

**BELLBROOK MUSIC BOOSTERS
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
1 Aug 11**

The meeting was called to order by the Booster's President Mark Kottman at 7:20.

Roll Call: A motion was made for attendance to be taken by sign-in rather than calling the roll. The motion was seconded and passed.

Reading of the Minutes: A motion was made that instead of reading the minutes from last month, everyone will read the minutes posted to the website. The motion was seconded and passed.

Director's report by Chris Foster: None this month since Mr. Foster was on the field with the band.

Upcoming Events:

Lion's Club Parade on 20 Aug. Band will march in it. Further information will be provided.

Northmont Premier- 3 Sep. In previous years there were about 50 tickets at "Will Call" and we paid at that time. These were reserved seats so Bellbrook parents could sit together. Mark Kottman will find out additional information on them.

Treasurer report –Tad Barnes thoroughly covered the financial report. Attachment will be available when minutes posted to the web.

It costs \$1273 per student to put band on the field so you can see that the student band fees are only about ½ of the per student cost. Fundraisers are essential.

A question was asked about whether the practice field is used for other extracurricular activities. It is used only by the band. We hire a service to fertilize it and we buy paint to stripe it. The school aerates it each spring and there is shared irrigation. We have our own mower and school provides most of the gas. We provide the labor to maintain the field (through Pit Dads led by Ray Parks and Jack Kohlhepp).

Dragons: Reported by Jack Kohlhepp. We have a short home stand this week. This Wednesday, we are 10 people short and since there is a 24 hr window to cancel for an upcoming game, sign-ups are needed right away. One of the Boosters asked about signups and whether people are going to be automatically signed up if they have not yet worked. This was announced early in the season through a letter to all parents. Mark Kottman said the memo went out late so automatic sign-ups were not conducted. However, some of the officers will make calls to families who have not worked to better ensure maximum participation. There are some personal issues where people have serious hardships such as disabilities which prevent them from working. It was suggested that they may be able to obtain substitutes to work for them. We had a good turn out for training and a very high percentage of them have worked. Volunteer slots at Dragon's and UD will be separated next year and parents will be required to work for both Dragons and UD. SportService (current concession vendor) did not receive the contract award for next year. The following 7 special nights are set-aside for Dragon's sign ups and they are identified on the normal Dragon's signup site. There are nights for:

Pit Widows - - Aug 13

Band Director - - Aug 14

Brass - - Aug 18

Color Guard - - Aug 29

Pit Dads - - Aug 30

Percussion - - Sep 4

Calendar Sale – Blitz day Thurs, 11 Aug, 5:30- 8:00

Cheryl Reynolds reported. The band will be selling calendars beginning this Thursday. It is important to note that it is the only Bellbrook community calendar and it is not just for the band. It has dates for all sporting events, the school calendar, trustee meetings, festivals, etc.

Blitz day –All students need to report at the band room at 5:30 for training, neighborhood assignments, and calendar receipt. They will be driven by parents to pre-assigned neighborhoods and they will sell for 2 hours from 6:00-8:00. Need drivers to sign up. There will be a couple of prizes. A comment was made that only residents can sell in Millpond but there are some band families in that complex. They should ask Cheryl Reynolds for that assignment. If a student doesn't go to Blitz day, they can make arrangements with Cheryl to pick up the calendars and submit \$70 payment for them.

Next year need to add car washes, CFC start and end dates and CFC code to it. Cheryl emphasized that she will do the graphics next year but not the ads. Another volunteer is needed to take this over and it would be helpful to be involved now.

There were over \$10,000 in advertisements and thirty kids sold ads. Most of the money went to the band but there are some payouts. With calendar sales, we should come close to \$20,000!

Fall Bellbrook Invitational- 24 Sep

Mark Kottman reported. Mark is the chair but since his son is getting married that day, Ray Parks will oversee the actual event. This year there will be 13 Marching Bands that participate in our invitational: Class A- small, Class AA, Class AAA, Class AAAA, Open – large schools and Bellbrook will perform as a festival band (will not be competing). Very big news—the Ohio University Marching 110 will be the feature exhibition band (there are actually 260 members). They will also perform 25 Sep as the marching band for the Bengals vs. 49ers game.

There will be 10 committee chairs and Mark will contact those who had positions last year. If you are interested in chairing a committee, let him know. He is trying to get everything lined up early this year. All parents are asked to sign up on the Marching Eagle's website because it requires many volunteers. Last year, we didn't make our budget on it but hopefully we will do much better this year because of the size of the bands participating.

Fundraisers:

Market Day– Reported by Tamara Cary.

Pie sale in November: The band earns 45% of every pie sold. Last year, 200 pies were sold by the band. Students will sell Oct 24- Nov 9th. Pick up 14 Nov. Cost per each gourmet pie \$12 – 14. We make 5.50 per pie. The pies are delicious!!!

Cookie dough sale is in Feb. Students sell the cookies which are frozen individually for easy baking. Volunteers needed on market day for one hour.

Mattress sale: Aug 7th- This sale is through “The Ultimate Fundraising Solutions”. They offer higher quality for lower cost. They set up 18 mattress sets in the **school gym**. They are made to order, brand new, and the quality is ranges up to high end. It is a one day fundraiser and they do all selling, pickup and delivery. Please pass out the referrals and send out emails. For each purchase there is \$25 applied to your students' band fees. Students are needed to advertise on street corners on Aug 7. Signups are through Mrs. Siler. Place signs available at the school in your yard. Publicity has gone out through Linda Hummel. We should get next year's date now so people can plan and it can be advertised at the sale.

Car Wash – Sat Sep 17th - It will be held at the Drug Mart and the store will do a cookout with proceeds to the band. We will need to help them at a Halloween cookout on Oct 22 or 29th.

“Neighbors can drive out hunger” Drive – Sat Aug 13. This food drive is sponsored by UD and they are trying to beat the Guinness world book of records. Kids can bring can goods to practice and it will be stored at the school until Aug 13th. Jack will send out information through an email.

“Ask the Boosters”- These are questions submitted to the Boosters anonymously.

1. Can minutes be posted more promptly? They will be posted within two weeks and sent out through email.
2. Who were the young adults that worked with our students at band camp? Many of the young people were formally in our band program at one time but they must have graduated and be out of

our band for at least two years. Some of them were band directors or techs. They were given BCI (Background Criminal Investigation) and FBI checks.

3. What is the summer dress code? The answer to this question was not clear at the Booster minute so there was follow-up with Mr. Foster after the meeting. He responded "Mr. Baker spoke with the Drum Majors and said that the kids could wear cooler clothing and the school dress code doesn't apply. Talk to Mr. Baker for more details."
4. Why aren't water coolers and bottles' cost built into the budget? The water coolers and ice chests are infrequently replaced. Very generous donors donated all we need. As far as the bottled water, each family is asked to supply one case of water per family in order to ensure good hydration of our students.
5. The following comments were made- "We should do everything we can to keep away band camp. We can't replace the exceptional experience. We will lose kids if there is no band camp. It was the first time away and a great experience." There was much applause to these anonymous comments.

Spirit Gear – The souvenir sales are being turned over by Tami Jankowski to Debbie Hines. Booster T-shirts are still available for \$7 each (slightly more for larger sizes) through Tami or Debbie. Rain jackets for personal use can still be ordered and forms are available. Sale ends very soon.

Trustee position open- One of the trustees has decided to resign in order to spend more time on other band volunteer efforts. Nominations are accepted at this time until the next meeting at which time we will vote. Please send nominations to Mark Kottman or Ray Parks and make sure the nominee agrees to run. Cheryl Reynolds was nominated.

Pay Pal set up on Website. Donations can be made through Pay Pal as well as the purchase of Show shirts. Eventually it could be used for other payments but its not available now. There is a 2.2% charge.

Social committee- Each of these events is optional and there is a nominal cost.

- 1) **Pool party** – 12 Aug, 3-8PM at 5 Seasons Country Club. The cost includes a hamburger/hot dog dinner. Ticket sales continue through the end of the week. Majority of band is attending.
- 2) **Corn Maze/Bonfire night** – Tentative- 14 Oct, time (evening) and cost still to be established. Location- S. Alpha Bellbrook Rd.
- 3) **Dinner at SOHO Japanese restaurant** - 10 Sep- Tentative

Additional social functions are still being planned! Stay tuned!

Next meeting: Since Labor Day is on the first Monday, the Booster's Meeting will occur on Tues, 6 Sep.

Meeting adjourned at 8:59.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Paula Trimbach, Booster Recorder