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Jennifer Smith, Booster President, called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. In attendance were: Jennifer Smith, Mike Nichols, Anne Dietz, Mary Wood, Rick Westerhold, Lori Weber, Brad Jones, Sharon Freshwater, Kim and Dan Pieper, Lisa White, Carol Dalton and Angela Calvillo.

Brad Jones made a motion to approve the January minutes as submitted. Mike Nichols seconded and minutes were approved. Mike Nichols gave the Scrip report. Student accounts earned \$227.48 in scrip credit during January. The general fund earned \$49.50. Scrip is now sold on Thursday evenings at the Nichols home. Address and map can be found at holtbands.org. If you know you want scrip, use the link on the band website to email Mike before Sunday evening and he will have it for you by Thursday.

Winter Guard is having an outstanding season. A video of their show was viewed during the meeting. March 14 is a Dairy Queen night to support Winter Guard and help them raise funds for a trip to compete in Dayton, Ohio.

Black dresses and tuxes have come in and been distributed to the students. Dresses should be hemmed. They should be floor length gowns. Girls should wear black shoes. They may wear earrings, but the directors prefer no other jewelry. Boys tux pants will need to be hemmed. Boys may wear marching shoes or black dress shoes.

Band fees need to be paid. Although candy bar sales have ended, if you still would like to sell you must pay for candy up front. Contact Andrea Warren if you need candy bars. abwarren94@gmail.com. You will send money with your student and Andrea will meet them with candy first hour. We will also have an Andoro's Pizza fundraiser starting at the end of February. Scrip cards are another opportunity to help pay fees.

Pageant of Bands is fast approaching on February 26. Food Trucks (Yo Salsa, Doughboys Wood fired Pizza, St. Louisiana Q, MK Rolls and Wraps and Destination Desserts) will be serving after the concert. A percentage of profits will benefit the band. The food trucks will line up on the road behind school. Families may purchase food after the concert and eat in the cafeteria. Also look for basket raffles, spiritwear sales, and 50/50 raffle. Preferred seating is available and may be purchased by contacting Andrea Warren.

Custom Fundraising Solutions gave a presentation to the Boosters about a new fundraising opportunity for our band--mattress sales. The company will come in and set up a mattress showroom in the school. Customers may come in and try out the mattresses and place orders. Delivery is available to 48 states. These are name brand (Simmons, Beautyrest, Comfортаire), brand new mattresses priced 30-50% below retail. Mr. Cunningham contacted a former student, who is now a band director and doing this sale, and found out that this former student's band made a lot of money for a one day event. We are looking at scheduling a date this spring, so if you need a new mattress wait just a bit and check out our Holt Showroom coming soon!

Mr. Cunningham gave the Director's report. Holt is hosting the large ensemble music contest on March 9 and 10. A few parent volunteers are needed those days. Please contact Mr. Cunningham if you are able to help for a few hours or all day either or both days. March 9 times are 7:30 a.m. until 6:30 p.m. and March 10 is 8:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m.

March 4 is solo and small group ensemble district competition at Fort Zumwalt East. We have a number of soloists and ensembles that will be performing that day.

April 1 the St. Louis Brass Quintet will be giving a free concert at Holt at 7:00 p.m. Students will have the opportunity to participate in a workshop with the quintet from 5:30-6:30.

Plans are already being made for next year's Marching Season. Band Camp will be July 17-28.

The next Booster meeting will be March 14.

Respectfully submitted, Lori Weber, Holt Band Booster Secretary

Mr. Cunningham gave the director's report. A new calendar should have been sent home last week or early this coming week. Check with your band student. This is an updated 2nd semester calendar which includes pep band dates. Incoming freshman band parent meeting scheduled for January 12. March 4 is the district small group and solo ensembles competition. March 9-10 will be large group ensemble hosted at Holt. District band performances were January 8. Congratulations Geoffrey Fegan (District Jazz Band) and Abby Roe and Dana Whiting (District Band).

Mr. England reported that he has invited 3 guest clinicians to come and work with Jazz Band. Jazz band will be attending several Jazz Festivals--Feb. 25 at Truman, March 11 at Mineral Area, and UMSL on April 21. Jazz Band is a great group this year!

A motion was made by Rose to adjourn the meeting, Brad seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

