

BHS Band Booster Association Meeting

September 11, 2012

A meeting of the Buckhorn High School Band Boosters was held on September 11th, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. in the Band room. Mike Keel, President, presided over the meeting. The meeting began with a moment of silence in observance of the anniversary of 9/11/01.

I. General Announcements – Mike Keel

A. Minutes from the August 14th, 2012 band booster meeting were made available on the website and emailed to parents and parents voted to approve the minutes as submitted. Meeting minutes are posted on the BHS band website under the parents tab in the documents.

II. Financial Report – Anne Harris, Treasurer

A. The balance of the general band account was recorded. After expenses were paid the general account had a negative balance. Because of the unforeseen growth of the band, the expenses for refurbishment of band owned instruments were much more than anticipated. Once some the band fees were deposited the account now has a positive balance. Thank you to all who have already paid their fees or made a payment. Please pay as much of your band fees as possible. If you can pay the entire \$360 fee, please do, or begin paying the \$90 a month payments. Payments are due by the end of the month and August's payment is now past due. Make your checks to BHS band and put it in the blue box in the band room. All band fees must be paid before the band trip this spring to New York City. Any student who has not paid all their band fees will not be allowed to go on the trip.

B. The balance of the Concessions bank account was recorded. This money remains in this account until the end of the football season, when it is then divided among the concession workers and the band.

C. If there are any questions about your Charms account see Anne Harris or Cindy Erikson. If you need to get your student's id # to be able to access your Charms account you can contact Charleen Willem, Anne Harris or Cindy Erikson.

III. Officer Reports

A. Marcia Anderson, Vice President of Chaperones – All Varsity game chaperone positions have been filled. All chaperone positions for the VMI competition have been filled. There are still chaperone positions available for the Florence competition, Oct. 6th and the Phil Campbell competition, Oct. 27th. Please contact Marcia Anderson if you are willing to chaperone on these days.

All money for the VMI tickets must be turned in by September 14th. The ticket prices are \$15 and children 6 and under are free with an adult ticket purchase. If you miss this deadline you will have to buy your ticket at the competition.

There will be a check-out form at all away games and competitions. If you would like to take your student home with you after the event you must sign them out and you must be a parent or legal guardian. Notes from home will not be accepted. The parent/guardian must be present to check them out. If for some reason your student needs to leave early during a home game you must sign the check-out form.

Marcia is researching possible grants for the band and trying to solicit a donation from the Chamber of Commerce. She is taking pictures of our future practice field and our band equipment trailer to give possible sponsors a picture of our needs.

B. Jennifer Edwards, Vice President of Concessions –The work day at the beginning of the season went very well and she had lots of help opening the stand. Thank you to all the volunteers.

The Health Department came to inspect our concessions and gave us a score of 98. There were 3 issues that needed resolved: the bathroom door needed an automatic closer and this has already been installed, the mop hangar was broken and has now been replaced and the wooden pallets that the drinks are stored on had to be painted and Jennifer is in the process of painting these. If you would like to help Jennifer with this work please contact her, she would greatly appreciate any help.

There is still open concession and clean up slots for the JV and freshman games. If your student hasn't signed up please encourage them to pick a slot.

Parents are allowed to sign-up for 1 more concession/clean-up position per child. That is now a total of 5 sign-ups per student.

We have the opportunity to sell concessions the morning of October 6th, until 12 p.m. It is the morning of the Florence competition, but it should not interfere with going to the competition. Our concessions will be sold out of the Coke trailer and no hot food will be sold. Three or four positions will be open for this event and workers will earn 70% of what is made that day.

IV. Old Business – Mike Keel

The band sold 308 items for our Fan Cloth order. The order is expected to arrive Friday September 14th or Monday September 17th. There was a \$2400 profit made on this fundraiser and it will be split 70/30 with the students who sold items getting 70% and the band getting 30%. Next year we will offer more generic items that don't say BHS band, so that we can sell

more items to more people that aren't affiliated with the band. The possibility of placing a 2nd order is being considered. If we do a 2nd order we will have Phil Harris look into adding a cinch sack with the Buckhorn B on it.

Cookie dough sale will start in early October. The profit from this will also be split 70/30. This is not considered an official fundraiser with the school, which leaves us more opportunities for future fundraisers.

There will be another El Monte fundraiser on Monday, September 17th. The band will receive 10% of all band students and their family's bill and you can eat there for lunch or dinner. There will be printed tickets made available to give to the cashiers. Every 1st Monday of the month will be El Monte night for the band until we are told differently.

The Scrip program was canceled because it wasn't making enough money.

Publix cards for the band are available in the band room. The band makes a lot of money from this program. You can send these cards to any relative that has a Publix nearby and the card should be accepted.

The EAA breakfast will be Saturday and Sunday this weekend. Come out and enjoy the breakfast that our band students fix. This is the weekend where lots of airplanes come to the airfield. They have the Young Eagles program for kids 8 and up. They will be allowed to take a ride in an airplane with parental permission. This is a great fundraiser for the band. It is one of the best money makers other than concessions.

ReNew-It pressure washing will donate 10% of their bill to the band if your child is in the BHS band. If you need any pressure washing done at your home or business, please consider using this business. Please contact Mike Keel for the business's information.

V. New Business

There have been lots of complaints about how hot it is in the concession stand. We are going to borrow an evaporative cooler from the County. They will drop it off Friday and pick it up on the following Monday. This should hopefully cool the stand down 20 degrees. We are also looking into installing a ridge vent on the roof, which would help eliminate some heat. We are hoping these things will help with the heat issue. Any major improvements made to the concessions stand would be costly and would have to be approved through the County Board of Education.

The band has a critical need of bottled water. Please donate cases of water as soon as possible. Band member or parents could also try to solicit donations or discounts from area businesses. Lowes donated 1000 bottles to the band and Wal-Mart, Sams and Target have donated gift

cards. Our band goes through approximately 250 bottles of water per game, plus 1 bottle of water per band student from the visiting band. This adds up to around 4500-5000 bottles of water per season.

There is also a need for field striping paint. The band uses 6 to 8 cans of paint every time we re-stripe the field for practice. You can purchase this paint at Lowes. It is Krylon inverted white field striping paint cans. If you mention that you are buying it for BHS band use you might not have to pay sales tax.

MCBOE General Provisions for Purchase and Sale of Goods - Policy Governing Items Purchased or Sold at Individual Schools:

"All items purchased or sold in the individual schools of the Madison County School System shall reflect that which is in the best interest of the students and the school. It shall be the responsibility of the Principal to see that this policy is carried out in his/her individual school."

According to the Madison County Board of Education policy, private fundraisers may not be done on school property without approval of the school's principal.

After our next Band Booster meeting the band will be having a baby shower for Mr. and Mrs. Souder and baby Jackson. All band students and parents are invited to attend. The Souder's are registered at Babies R Us, Target and Amazon.com under the name Jacob and Katy Souder. Some of the larger band sections could pool some money together and purchase one of the larger gifts if they want to. Volunteers are needed to help provide refreshments for the shower. Contact Regina Clonts or one of the Booster Board members if you would like to help.

After the home games students are encouraged to quickly change out of their uniform and clean up the band room (trash, clothes, etc.), so that everyone may leave.

Friday the 14th of September, BHS will play Austin at home. The next Friday, September 21, is an away game at James Clemons High School. September 28th will be a home game against Mt. Brook and the 29th of September is the VMI competition in Vanderbilt University in Nashville. There will be a rehearsal in the morning before the VMI competition from 8-10 or 11 and the call time for VMI will be early afternoon. The performance time is scheduled for 6:30 pm and the band will arrive back at BHS at approximately midnight. Mr. Souder will announce specific times later.

VI. Director's Comments

The band is experiencing unforeseen growing pains this year. The budgeted \$5000.00 for instruments was not enough to refurbish all of the instruments that needed to be refurbished.

Next year we will experience even more growing pains. The BMS band has over 200 students and if most of these students move up to BHS band we will need many more instruments refurbished or purchased and possibly new uniforms purchased. In a few years the band will also need to purchase battery instruments.

The Florence competition is possibly scheduled on the same day as the BHS Homecoming Dance. If so, then the band students will not be home in time to attend the dance. If students leave the competition early it will affect their grade.

There is an ACT test scheduled for October 27th which is the same day as the Phil Campbell competition. Mr. Souder said that if you are scheduled to take the ACT that day that you should have enough time to take the test before the competition or that you could check and see if you could transfer to the NW Shoals area to take the test, so that you would be closer to the Phil Campbell competition.

Rehearsals will remain on Thursday's at 5pm for the duration of the marching season. Band is during 4th block it would be very hard on the students to go directly into a long rehearsal after school. The students are tired from 4th block practice and need a long rest period before rehearsal. If the students would like to remain at school instead of going home and coming back, Mr. Souder is at the school and will be able to supervise any students that remain. There is also a computer lab next to the band room that would be available for use if they have homework. The rehearsals will be ending earlier due to lack of lighting. They should be ending around 7pm.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next band meeting will be October 16th and there will be a baby shower for Mr. and Mrs. Souder directly after the meeting.