

Branham High School Royal Alliance Booster Meeting

September 12, 2013

Held at: BHS Band Room

In Attendance: Bob Aron, President; Andrea Ciplickas, Co-Treasurer; Steven Pyle, Co-Treasurer; Dan Wilbanks, VP; Kim Nakata-Guirola, Secretary; Diane Wyant, Director; Emily Vinik; Norbert Staud; Lynn Elwailly; Frank Kagawa; Marjorie Kagawa; Yira Chaboya; Greg Chow; Carol Lan; Chunfang Zhang; Marc Brodeur, Color Guard Coach; Melynda Orcutt; Mike Orcutt; Paul Lee; Ed Radzikowski; Melissa Nemeth; Babette McKay; Darlene Hilton-Nickel; Dennis Ciplickas; Theo Hill; Lollo Hill; Rebecca Pizano-Torres; Liz Pyle; Yvette Young, Food Coordinator; Martina Gruss; Terry Harnish; Cynthia Porter; Rosa Lee; Bruce Porter; Sanjit Chadha; John Rose; Jan Rose; Brian Ward; Yamuna Vittal, Brian Thompson, Principal

Called to order: 7:41 PM

Welcome by President, Introductions by board and each booster

Name off of coordinator positions

Looking for Communications Coordinator and Grant Writer

Director's Report, Diane Wyant:

- ½ way thru field show drill,
- Jump from 92 last year to 105 this year, 3-5 instructors present during 2nd period (good student:instructor ratio)
- Names of instructors
- 1st football game tomorrow. 5:20 call time. End times are case-by-case for each home game
- Concert season – asking freshmen to signup for evaluations, a week from Monday, 9/23/13
- Symphonic band rehearsal, will have new set of concert binders. All music is picked for the year. These will be online in next 2 weeks.

Home & School Club, Brian Ward, President:

- Appreciation of music boosters helping at back-to-school bbq.
- Passed around home & school club agenda
- Parcel tax: Yes on Measure E to keep \$85 per year tax. Needing volunteers for phone banks to call constituents to encourage yes. Training & calling on 10/02, 10/10, and 10/24. Dinner provided. Email BrianWard1498@comcast.net to signup. Mrs. Wyant states that the previous parcel tax made the field season possible.

Color Guard Coach, Marc Brodeur:

- Grades will be updated
- Uniforms are currently being made
- Spaghetti feed for National Competition in San Diego. Silent auction items needed. End of October TBD
- Bob Aron states that marketing for movie night was very little.

For jazz café, students put together themed baskets.

Percussion: skipped

Treasurer's Report, Steven Pyle:

- First statements went out last month. Several didn't receive email with statement attached. Will send out ggroup and fb asking whom didn't receive that statement.
- In future, Steve to send out post notifying of statements going out each time.
- \$117,000 budget this fiscal yr
- Pledge collections are at 34%.
- Expenses are in-line with budget – no variances.
- Need to add-in item for bus for Pleasanton competition. Amount around James Logan amount – minimum of \$1,400. Motioned by Brian Ward. Seconded by Melynda Orcutt. Yeas: 100%, Nays: 0. Item added.
- Repair budget item: do we need to change? Need to increase - add to executive board meeting

Hawaii:

- 20 students have made deposit.
- Deposits due Oct 1st. Charlie will figure out cost based on #. Will try to keep to \$2,200-2,300.
- Mrs. Wyant going in October to look at hotels.
- Looking at 8 to 7 days, or possibly 6, to keep cost near above amount. Westmont, Prospect, Branham are co-attending.

Pasadena Rose Parade, a future possibility?:

- Mrs. Wyant ran into people that select for Pasadena Rose Parade. If a tour (Hawaii) is underbelt, selection is more possible for parade participation.
- Will be something to look at doing in couple of years.

Hawaii and ways to help families with cost:

- For accounts that have paid off pledges, looking at 100% Scrip to go to that students' trip.
- How much deposit? \$250 and packets went out the first day of band camp.
- Are guard included? Yes. Possibility of hula dance lessons, of which might be required to learn for next years' show.
- Scrip increase (from above): Treasurer states that as long as Scrip budget has come in, he sees that as ok. (For 100% to go to student.)
- Mrs. Wyant proposed to do a Scrip drive (seminar) at school. Babette McKay stated that it's the best fundraiser.
- Also mentioned that choir is looking at trip to NY. Mrs. Wyant to talk to Ms. West.
- Yvette Young notified of Sep 16th special on Great Lakes scrip. On Sept 15th at 9:00 PM PDT the list of vendors will be published.
- Comprehensive scrip marketing needs to go out about specials
- Bob Aron to make up newsletter about Scrip seminar and Hawaii trip. Make sure link to scrip is on RA site.
- Once Oct 1st hits, price will be set. New participants can still sign-on after that date, but their price might be different.
- 1:10 parent/student ratio and parent price will be <\$250 of final price

- And each parent needs to be approved

Cupertino competition:

- Do we have any info about going on earlier? No, not yet.
- Mrs. Wyant to talk to Larry Lopez about allowing band students to enter dance late.
- Any way to have asb coordinate dance and game w/ competition for future? No, it's set by an athletic league.

Financial aid meeting TBD. Look for that date.

Group photo TBD based on when costumes are done.

Feb 5 & 7 for middle school showcase:

- Bob Aron to do Dartmouth communication.
- Sanjit Chadha to do Price communication.

Mixed bag fundraiser:

- Emily Vinik presented what it is, passed around samples. Totes, phone cases, bags, luggage, etc are offered.
- Make date to start within Sep 24th – Oct 14th. Students will get catalog, order forms, collect money.
- 50% cut.
- Do we have wholesaler exemption certificate? No. Ask Linda Ho about what she has done. Steve will take care of.
- Can orders be made online? Yes, but less cut of 40%.

SJ Tix Sales fundraiser:

- Nov 16th, Mar 1st, and Apr 19th
- Still need spots filled for all dates

Casino Night fundraiser:

- Need volunteers
- Date is Friday, 3/28th.
- Need to change Winter drum 'thing'.
- Anybody have contacts to donate to event?

Rock Bottom fundraiser:

- Need coordinator.

Need to send email about coordinator positions to be filled.

Comedy show fundraiser in PAC? Probably do-able.

Replacement for Petfood Express fundraiser:

- Egg sales? A lot of yes' for egg sales. The one done at band camp brought in \$1,700.
- Need to set date.

Recycling? E-recycling? fundraiser:

- Need coordinator

Spirit Wear:

- Can buy purple (this years' show) shirts, grey parent shirts
- New - black hoodies and black t-shirts w/ RA logo
- Order and payment due no later than Oct. 1st

Parent appreciation night, what about date?:

- Should do Dec 7th, because of conflicts now on Nov 23rd
- Potluck
- No performance as in past
- Will start at 7:00 PM???

Field show combined with Leigh put on for middle schools:

- Friday November 22nd

Leigh game (tomorrow):

- call time is 5:20 PM
- Wear Branham wear.
- Any parent can join pep band.

New snack shack and bathrooms (at field):

- Now targeted for Oct 4th, delayed because cement needs to be re-done.

Adjournment: 9:08 PM.

Minutes done by Kim Nakata-Guirola, Music Boosters Secretary
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