



BHS Music Boosters
General Meeting
9/17/15

Attendance: Andrea Ciplickas, Kim Nakata-Guirola, Babette McKay, Steve Pyle, Amy Ratnaparkhi, Rachel Hobbs, Laura West, Thushairi Edinsinghe, Namhoon Kim, Steve Trigonis, Norbert Staud, Ila Langner, Bruce Porter, Cynthia Porter, Melynda Orcutt, Mike Orcutt, Bob Aron, Yvette Aron, Theo Hill, Lollo Hill, Patrick Pakele, Dennis Ciplickas, Greg Chow, Romie Tucker, Rosa Lee, Tamara Corini, Cathy Lang, Dianne Ha, Steven Gao

Staff: Diane Wyant, Aaron Reales, Thomas Peters

CTO: 7:40 pm by President Andrea Ciplickas

Welcome: Andrea Ciplickas

Introductions: President asked all in attendance to briefly introduce themselves and the name of their child/student.

Director's Report: Diane Wyant

Mrs. Wyant shared that it will be a busy two weeks finishing drill, then work will shift to music and details after drill is learned. Pre-show recording session to be held soon. Construction crew installed new audio system. No performance times out yet. Feels the band sounds very good at this point. Freshmen are eager to learn.

Runs on Wednesday night are open to spectators in the stands. Talk with Mrs. Wyant if you would like to visit the classroom during the school day.

Make a Wish auction for Branham students. 50 yard line "box" at any run through for a band member will be auctioned.

Financial Report: Steve Pyle & Amy Ratnaparkhi

Handouts of budget and financial statement passed around. Reminder that 40% of the budget comes from fundraisers. DeBritto Apple sale raised \$1700+. Expenses to date were reviewed. Emails for pledge statements went out today. Only 49% pledge collections to date; 10% behind expected to date. Important to get word out that pledge turn in is vital. Budget and expenses are on website for review.

Treasurers request that checks include student name and purpose of check for accounting purposes. All checks/monies should be given to one of the treasurers or placed in the Booster box in Mrs. Wyant's office.

Competitions/Logistics: Andrea Ciplickas

Busses will be taken to and from every competition this year except Del Mar. Student will leave Branham, eat dinner on own, and provide own transportation to Del Mar. Busses will return everyone to school for unloading and put away. Busses will go both ways to all other events. Helpful competition tips on the website. Competition days are full days; meal and snacks are important. Bus seating is assigned; any concerns should be directed to Mrs. Wyant.

All permission forms for competitions will be completed online. District liability forms are required for each "field trip."

Severe peanut allergy: please do not send peanut butter or peanut products in lunches to rehearsals.

Secret Buddies: Diane and SST are working on revamping program. Trying to design it to be even without financial burden.

Date of Middle School Exhibition: Changed to Friday, November 13 to avoid conflicts with regional honor choir and championships. May need to assist middle school with bussing on new date. Marching season will end with James Logan, and symphonic rehearsals will begin a week earlier with the change.

Construction/Operations: Dan Seoane

Props are looking good. This Saturday will be busy; working on painting restaurant and building hanging pots. Trailer logistics for large props being planned. Work day in Saturday at 10am. No skills required. Training on trailer drivers for season and next year.

Volunteers: Babette McKay

The success of the Royal Alliance relies on dedicated volunteers. All families are encouraged to give a minimum of 15-20 hours to the program. All sign-ups are through VolunteerSpot (online). Pick what activities appeal to your family both in interest, skill and time availability. General volunteer interest form is available in the forms section of the website.

Chaperones: Kim Nakata-Guirola

Really easy. Basic first aid; fill water jugs. Assists instructors. A great way to see what the kids are working on. Shifts are short, approximately 3-hours. Chaperones are needed for every evening and Saturday rehearsal, as well as at Football games and competitions.

Garlic Bread Manager: Kim will help someone or a team to get going. For four of competitions to seek donation of garlic bread to pass out to the audience. Coordinating all aspects, including passing volunteers during the pre-show.

Communications: Romie Tucker

Google groups have some limitations. Looking into switching to Yahoo groups. Tightening permissions who can post. Include all parents in the RA in the group so

announcements are not missed. Email group mirrors Facebook with announcements. Students have a Google group as well.

Discussion: Should we limit group to current parents/families to keep it relevant? Facebook is social; alumni students and parents get info from site. Possibly create an alumni group. Romie proposes to clean up Google group membership moving forward. More discussion at next meeting.

Food Crew: Yvette Young

Next event is Saturday popsicles. Need help in all areas. First competition for food crew is Cupertino (no meal served for Del Mar). Yvette is seeking new food crew members to shadow her this year as it is her last year. Sign-up for Cupertino now; more competitions will be posted on VolunteerSpot soon.

Uniforms: Rosa Lee

September 25 is picture day. All ready to go. Volunteers needed on September 25, and for each competition.

Portraits: Bob Aron

Formal uniform photos of every student on September 25 after school. Will be available for purchase for a small fee.

Spirit wear/Show shirts: Kim N-G.

RA jackets, unisex and ladies style t-shirts. Ordering will be online starting September 21-26. Show shirts coming soon.

Fundraising:

All fundraisers to be approved by school board on September 17.

- Team San Jose discussion and questions. Rondi Masters is coordinating; Tamara Corini is training to be coordinator next year.
- Scrip discussion and questions: 80% rebate to student, 20% to band/shipping. Joy Brawn is coordinator.
- Need a butter braid assistant to train with Yvette.
- Amazon: last year raised \$1743.43. More than \$300 this year. Purchase scrip now for Amazon and click through from the website so your purchases return double to the band.
- Yard Sale: Date TBD. Will be hosted at Aron home. Stay tuned for details. This is an underground fundraiser (not school sponsored)/
- Underground fundraisers: if you have ideas, please share them. Host and activity or event off campus and donate the proceeds to the band.

Events: Discussion tabled to October meeting

Band for PE Credit: Andrea & Diane

Reviewed process over past few years. Discussion on CUHSD agenda for 1st October meeting. Calen Gallagher is proposing an alternative through BYU if band PE doesn't pass.

Adjourned at 9:17 pm to October 8 at 7:30 pm.

*Respectfully submitted,
Babette McKay
Secretary, Board of Directors*