

Branham Band Boosters Regular Meeting
February 2, 2012

Held at: Branham Music Band Room

Attendees: *Linda Ho, Karen Flens, Joni Kiefer, Yvette Young, Tom Utic, Bob Aron, Joe Morales, Jim Von de Bur, Brian Ward, Ed Radzikowski,, Linda Brogden, Cindy Foo, Barry Meyers, Tom Wieske, Laura Harnesh, Paul Lee and James Petzinger.*

Meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

1. Treasurer's Report - Joni Kiefer

- ☞ Summary of Revenue and Expense Report— Joni Kiefer presented current totals for income received thru fundraising, donations and pledges. The month of January reflects a slight loss due to the bus expense for the fall season. Closed out construction cost for fall of 2011.
- ☞ Pledges receipts are coming in since reminder was sent. We have received 60% of the pledges.
- ☞ Winter Guard and Winter Percussion. Only 2 students from Winter Guard have paid their dues. Board advised Brian Ward and Linda Brogden that the winter guard program needs to be 60% funded by February 28th or face termination. \$2550 (or 74%) of winter percussion dues have already been collected.

Joni Kiefer will provide Linda Brogden with a statement for each Winter Guard student that has not paid by Wednesday, February 8th. Linda Brogden will contact the parents by phone to advise them of their obligation on this extra curricular activity.

  Financial Aid Policy - Linda Ho. On January 18 Linda Ho, Karen Flens, Joni Kiefer, Yvette Young and Diane Wyant met to discuss parameters for eligibility for financial aid. Linda Ho posted the document on Google Groups to be voted on tonight. There was a discussion reiterating the need of student/parent involvement in fundraising and volunteering in order to qualify. There was also a discussion between the difference of the fall program and the optional winter programs. For 2012-2013 school term the winter programs will require an initial deposit and need to be significantly funded midway in order to be viable. Tom Wieske suggested a couple of minor adjustments on the verbiage that was noted and accepted. There was a motion by Tom Wieske to pass the Financial Aid Policy. Bob Aron seconded it and it was unanimously passed.

Linda Ho to make minor adjustment to the policy. Publish on Google Groups. Provide to Aaron Reales to put on website.

3. Director's Report - Diane Wyant via Karen Flens. Would like to plan to bring the band to perform at the middle schools. Will need a couple of parents to coordinate to find dates and times that would work.

- ☞ Columbia Jazz Trip— No snow so kids have been advised of alternative plans to go to the Moaning Caverns. Should be home earlier on Sunday.
- ☞ Robert Collar goes to the all-state honor conference in Fresno on February 17-22 to represent Branham.
- ☞ Spring Concert is on Thursday, May 10. Dress rehearsal is May 9th.

4. Winter Guard - Brian Ward and Linda Brogden. Won first place at James Logan. Moved up to compete only with high schools. Need to advertise at Dartmouth that we have a Winter Guard program. Tom Wieske suggested a workshop similar to Jamba Jamboree if time cannot be found during the school hours. Need to recruit before March 15th as students sign up for classes shortly after. It was also suggested to use the video from James Logan as advertisement.

Linda Brogden to contact Sam Neipp and come up with a proposal. Linda Brogden to contact Gina's mom for permission to use video and publish on website. Advise Sue Alston to mention in Newsletter and put in Dartmouth newsletter.

5. Winter Percussion - Tom Wieske. Over 60% of the students have made their dues. Budget was revised based on actual students cost. Initial budget allocated \$8800.00 for the program. Revised figure shows \$5775.00 Actual expenditures to date \$1835.00. Request for reimbursements to be turned in within the month incurred.
 - ☞ Performance at Leigh on February 18 for friends and family. Will post time as soon as available.

Tom Wieske and Karen Flens to coordinate the required paper work for parents driving and field trip permission.

6. Disney World Trip Update- Diane Wyant via Karen Flens. Charlie continues to look for attractive deals. More than likely leaving from San Francisco and will confirm flights by next week. This will save the enough monies to add a banquet dinner, monies for a couple lunches and an additional day of Disney animation/orchestration reading session.

Yvette Young will be sending out letters to students with a positive balance in their student account to determine if they want it applied towards the trip.

7. Upcoming and Ongoing issues:

- ☞ World's Finest Chocolates. Linda Ho. MaryAnn Meyers volunteered to chair fundraiser. Seventy two (72) boxes will be delivered in the next week. Students will receive 40% of the amount they sell towards their student account. Permission slips to sell will be sent out along with commitment to be financially responsible for all boxes signed out.
- ☞ No volunteer for Comedy Sportz. Event could be moved out to May if someone signs up to chair the event.
- ☞ Casino Night. Linda Ho. Event will be held on March 16 at the Three Flames. The goal is to sell 150 tickets at \$60.00 per person. This year it will be a sit down dinner with a choice of entree. Casino tables will be staffed by the vendor. Karen Chung will be helping organize.

Linda Ho to send out a wish list for auction items. Bob Aron to finish flyer and tickets. Paul Lee to print.

Open Action Items:

- ☞ Linda Ho to get more information from Jodi Edwards Wright on Wreath and Greenery fundraiser for next year.
- ☞ Budget Committee to consider budget line item re-categorizing at time for 2012-2013 budget review.

All action items noted in red.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.
Notes submitted by Yvette Young, Music Boosters Secretary