

## BHS Band Booster Association Meeting

October 16, 2012

A meeting of the Buckhorn High School Band Boosters was held on October 16<sup>th</sup> 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 September 11<sup>th</sup>, 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](http://www.buckhornband.com). Of special note, the call time for this Friday's game at the Madison City Stadium, for the BHS vs. Bob Jones football game, is 5:30 pm. All students should meet at the equipment trailer. Students must provide their own transportation.

On October 27<sup>th</sup> the BHS band will compete at Phil Campbell. The schedule should be similar at the Florence schedule and there will be a practice in the morning. This competition should not conflict with any students who are taking the ACT that morning.

The band is expected to increase by 20 – 30 students next year. The current seventh grade band has over 100 students. Because of this growth we need to model our Booster organization similar to a larger school. We are a 6A school and we need to step up our booster program. Instead of having a board of 5 or 6 Booster officers, larger organizations have committees of 12 people over things like finance, equipment, etc.

II. Financial Report – Anne Harris reported the balance of the Concessions account. The money from the Fan Cloth order has been entered into the student's Charms accounts.

### III. Officer Reports

A. Marcia Anderson – All chaperone positions are filled for the remaining games and competition.

Marcia has been talking to Diana Gallagher, a BHS band parent, about fundraising ideas for the band. Diana has a lot of experience in fund raising and would like to help our band's fund raising to be more successful and pull in more money. Diana talked about her experience raising funds for 10 years for organizations like March of Dimes and AIDS Coalition. She raised thousands of dollars for these organizations with a small budget. When raising funds for these organizations, she looked into getting corporate sponsors to give products, time and man power. These are easier to get donated than money. She thought we might be able to have 2 or 3 large events and raise much more money than the smaller fundraisers we currently do. The larger fundraisers would need a committee of 10 to 12 people to organize and run them and lots of volunteers to be involved in helping. Some of the ideas that have been successful are; Casino Night, Cocktail Hour, Dog Ball, etc. Mrs. Gallagher will meet with the Booster board to discuss specific ideas for fundraisers.

Marcia is putting a suggestion box in the band room. Anyone with ideas for making our program better can put the idea in an anonymous envelope and put Marcia's name on it. This is not for complaining about little problems or Mr. Souder's policies.

A couple of ideas that Marcia has thought of are to make the band run more like a business. At band camp we can open a supply store, instead of giving our business to the local music shops that won't sponsor us. The band could sell a pack of band supplies for students that would contain their show shirt, white shorts and other band essentials.

Marcia has spoken to Mr. Markham and a contractor about the future band field. The contractor has said that once the election is over, he will talk with us more about possibly donating man hours and equipment to get the field started.

Mr. Souder thanked Marcia for all the hours of research she has done to help the band.

B. Jennifer Edwards – Concessions are almost done and it has been a great season. There is a car show at the school this Saturday from 8-2. The Coke trailer will be used to sell candy and cokes. There is a freshman and JV game on Monday the 22<sup>nd</sup> and a freshman game on Thursday the 25<sup>th</sup>. The game on the 25<sup>th</sup> is a makeup game. Students that are scheduled to work concessions at the Thursday game are encouraged to have a parent work for them, if at all possible, so that the students can attend band rehearsal that evening. If no other arrangements can be made then students will be allowed to work. Students that are doing clean up should be able to still do clean up duties without interfering with rehearsal.

There will be concessions clean up day in November and lots of volunteers will be needed. The whole stand needs to be cleaned and everything wrapped up so that everything will be clean when the stand opens next year. Jennifer will set a date for this clean up soon.

C. Phil Harris – The Fan Cloth credits that were applied to Charms accounts were \$5.60 per item. The next order form for Fan Cloth will be coming out soon. One of the items added to the order was a cinch sack.

Cookie dough order forms were available at the meeting and samples were given out. Forms will be available in the band room for anyone who didn't get one at the meeting. Steve Clonts from the Tasty Batters/Paula Dean Company was there to answer questions. The cookies are \$15 per tub/pre-portioned package and the band will make \$6 per item sold. The top 8 varieties come in tubs or pre-portioned package. In order for this fundraiser to remain off the official books, any person you are selling cookies that would like to write a check, have them write the check to you and then you, the band parent, will write a check for those orders to Steve Clonts. When turning in the order forms the back copy is the parents and the white and yellow copies go to the band. When the order arrives it will be divided into individual orders. These orders will need to be picked up quickly as the cookie dough needs to be refrigerated.

Mike Keel suggested ways to advertize the cookie dough sale. You can send out a mass email, scan the order form and send it out, Facebook. He also suggested make a copy of your order form before turning it in, for your personal reference.

New Business – Mike Keel introduced Ms. Leah and Mr. Aylor and had them speak about the Winter Guard and Indoor percussion season. WGI is the organization that our students compete in. Being involved in these groups helps improve our band and color guard next year.

Winter guard only allows students who were in color guard to try out, because they already have the experience that is needed.

Indoor percussion is open to anyone 8<sup>th</sup> grade and above who would like to try out. The theme of the percussion show is Shinobe. The floor will be decorated to match the theme. The music will be Japanese and the show will include Karate moves.

These groups will benefit the entire band during the next marching season with their experience gained during the winter and is something all schools participate in to improve their skills. This is an extra-curricular activity, but students must still be dedicated and committed so that it is a successful program. Parents are needed to volunteer to help make this program run smoothly. Handouts were available at the meeting and anyone interested should contact Ms. Leah, Mr. Aylor or Mr. Souder.

Terri Ellett talked about the private party she was throwing for the band students. She wanted to make sure that everyone knew she wasn't trying to cause problems for the band. It was a party she wanted to have since the band students had to sacrifice the Homecoming dance because of a competition. Mr. Souder clarified that it was okay for band students to go to the

party, if everyone understood that it was not a band sponsored activity and the BHS band and its Booster board members could not be held responsible for anything that happens at the party.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. There was a baby shower given in honor of the Souder family after the meeting. The next band meeting will be November 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:30p.m.