

BHS Band Booster Association Meeting

January 15, 2013

A meeting of the Buckhorn High School Band Boosters was held on January 15, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. in the Band room. Mike Keel, President, presided over the meeting.

I. General Announcements – Mike Keel

A. Minutes – Charleen Willem reported that minutes from the November 13, 2012 booster meeting were emailed and parents voted to approve as submitted. Meeting minutes are posted on the BHS band website under the Parents tab in Documents.

B. Upcoming Events - All upcoming events are listed on the BHS band website calendar at www.buckhornband.com. Of special note, Brenda Hart, from Premiere Travel, will attend the February booster meeting to answer questions about the upcoming trip to New York City. Brenda needs the final numbers of who is going on the trip. We still need about 6 or 7 people to fill the 3rd bus. If the bus doesn't get full, it will cost the band money to pay for the empty seats. At this time it looks like we will probably not be able to go to Staten Island and the Statue of Liberty, because of the damage done by Hurricane Sandy. We will try and go to Battery Park so everyone can see the Statue of Liberty. Brenda is looking into getting tickets for another good Broadway show, as the Lion King tickets are sold out. The band will not be able to perform in the Lincoln Center; because the Lincoln Center requires groups to have special liability insurance and our school district will not provide this insurance. We will still have a clinic with the NY Philharmonic and also attend a performance by the NY Philharmonic; and we are planning to perform on the "Intrepid" which sits on the Hudson River.

II. Financial Report – Anne Harris read the balances of the General Band account and the Concessions account. She will be paying credits to Brenda Hart for the upcoming trip. Please let Anne know if you would like her to transfer your credits from Charms into your trip account.

The money from the concessions profits will be split 70/30, so 70% will go toward student credits and 30% will go to the band.

III. Officer Reports-

A. Marcia Anderson handed out fliers, registration forms and rules for the Chili cook-off. The event will be held March 2nd, 2013 at Andrew Jackson Way Baptist church from 12:30pm – 4:30pm. We chose to have the event in Huntsville so that it will draw a larger crowd and there is easier access. There will be a silent auction and children's games with small prizes. All

contestants will be required to sign a liability waiver to protect the band and the church. If you know of any small bands that might like to perform during the Chili cook-off please contact them and let Mr. Souder know if they are interested in performing. The band will be serving chili, dessert and drinks during the cook-off. Tickets will be \$10 for adults and \$5 for children 10 and under.

Ed Martin is Chairman of the food committee. He said that the committee is trying to get donations from area grocery stores for the food, needed to fix the chili that the band will serve at the cook-off. We will need volunteers to help prepare the chili at their home and bring to the chili cook-off to be added to a community pot. There will be a simple recipe provided for all volunteers to use. If the donations from stores don't buy enough ingredients the band might need to ask for the volunteers to purchase the ingredients. It should be a small expense of around \$10 and the expense would probably be smaller if groups of parents got together and made a large batch, using economy size ingredients. Please contact Ed at stressed@mac.com if you can help.

Rodney Clough is the Chairman of the advertising committee. He was unable to be at the meeting, but left notes to be read. He encouraged the band to try and get people to register to participate in the contest. Please reproduce the fliers and hand them out at work, church, stores and restaurants. Stores and restaurants might be willing to let us hang fliers in their windows if we ask. Feeder schools of BHS will let us use their list serve to advertise our event. Anyone that has contacts with one of our feeder schools please contact Marcia Anderson or Wanda Reed.

Tammy Mendoza has volunteered to make a Facebook page for the Chili-off with information that Marcia and Wanda will give her. We will use signs near Jackson Way and BHS to advertise the event. We could get some signs from Coke and we could use the fruit sale signs and hang signs over them with the event information for advertizing. It was also discussed that we could use Facebook to contact former BHS band parents and see if they would be interested in supporting the band and that we need a BHS band information page or resume to show to interested parties.

Kelly Lane has volunteered to use her contacts in radio, television and newspaper to advertise the chili-off. Kelly has also volunteered to contact the Huntsville Havoc and Greg Screws to see if they would be willing to be a celebrity judge.

Mike Keel said he would contact the mayor's office and see if Tommy Battle would be willing to help by being a celebrity judge.

Tickets for the event were discussed. Some ideas for tickets were making a unique ticket that couldn't be duplicated, using a unique hole punch to mark the tickets or using a ultraviolet marker and a black light to mark tickets.

Keith Armstrong from the events committee has contacts with someone who will let us use games for the kids to play. Tickets will be sold for the games and prizes will be given. Keith asked for donations of small prizes for the games. If you have items you would like to donate for prizes contact Marcia or Wanda. Students will be needed to run the games during the event. There was a discussion about the possibility of having inflatable attractions at the event, but there were concerns about liability and noise levels in the gym. Mr. Souder said there might be a pie throwing contest in which he would possibly be a target.

If anyone has items that they would like to donate for the silent auction that will be held during the day of the chili cook-off please contact Marcia or Wanda. The committees are trying to get as much donated as possible to keep down the expenses. So far the only costs have been the prizes and trophies. All of the chili cook-off information; rules, registration and flyer can be found on the website, www.buckhornband.com thanks to Jan Liles.

B. Jennifer Edwards reported that there are some water and drinks left from the concession stand. These might be sold at the chili cook-off.

C. Phil Harris said we will begin having BHS merchandise for sale sometime in February. The fruit sale will be in March and we will discuss dates later. Phil will check to see if we could pre-sell fruit at the chili cook-off.

Director's remarks-

Mr. Souder wants to recognize some of the area businesses and people that have been very supportive and helpful with our chili cook-off; the Huntsville Havoc are donating a signed jersey and possibly sending their team mascot to the event, Queen of Clean are donating \$250 in auto detailing, and Jackson Way Baptist Church for letting us use their Youth Center and gym for the event and also letting us use their church for the BHS band Christmas Concert. He also thanked all the chili cook-off committees for all their hard work. Rodney Clough has been the guiding force behind the scenes, helping to make sure the event runs smoothly.

Mr. Souder would also like to thank the anonymous donor of the Pearl drum set. It is a wonderful addition for the band and is greatly appreciated.

Please spread the word about the chili cook-off. We need lots of people to show up if we want the event to be a success.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.