

Holt Band Booster Meeting

March 11, 2014

Members Present: Nancy Buell (President), Jennifer Smith (Vice President), Anne Fegan (Treasurer), Jacki Fine (Secretary), Jane and Tim White, Brian Smith, Mark Smith, Lori Weber, Matt Albertson, Tracy Dickherber, Jim Cunningham (Director)

A note to parents: If your child is in the Holt Band, you ARE a member of the Band Boosters. Thank you very much to all who attended this meeting!

Call to order was made at 7:03 pm by Nancy Buell.

Approval of prior month's minutes: Lori Weber made a motion to approve February's minutes. It was seconded by Tim White and approved by the membership.

Treasurer's Report: Anne Fegan gave the budget report for January 25-February 26, 2014. The beginning checking account balance is \$3,746.27, income of \$10,338.85, total expenditures \$8,582.89 (guard expenses, Summer Symposium deposit, St. Louis Jazz Festival registration, BOA lunches and a few misc. reimbursements), ending balance \$5,502.23. Savings account balance \$5,331.60. Anne reported that there is over \$18,000.00 outstanding unpaid band and guard fees. She will continue to send band statements. Please contact her if you have any questions.

Any payments can be mailed to: Wentzville Band Boosters

1939 Wentzville Parkway # 135
Wentzville, MO 63385

Or you pay by Pay Pal through Charms.

Anne Fegan reported that the band is considering offering ACH (automatic payments of band fees). Since there are some costs involved including \$25.00 per month and \$.15 per debit we are trying to determine the level of interest. It is estimated that if 150 parents participate in ACH that the fees will add up to about \$50.00 per month. The current fees that the band pays for banking services fluctuate. Pay Pal fees vary according to the amount of payments made and were about \$60.00 for the current month and other fees are usually about \$50.00.

Scrip Report: Scrip report was submitted by Janet Schott. The checking account balance is \$10,285.14; Scrip on hand is \$14,444.00. Total assets are \$24,729.14. Please see the band website for information and order forms.

Old Business:

Cookie Dough Fundraiser: Color Guard had the highest percentage of sales for the cookie dough fundraiser and will be getting a pizza party in the near future.

Winter Guard: Winter Guard is doing a phenomenal job!! They placed 6th overall in Kansas City and would be in the top 20 in their class nationwide if we were participating in Nationals. Great job Ladies and Instructors!!

Pageant of Bands: Sold all of the tickets that were available for preferred seating and 50/50 did very well.

New Business:

Bling For the Band Fundraiser: Susan Shortt reported that “Bling For the Band” will take place on April 25. The band is seeking donations of gently used jewelry and accessories. Please continue bringing in donations. The Jazz Band will perform in the auditorium and the doors will be left open so people can listen to them while they shop in the lobby.

Jazz on the Green: The date of Jazz on the Green will be May 9 and will take place at Lake Forest Country Club.

Board Nominations: We are currently accepting nominations for the elected Board positions, **President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary.** Please contact a current board member or reply to any e-mail that you receive from the band to let us know that you are interested in any of the positions or with any questions. Elections will take place at the April Booster Meeting which is also the incoming Freshman Parent Night. There will be many other opportunities for involvement as well. We need your help!! The more people that get involved, the less each individual person will need to do. Packets for next year will be available at the April meeting or will be sent home with students at school sometime after the meeting. All parents are welcomed and encouraged to attend.

Director’s Report: Jim Cunningham reported that Holt band students did very well at Solo and Ensemble Contest. We had 55 solos and ensembles and 31 of them scored a 1 which is a Superior rating. Holt had the most of any school and the students and groups scoring 1’s will compete at Missouri State Solo and Ensemble on May 3 in Columbia.

Large Ensemble Contest will take place on April 3 and 4. Holt is the host. Mr. Cunningham will have a lot of help from Holt band students, but he will also need the help of a few parents. Please watch for more information or let us know if you can help.

Pageant of Bands went very well, but Mr. C. felt that it went too long. In the future we will return to having the 6th, 7th and 8th grade bands at Pageant along with concert and symphonic bands. We will have a Night of Jazz to feature middle school and high school Jazz Bands.

Parent Meeting: Next year Mr. C plans to have an 8th grade parent information meeting in January. It will be in early to mid-January and probably take place on a Monday or Thursday evening. This is more appropriate timing since kids are registering for classes earlier and he can make sure parents have the information before the schedules are due. We would still have the meeting in April and highly encourage all band parents to attend.

Uniforms: The current plan is for the band to get new uniforms the year after next year. The district will take the equipment budget over the next three years to pay for the uniforms. We will need to talk about increased budget needs to cover equipment over the next few years. THS and Holt are both in the process of working on designs for new uniforms.

Preliminary schedules for next year will be out soon. Dead period will take place from 6/21-6/29. Next year will be a trip year. The trip usually takes place in April about the 2nd or 3rd weekend and the plan is to go to Chicago.

Next Parents Meeting is Tuesday April 8, 2014 at 7:00 pm in the Auditorium. The incoming parent information meeting will take place from 7:00-8:00 and the regular band parent meeting including elections will take place immediately following at 8:00 pm.

Please plan to attend the above meeting and please mark your calendar for the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm in the band room.

Meeting Adjournment: Motion made to adjourn the meeting at 8:06 pm. The motion was made by Lori Weber and seconded by Tim White.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Jacki Fine, Secretary

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