

BHS Band Booster Association Meeting

August 14, 2012

A meeting of the Buckhorn High School Band Boosters was held on August 14th 2012 at 6:30 p.m. in the Band Room. Mike Keel, President, presided over the meeting.

I. General Announcements – Mike Keel

A. Minutes – Minutes from the May 8th, 2012 band booster meeting were emailed and parents voted to approve as submitted. Meeting minutes are posted on the website under the Parents tab in Documents. If you did not receive an email about the booster meeting, then you need to update your email address.

B. Upcoming events – All upcoming events are posted on the BHS band website calendar at www.buckhornband.com. Of special note on August 24th the band will perform at the jamboree hosted by Madison County High School. Call time will be 6 p.m. at Madison County High School. All band students should wear their new band polo's and Khaki shorts. Students will provide their own transportation to this game. If any student needs a ride to the game please contact Mr. Souder so that car pooling can be arranged. Mike Keel needs volunteers to meet at BHS at 4:30 p.m. on the 24th of August to help load the equipment into the trailer for the Jamboree.

Senior night will be held on the 31st of August at the Buckhorn v. Scottsboro game. All seniors will be recognized before the game. Ceremonies should begin around 6:15 p.m. and all seniors and their escorts should be lined up on the field at that time.

The next two football games, September 7th and 14th will be home games. Mr. Souder will tell the students when the call time will be at a later time. On September 21st there will be a game at James Clemons High School. Call time will be at 5 p.m. at James Clemons High School stadium. Students will provide their own transportation to this game. If any student needs a ride to this game please contact Mr. Souder so that car pooling can be arranged.

On September 29th the band will compete at Vanderbilt. Call time will set when Mr. Souder knows an approximate performance time.

October 5th is BHS homecoming game against Sparkman. October 6th the band will be performing at a competition in Florence. October 12 the band will travel by bus to Decatur for a football game. BHS v. Bob Jones game will be on October 19th at Bob Jones. Students will need to arrange their own transportation. BHS v. Hazel Green game will be on October 26th and

students will need to provide their own transportation. BHS v. Gardendale game will be on November 2nd at Gardendale. Students will be transported by bus to this game.

The reason that students are asked to provide their own transportation to games that are within our county is that this saves the band a lot of money on transportation costs.

II. Financial Report – Cindy Ericsson

A. The balance of the band account was presented. Some expenses that still need to be paid are the instructors for band camp and the shirts for the band students.

B. There are still 12 students that have not paid band camp fees. Those fees are now past due. Fall fees will be \$360. These fees may be paid 3 different ways. They can be paid up front, broken into 4 payments of \$90 a month, beginning in August, for 4 months, or they can be paid through credits in your Charms account. If you are scheduled to work in the Concession stand you can plan on making approximately \$55- \$70 each time you work. This money can be used to help pay fall fees, but the rest of your fees need to be paid. Each band student is initially allowed to have a parent or legal guardian sign up for 2 Concession stand and 1 clean up. If you need access to your student's Charms account please contact Cindy Ericsson. Mike Keel added a reminder that if your student owes any fees at BHS that will not be able to graduate until all fees are paid.

EAA breakfasts are also a good way to earn credit in Charms. Last year students earned approximately \$48 each time they worked a breakfast. There are opportunities for 1 parent or legal guardian and 3 students to work every 3rd Saturday of the month.

III. Officer Reports

A. Marcia Anderson – Thanked all the volunteers that helped during band camp and uniform fittings. Marcia encouraged everyone to express their ideas on anything they think could be done better. During uniform fittings parents had great ideas about making things more organized, like color coding the uniforms and dividing the uniforms with size dividers.

There is a need for an equipment committee. This committee needs 4 people who will help set up the bleacher covers, hand out water to the bands at half-time, set up podiums for the Drum Majors, etc. There is also a need for a uniform committee of 6 people to help repair uniforms, sew buttons back on, etc. If you can help by joining either of these committees please contact Marcia.

More chaperones are needed for the following games: 2 chaperones for 8/24, 2 chaperones for 8/31 and 1 chaperone for 9/7. Contact Marcia if you can help.

If you are interested in attending the competition in Vanderbilt please have your money for your tickets for the Vanderbilt Marching Invitational turned in by 9/14. The tickets will cost \$15 a ticket when bought as a group. Checks should be made out to VMI and money for the tickets should be placed in the blue box in the band room.

B. Phil Harris – We are in the middle of our band apparel sale right now. More apparel fliers are available in the band room if you need one. All apparel sales forms must be turned in 8/24. Our profit on the apparel items depends on how much we sell. If we sell 350 items the band receives \$8 per item sold. The more items we sell, the more money we make. If the band sells over 900 items Fan Cloth will donate \$1000 to our band program. The profit from the student's sales for this fundraiser is split 70% to the band student's Charms account and 30% to the General Band Fund.

The band will have a cookie dough pre-order sale around Thanksgiving. The profits from this sale will also be a 70/30 split.

There are Publix key tags available in the band room. Please pick some up and give them to everyone you know shops at Publix to use. The band received a check from Publix recently for \$800.

There is now a BHS band Alumni Facebook page. Please tell all former BHS band members about this great way to stay in contact. Alumni night is usually held on the same night as Homecoming, but more details on this will be announced at a later time.

C. Jennifer Edwards – Concession sign-ups were available at the meeting. It is still limited to 2 concessions and 1 clean up per band student. Signups for alternate spots should be filled also. Many unforeseen things happen and alternates are frequently needed to fill in. There will be an opportunity at the next meeting to sign up for more Concession slots if slots are still open. Jennifer has a master list of all sign ups. If you have forgotten what days you signed up for contact her. If you cannot work a shift that you have signed up for please email Jennifer as soon as possible, so that she may use an alternate worker.

JV and freshman game signups for concession shifts and clean up shifts were available at the meeting. The games usually are from 5:30 – 8 pm.

All of the profit from the concession stand is divided 70/30 between students and the general band account and then it is divided equally amongst all of the concession and clean up workers. At the end of the football season, after all expenses have been paid, the money is deposited into the students Charm's account.

If you have signed up to do clean up on 9/29 please be aware that this is the day the band will compete at VMI. Clean ups are done in the early morning hours, but this might conflict with parents that want to travel to VMI.

There will be a cleanup day Saturday August 18th for opening the concession stand. Mike Keel also needs help putting in shelves in the band equipment trailer. Volunteers are asked to show up at 8am. A question was asked at the meeting about whether opening and cleaning the concession stand would be an activity that would earn credits towards a student's Charms account. Mr. Souder said that it is not because the stand is not open yet. It is simply a volunteer thing and a great way to help out the band.

IV. Old Business

The band will be going to New York City this spring for 4 days and 5 nights. Brenda Hart of Premiere Travel and Tours is currently working on our itinerary. We are currently 5 people short of having a 3rd bus go on the trip. If a 3rd bus is added we can add up to 15 more people. If you are interested in going on this trip contact Mr. Souder as soon as possible.

V. New Business

We still need sponsors for the band. A donation of \$250 would become a Friend of the band and their name would be displayed on a sign outside the concession stand. For a \$500 donation the donor would be a blue level sponsor and would have their name on the concession stand board and their name on this season's T-Shirt. Unfortunately, the deadline for the T-Shirts has passed. For a \$1000 donation the donor would be a gold level sponsor and would have their name on the concession board and a small portion of the equipment trailer. For a \$1500 donation the donor would be a Director's Club level sponsor and would have their name on the sign and a large portion of the equipment trailer. This money goes into the band's general fund and would be used to purchase new instruments and to replace old instruments. The trailer will be wrapped once we have sponsors to put on it. Please contact Mike Keel or Mr. Souder if you are interested in sponsoring the BHS band.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next band meeting will be September 11th at 6:30 p.m.