

**Beaverton Band Boosters**  
Parent Meeting, February 24, 2009  
Submitted by Rhonda Shotts

Meeting in the Band Room was called to order at 7:00 pm by President TJ Paulsen

**In attendance:** TJ Paulsen, Debbie Knierim, Rhonda Shotts, Doug and Angela Partipilo, Ken Schalk, Pam Burns, Sharri Youngstrom, Michelle Stein, Joan Sears, Chris Hagen, Catherine and Martin McLendon, Mary DeFrank, Cindy Sirianni, Karen Jung, Sheri Jerman, Helen Lee, Gayle Fenner Bloombaum, Nadine Wong, Rosslynn Bennett, Jenny Cheng, Judy Holley, Colleen Tanner.

**Calendar of events:**

- Tuesday, February 24<sup>th</sup> - New board nominations open
- Tuesday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> - Band Concert at Highland Park
- Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup> – Winterguard/Percussion Championships competition, Skyview High School
- Tuesday, March 17<sup>th</sup> – Winterguard/Percussion Family Night, 7:30 main gym
- Thursday, March 19<sup>th</sup> – Flower Sale order forms ready
- Tuesday, March 31<sup>st</sup> – Parent meeting to include “Meet the Candidates”
- Wednesday, April 8<sup>th</sup> – League Wind Ensemble Festival
- Friday, April 17<sup>th</sup> – Last day to turn in Plant Sale Orders
- Tuesday, April 21<sup>st</sup> – Fundraising Committee meeting
- Wednesday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> – can, bottle, newspaper, magazine, cell phones and ink cartridge recycle day as well as light bulb sale
- Late April/Early May - Mother’s Day Flower Sale
- Tuesday, May 12<sup>th</sup> – Band Awards Night
- Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup> – Macy’s Coupon Sale at Washington Square; Plant Sale pick-up at BHS
- Tuesday, May 19<sup>th</sup> – Parent Meeting
- Thursday, May 21<sup>st</sup> – Freshman Welcome Night
- Tuesday, May 26<sup>th</sup> – BHS Spring Band Concert
- Saturday, May 30<sup>th</sup> – Starlight Parade
- Tuesday, June 9<sup>th</sup> – Last General Membership/Parent Meeting of the year
- Wednesday, June 10<sup>th</sup> – BHS Graduation, University of Portland
- Wednesday-Friday, June 24-26<sup>th</sup> – Leadership Camp, Southridge H.S.
- Wednesday, June 24<sup>th</sup> through July 4<sup>th</sup> – Fireworks Tent
- Monday, August 17<sup>th</sup> – First day of Band Camp (registration, guard, percussion and leadership)
- August 18-19<sup>th</sup> – Rookie Days at Band Camp
- August 20<sup>th</sup> – First full day of Band Camp
- August 24-28<sup>th</sup> – Full days of Band Camp
- Saturday, August 22<sup>nd</sup> – all Band Rummage Sale

**Update from Mr. Head:**

- The Winter Drumline and Winterguard teams are in full swing and had their first competition on February 7<sup>th</sup>. Both teams performed well, although neither placed. The Drumline had a competition on 2/21; the Winterguard performed on 2/28 at Tigard High School taking 2<sup>nd</sup> in their division. Their final competition is the NWAPA Championships on March 14<sup>th</sup> at Skyview High School in Vancouver, WA.
- Our actual number of performers on drumline are 15 (instead of the proposed 19); 13 on Winterguard
- With this new lower total number of participants, it is very likely that the funding by the Booster Club will be higher than the approved amount of \$3,000. Ultimately, we would like the winter programs to be self sufficient.

### **Our Fall Show and Band Camp:**

- The fall show music is in the planning stages and will be available sometime in May. The exact drill will not be complete until after the first week of band camp as the drill writer needs to know the exact number of students in order to write particular placements within the drill. Props, if any, will be decided after a meeting with the design staff to determine a plan for the show.
- SLACR training was very valuable this past year and it was proposed we send the new leadership to camp again this year. The cost is \$175.00 per student – all section leaders, drum majors, and guard captain to attend.
- Band Camp will be on virtually the same schedule as last year beginning August 17<sup>th</sup> and continuing through August 28<sup>th</sup>.
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### **Big Trip:**

- Tentatively scheduled for Hawaii in the spring of 2011. There is a music festival there and Mr. Head feels he could get more of an educational experience there than has been experienced on past trips.
- Mr. Head would like to center the big trip on the “Whole” band program, not just the BHSME. Groups would include concert band, jazz band, marching band, and colorguard.
- Hawaii may or may not work due to the cost involved; more research has to be done.
- A small committee, to be chaired by Mr. Head, will be formed to gather details. Anyone interested in being on the committee is to contact Mr. Head. This is not intended to be the same committee that will assist with coordinating the trip when it gets rolling, but rather a “task force” to assist with researching logistics, etc.

### **Banding Together Program:**

- Mr. Head and the drumline visited Whitford in January
- All 8<sup>th</sup> graders were invited to play during a basketball game on February 19<sup>th</sup>

- There is a Band Concert at Highland Park on March 3<sup>rd</sup>
- Mary Bengal (Whitford music director) has given Mr. Head all her 8<sup>th</sup> grader band kid information
- Mr. Head is enthusiastically supporting our recruiting efforts

#### **Misc. from Mr. Head:**

- A question arose regarding Mr. Head's requirement that all band members, except Jazz Ensemble, participate in Marching Band. Yes, all are obligated to be in Marching Band, however it is understood that if a student is especially against being in Marching Band, they will be a burden to the group instead of an asset and they may be excused with Mr. Head's approval. Those participating in fall sports programs will be waived the participation requirement as well.
- The Jazz Ensemble is our elite group and participation is by audition only (when a spot becomes available due to a graduating senior or someone dropping out); auditions have already been held for this year.
- All band members, except seniors and Jazz Ensemble will be required to participate in the BHS graduation on June 10<sup>th</sup> – details upcoming
- There may be some additions to our schedule in the future; Mr. Head will post all updates to our web site as soon as he knows about them.

#### **Fundraising:**

- We need to establish a new fundraising committee with a new chair. Michele Stein will not be chair for the upcoming season but is willing to help anyone who volunteers to head up this position. A million thanks go out to Michelle for her tremendous efforts helping generate funds for our band programs!!!!
- Michelle encouraged all of us to work together during these trying economic times. We have lost some fund raising opportunities (Dining Out nights with local restaurants, for example), but will gain others.
- All are requested to renew/register their Safeway and Albertson's cards
- We have the opportunity to receive donations for supplying volunteers at the various local running races (\$18 to the band for each participant). The minimum number of volunteers per group is 10. The following are dates and times of participation:
  - Shamrock Run Pre-Event, Lincoln HS Sat., 3/14 - Time TBA
  - Shamrock Run, Waterfront Park Sun., 3/15 - 6:00-10:00 am approx.
  - Starlight Run, Lincoln HS Sat., 5/30 - 5:30-9:30 pm
  - Grand Floral Walk , NW Portland to SW Portland Sat., 6/6 - 6:30 am-12pm
- April 22<sup>nd</sup> has been set aside for a recycle drive – cans, bottle, newspapers, magazines, ink cartridges and cell phones will be accepted; light bulb sale will also start on this date
- Debbie Knierim will tentatively head up the flower (roses) fundraiser for Mother's Day. More information will be available as the time gets closer. The Board to decide if these funds will be 100% to the student accounts or split with into student accounts and the general fund.

- The Time Share fundraiser proposed by Mr. Head is out there and available to take advantage of. Michelle Stein went to a presentation and reported it was long (about 3 hours). However, she received \$100 for the band and a \$50 American Express gift card for herself. Friends, neighbors, relatives – anyone local or out of state, can participate in this fundraiser.
- Macy's shopping coupons are available for us to sell. The tickets will sell for \$10 and allow the customer \$10 off a \$25 purchase with \$5 of the sale going to the Band and \$5 going to Macy's. We also need volunteers to sell at the Washington Square store on May 16<sup>th</sup>.
- Michelle suggested we solicit donations from the neighbors when we practice down their streets – we could possibly send out a postcard to the area and let them know when we'll be coming through so they can watch and donate.
- The Cricket Wireless fundraiser proposed last fall fell through due to a change in ownership. Mr. Head will give them a follow up call to see if they are still interested in the fundraiser.
- Fireworks committee will need to schedule a meeting soon. TJ Paulsen and Doug Partipilo will organize getting a group together to run the tent this year.
- Our annual plant sale is about to get underway. Cindy Sirianni will have the forms available for pick up and distribution by March 19<sup>th</sup>. Aside from the fireworks tent, this has traditionally been our largest fundraiser of the year. Checks are to be made out to BHSME and are to be turned in with the orders on or before Friday April 17<sup>th</sup>. Delivery day is set for Saturday May 16<sup>th</sup> at the school. We will need volunteers to help stage and sort plants on pick up day. Contact Cindy if you are interested helping in this area.
- All Band Rummage sale to take place this year during Band Camp on Saturday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>. Coleen Tanner will again coordinate this effort.

#### **New Board Elections:**

- TJ announced the opening of nominations for our new Board. Submissions will be accepted through March 22<sup>nd</sup> with voting commencing on March 31<sup>st</sup> and ending at midnight on April 6<sup>th</sup>.
- Anyone interested in becoming a member of the Board please contact TJ or one of the other board members. Information regarding each position's duties can be found in the BHSME By-laws. Feel free to let a Board member know if you have any questions about a particular position.

#### **Upcoming Events (also see calendar of events above):**

- Tuesday, May 12<sup>th</sup> has been set aside as our Band Awards Night. The senior roast will be from 6-7pm followed by the Awards night from 7-9pm. Sheri Jerman, with help from Pam Burns and Judy Holly will coordinate this effort designed to honor graduating seniors and recognize the accomplishment of the band members and volunteers. ALL band members and colorguard are encouraged to attend – not just marching band. Senior parents are encouraged to help the committee prepare for the event and determine gifts for the seniors. Additional volunteers will also be needed on Awards night to help set up before hand and tear down afterwards. Contact Sheri Jerman for information regarding volunteering.

**Audit Committee Report:**

- Greg Holste is preparing a general audit report to be presented to the Board before the next parent meeting.

**Financial Report:**

- Debbie Knierim presented the financial reports for the Beaverton Band Boosters.

**Volunteer Tracking:**

- The Board is working towards making sure all our volunteer hours and commitments are being taken care of this year. TJ reminds us that there are still plenty of volunteer opportunities available to take advantage of. Those with a shortfall of hours committed to the band will be contacted and encouraged to sign up for one of our ongoing volunteer opportunities.
- Parents will also be sent an email detailing their volunteer hours and any hours they may need to fulfill their “opt-out” volunteer commitment. If any of you have missing hours and/or hours that have not been recorded, please contact Shari Youngstrom to update them.

**Miscellaneous:**

- **Equipment repair and/or modifications:** Our current set up to move our pit is clumsy at best and inefficient. Carts need to be made more efficient and easier to move from place to place. Anyone interested in helping with these modifications or repairs should contact TJ or Doug.
- **Trailer update:** We are still looking into refurbishing our donated trailer – adding shelving, etc. to make it more efficient. We will also be looking at “renting” out advertising space on the sides of the trailer (i.e. moving billboard).
- If anyone knows someone who is a Grant writer, please let one of the Board members know. Grant writing is a specialized skill, but for those who know how to do that sort of thing, there is money out there to be obtained for use by non-profits such as the BHSME.
- A general comment was made that, as a group, we need to be more organized and efficient. It was noted that invoices for the Winter Drumline were never sent to parents, nor was any information regarding their student’s participation in the winter program. Parents don’t feel comfortable relying on a kid’s word about what it costs, what the time commitments will be, etc. – especially when the numbers are inconsistent. It was acknowledged by TJ that yes, we need to have a better handle on some of these administrative issues regarding the winter programs. Invoices for drumline will be sent to parents (winterguard invoices were sent and processed at the beginning of the season).

Our next Parent Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 31<sup>st</sup>. Please plan on attending.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00pm.