

BHS Band Booster Association Meeting

February 12, 2013

A meeting of the Buckhorn High School Band Boosters was held on February 12, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. in the Band room. Mike Keel, President, presided over the meeting.

I. General Announcements – Mike Keel

A. Mike Keel reported that minutes from the January 15, 2013 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, Marcia Anderson talked about the upcoming Chili Cook-off fundraiser, on March 2nd at Andrew Jackson Way Church, from 12:30 – 4:30. The band website has a section for the cook-off with all rules, registration forms and flyers attached. Registration for contestants is still open and is \$20 per recipe. You can even be under the age of 18 to enter the contest. Minors would need a parent/guardian to sign the liability waiver. Tickets for the event can be purchased anytime between now and the event and will also be sold at the door. The cost is \$10 per adult, \$5 for children 10 and under and \$7 for BHS students. You will receive a bowl of chili, dessert, drink and samples of contestant's chili with your ticket purchase. Costco has donated all the desserts and their company will have a table set up at the cook-off for anyone who is interested in signing up for membership. The cook-off is being advertised on Star 99, The Redstone Rocket and List Serve.

There are many great items that have been donated for the silent auction that will take place at the cook-off. Of special interest, there will be a signed Alabama football poster to be included in the auction and even a car to be auctioned. Thank you to everyone who donated for the auction.

Ed Martin is still looking for volunteers to help make the general consumption chili recipe. He has gift cards for local stores that were donated to the band and could be used for purchasing ingredients or you can purchase the ingredients yourself. If you are interested in helping, contact Ed at stressed@mac.com.

The tickets for the children's games will be sold for 4/\$1.00. Entertainment is still needed during the cook-off. If anyone of a garage band who would like to perform please contact Mr.

Souder, Marcia Anderson or Wanda Reed. Some of the band students might perform some skits during the cook-off. Volunteers are still needed to work shifts during the event. Some of the jobs that will need done include; runners, games, set up and clean up. Please call Marcia at (256)683-2765 if you can help. There will be an advertising table set up during the event that any businesses who donated for the event can set out coupons, business cards, flyers, etc. Please tell your family, friends, neighbors and co-workers about this event and help make it a success.

Brenda Hart, from Premier Travel and Tours, attended the meeting to talk about the upcoming trip to New York City and some of the changes to the itinerary. In order to be able to afford to see a Broadway Show, we will not be going on the tour of Radio City Music Hall. This allows us to see the show "Wicked" and be seated in the orchestra section instead of the balcony. Because we are not doing the tour of Radio City Music Hall, we will be able to spend more time in Times Square, have lunch in Central Park and tour Grand Central Station. Many times tour groups try to cram too much into the trip and they are exhausted. This new itinerary is not quite as rushed and will allow for more free time to enjoy the city.

As the result of Hurricane Sandy, Liberty Island and Ellis Island were devastated and are currently closed to the public. Instead of visiting Liberty Island, Brenda has booked a 90 minute harbor cruise around the Statue of Liberty.

We will not be performing at the Lincoln Center, because our school system does not have the kind of liability insurance that would be required to perform there. The band will still have a clinic with the Philharmonic and will perform after the clinic, but not a live performance in front of an audience. Therefore, Mr. Souder announced that the band students will not be required to bring their formal concert attire on the trip. Brenda said there will be alternate plans arranged for any tag-a-longs or students that are not performing during the clinic, if they don't want to watch the clinic.

There will be meal selections offered for the harbor cruise, the box lunch at Central Park and Hard Rock Café. Mr. Souder is handling the student's meal choices and Brenda will get in touch with tag-a-longs and parents on their meal choices.

The number of people going on the trip currently is 107. There will be 2 full buses for the trip. If your plans have changed and you can no longer go on the trip please let Brenda know. There are a few people on a waiting list. The final payments for the trip are due March 13th and these payments can be transferred from your Charms account. Let Brenda Hart or the BHS band treasurers, Anne or Cindy, know if you wish to transfer money from Charms for this purpose.

Brenda will send out an official itinerary closer to the trip. She did give an unofficial summary of the trip with approximate amounts of money you should plan on for meals.

Wednesday April 24th - leave at 5am. We will be traveling all day and all meals will be on your own, with fast food stops for breakfast and lunch and a pre-arranged stop at Hometown Buffet in Edison, NJ for dinner, which will be \$13 for an all you can eat buffet. You can include your \$13 for the buffet in your final payment. Brenda approximated \$40 for all meals and food this day.

Thursday April 25th – Breakfast at the hotel, spend 2 hours at the Top of the Rock, in Rockefeller Center, eat a light lunch on your own (plan for at least \$20 on meals in the city), visit Times Square, and then an early dinner at the Hard Rock Café. After dinner we will visit the Lincoln Center for a 7:30 performance of the Philharmonic Orchestra, then back to the hotel.

Friday April 26th – Breakfast at the hotel, visit Battery Park, 90 minute cruise around Liberty Island, lunch will be served on the cruise. Then, we will visit the American Museum of Natural History, with a special exhibition, visit Times Square for some free time and then eat dinner at Famous John's Pizzeria.

Saturday April 27th – Breakfast at the hotel, clinic with the Philharmonic, boxed lunch in Central Park, watch the Broadway show Wicked, 911 Memorial at dusk, free time in Times Square, dinner on your own (plan for \$25), then back to the hotel. The security around the 911 Memorial is very tight, so when we visit it please leave extras on the buses. There is also a lot of construction in this area.

Sunday April 28th – Breakfast at the hotel and leave for the return trip at 9 am. There will be two meals on the return trip, at fast food restaurants, that will be on your own. The approximate time of our return to Huntsville is 11pm. Each person may bring 1 large suitcase that holds up to 50 lbs. Brenda will check to see if the buses will have plugs for electronic devices. If you have a group of 10 or more people who would like to visit an attraction during the free times, let Brenda or Keith know and they can get discount tickets for you.

II. Officer Reports –

A. Phil Harris – The fruits sale will begin around the 1st of March. We are hoping to be able to offer pre-sales at the chili cook-off that can be picked up during the roadside sale. We will be using Step Produce again this year.

The EAA breakfast is Saturday, February the 16th.

B. Jennifer Edwards – nothing to report about concessions

III. Financial Report – The treasurer was unable to be at the meeting and there was no financial report given.

IV. New Business –

The band was given the opportunity of using the field at the back of the school, behind where the buses park. The band would have to pay to have the land to be sodded, so that we could use it during marching season. The school has offered to move all football practices to the back field and let us use the soccer field during marching season, if the band will still pay to sod the field in back. The band would not have any more scheduling conflicts with the football program over field usage. This would also benefit the band students, because the soccer field is much closer to the school and that makes it easier to get instruments from the band room to the field. We wouldn't have to worry about installing lighting and we could put the money we save toward a stand for marching season. The football program would like to eventually build an indoor practice building in the back field and this swap will keep the band from having to relocate our practice field in the future.

The Band Booster Association is seeking band parents who are willing to serve on the nominating committee. The committee will spend the next month contacting band parents to see if they are interested in serving in an officer position on the Band Booster Board beginning in June 2013 through May 2014. Telephone numbers of all band parents will be made available to the committee so that they may contact parents and gather names of interested individuals. In order to serve as an officer you must have a child in band at least one semester and you must have paid all band fees. There were two volunteers for the committee at the meeting. The committee had 10 volunteers last year and the work was spread out between all volunteers and as a result it was a very easy job. Please help on this committee if you have time. Contact Mike Keel if you are interested in serving on this committee. Nominees will be presented at the March booster meeting and elections will take place at April meeting.

The MCBOE will be holding a community engagement meeting at Buckhorn High School on February 25, 2013 at 6:00 pm in the BHS cafeteria. Please make every effort to attend so that you can hear the plans and options for the future of our area. We need to make sure that we are there to represent the interests of our school and our band. Our band is experiencing rapid growth. We expect to 20 -25 more musicians the next school year and in the next 3 to 5 years there is the potential for the band to have as many as 150 musicians. Mr. Souder is the only teacher at BHS that oversees more than 30 students. It would be in the best interest of our band if funding could be found for an assistant director soon.

Director's Remarks –

Mr. Souder will email the dates of the upcoming band camp, so that summer plans may be made. The current MCBOE approved calendar has school starting August 19th, but there is an alternate calendar that would have us starting on August 6th. Madison County will use the alternate start date, which includes a Fall Break, only if the bill passes which would allow schools to opt out of the state mandated calendar. We will not know this decision until May.

The next Booster meeting, on March 12th at 6:30 pm, will be a very important meeting. Please make every effort to attend this meeting.

There being no further business that meeting was adjourned.