year term. 2. The budget should be drafted by May 15 and finalized by the June EBPO meeting. 3. Section 904 is struck as a whole and student accounts will not be kept. 4. "Edison.com" will be changed in the bylaws to "Edison.org." The new text of the Bylaws is attached to these minutes.

Recruiting Display—The displays are not ready to place at the schools yet but will be ready for marching band recruitment. Mr. Mitchell is going to middle schools and will email information from applicants for advanced band.

#### **BAND DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Mr. Mitchell said the students did very well at the Assessments. They did especially great on cite reading.

No dates allowed in the syllabus per Mr. Mitchell. Karen suggested we post the dates. Sue Berry should ask Mr. Mitchell about the Spring concert. She should ask him after the following weekend when Mr. Mitchell is more available.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Nominations were held for the EBPO board for the school year 2016-17:

Karen Ruthrauff was nominated for President

Jamie Martinez was nominated for Vice-President;

As Junior Treasurer, Scott Chesson will automatically become Senior Treasurer.

We still need candidates for Junior Treasurer and Secretary. Karen said she would send emails and make calls to possible candidates over the next several weeks.

#### **ADJOURNMENT:**

Sue Berry motioned to adjourn, and Scott Chesson seconded the motion. The meeting ended at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Labriny  
EBPO Secretary