

Branham High School Royal Alliance Booster Meeting

April 17, 2014

Held at BHS Band Room

Called to order - 7:41 PM

In Attendance: Bob Aron, President; Steven Pyle, Co-Treasurer; Andrea Ciplickas, Co-Treasurer; Kim Nakata-Guirola, Secretary; Brian Ward, Guard Parent Coordinator; Babette McKay; Rosa Lee; Michele Hittleman; Norbert Staud; Cynthia Porter; Bruce Porter; Barry Meyers, Transportation Coordinator; Jim Collar; Greg Chow; Liz Pyle; Cherie Pakele; Patrick Pakele; Diane Wyant, Music Director; Brian Thompson, Principal; Tom Wieske, Percussion Coach; Yvette Young, Food Coordinator.

Senior Scholarships:

- Names and amount due May 8th
- Need coordinator to distribute anonymous essays, work with Diane & Mr. Thompson
- Andrea Ciplickas, Michelle Hittleman, & Diane Wyant to talk with Babette McKay & Cynthia Porter about coordinator.

Graduation Water Sales:

- Barry Meyer to pick-up and deliver water.
- Dan Wilbanks to coordinate. Will talk with Terry Harnish about procedure.
- Yvette Young will set-up volunteerspot.com

Senior Picnic:

- It's usual day is the Sunday before graduation, June 1st, but there is concert that a lot of students are going to. Picnic will be Sunday, May 18th, at Doerr Park, Potrero Dr, 95124
- Picnic is for all band families, potluck, seniors are recognized

Director's Report, Diane Wyant:

- Hawaii – Mandatory meeting Monday, the 21st, it's important for student and one or both parents to attend. Trip Rules written and on online permission slip.
- Scholarships - Sent prompt to Bob Aron and Michelle Hittleman. Yes Mr. Thompson will read essays. Diane would like to find English teacher to read and make final decision. Mr. Thompson would like to have more comprehensive direction on what to base evaluation on.
- District Music Festival – Very successful, big thanks out to parents that helped. Dan Wilbanks & Babette McKay will make list of how to refine set-up/chaperone process. Professionally recorded – link will be set up on website so families may order.
- Fall Show; Tiki theme, building a volcano out of bird cage from '12-13 season. Needing 2 Honda generators (this brand is quietest) – Jim Collar has one - because might put pit ensemble in middle. Changing to white bib/pants. Gary is writing original music.

- Spring Concert - May 15th, rehearsals are May 13th & 14th. When will tickets go on sale? Diane to set-up now - \$10 for general admission. No intermission so as to finish earlier because of AP exams – sell cookies & coffee before and after – need coordinator. For next year, Mr. Thompson will look into moving Senior Awards to Friday. Will be discussed with pertinent staff.

Treasurer's Report, Steve Pyle:

- Statements went out today
- Collections at 79%, compared to 72% last year.

Board Elections:

- Current board is willing to stay-on but will have formal vote at May meeting.
- If anyone desires to be in office next year, let Bob Aron know.

Winter Percussion, Tom Wieske:

- Word is getting out about our drumline. Children's Discovery Museum requested us to perform at an event, but there were calendar conflicts for this year.
- Beat Los Gatos at their competition, which is a big deal.
- Total expenses for 2014 season are approximately \$10K.
- Sports Basement gave us 10 gift cards @ \$25 ea. We will sell at face value and money will go into WP.
- Will hold a clinic for middle schoolers to inform on what to work on and inform about auditions.

Winter Guard, Brian Ward:

- WGI regionals in San Diego on March 15th. 20 other squads and we came in 14th, which is not bad for our first year in this class.
- Independence Championships, 7th out of 9th.
- Our two senior nominees won \$500 and \$300 scholarships.

Auxiliary members for Winter programs:

- Need to formalize process and roles.
- Want this role to be the management position for each group - facilities, transportation, finances, etc.

Meeting for incoming Freshmen –

- Send notes to Mrs. Lorigan and Ryan on dates so as not to conflict with their schedules - last week of May?
- For next year, consider having in early April.

Jazz Café –

- Need coordinator

Fundraising events –

- Casino Night was not a good money maker this year. Will do surveymonkey.com to see if worthwhile to continue to participate. Answer might be to move to a Saturday. We are looking at other venues (Camden or Campbell Community Centers).
- SJ Ticket Sales; last one is this Saturday, the 19th. Had to cut our list from 24 to 19 because the city's ticket sales are slower than anticipated.
- Rock Bottom Mondays – make a flyer – Bob Aron. Talk to Paul Lee about banner – Bob Aron.

Adjourned: 9:17 PM

Minutes done by Kim Nakata-Guirola, Music Boosters Secretary
Revision 5/6/14. KN.