

**BELLBROOK MUSIC BOOSTERS
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
5 Dec 2011**

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 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.

Director's report by Barb Siler: Fairhaven Prism Concert is coming up on 13 December. The students are going to rehearse in the church prior to the concert so they can hear what it is like to be in the church prior to the concert. Truck will be loaded at 3:30 at the high school and unloaded at the church at 4. Symphony Band rehearsal is at 4:30 with Wind Ensemble rehearsing at 5:00. 5:30 – 6:30 off for dinner on their own, change into outfits and be ready to perform at 7:00. The next couple weeks schedule was passed out. Schuster Center on 11 December for Jazz Band and Clarinet Choir – no admission cost – loading large things on the truck, students need to get their own rides, report time is 145 at the Schuster – parents must provide transportation.

If you have a student in jazz band and have a truck – contact Ray Parks.

137 - 6th graders will perform on December 7th - Wednesday night, their first concert of the year.

Treasurer report: a copy of the budget was passed out – it takes \$1250 to be in the band, fees are \$615 which means we need to raise \$635 to put one student on the field. We had a good fundraising year, exceeding our expectations. The two invitational's really helped out this year bringing in an extra \$11,450 than projected. There is a need for new uniforms to the tune of \$40,000, any money left after this year will be put into a line item for new uniforms. The school used money from the sale of the previous trailer to put toward upgrades/paint of the new trailer. In addition, they used

insurance money from the hail storm to fix Big Bird's door. Tad discussed the money raised - - still have around \$7900 left from this year's budget, as well as a lot of credit money in individual accounts, as well as Disney credits offset. This will all be part of the year-end reconciliation, and previous treasurer, Pam Griffith has offered to help with that. We still have some expenses, including another copy of Quick Books for our new check-writer.

Income portion was self-explanatory -\$200 down in other income, \$4200 down in flower sales.

School expenses associated with fees are grayed out on the sheet as we do not have exact figures the school has spent. If there is money at the end of the year in this account, all money will be set aside for the new uniform expense.

The Summary Report page of the treasury report is included. It has the overall budget numbers are included on this page.

Old Business-

Pie Sales: We made \$1300, \$500 of that went to the kids, rest to booster funds. Market day set the dates for the pie and cookie dough sales, Diane did not have control over the dates of the sale. Trustees discussed spreading things out a bit with the market day rep that came to the trustee meeting. Poinsettias – picked up next weekend, Amy will send out an e-mail

UD Flyers: UD going well, two events so far, not big teams so we are able to train the new captains. He needs help for this Wednesday, we need five more people – this was bumped up by 2 people. UD has been hit with health violations – we are doing fine with that.

Jack met with the new Dragons folks today, great changes, different attitude, \$6000 penalty – this due to short people –

Pep Band: Barb Siler reported– there was a sign-up sheet and there have been practices – students have to attend rehearsal to play. It was mentioned that Chris is thinking about having a pep band for next year away football games.

Calendars: Cheryl Reynolds reported that she will no longer be putting the calendars together next year and DeeDee will not be handling the accounting

part – we need someone to start in February time frame. Anyone interested would need to talk with Cheryl Reynolds about it – you can use your own program to put it together. The accounting is excel – DeeDee is in charge of that portion – it is easier for two people to split the responsibility. We need someone to step up and take control. Cheryl can get all the information to the person wanting to take this over; we need this person in place no later than February. Centerville is out selling now for ads – people could start talking to businesses now so they can budget for it – and then go back for the check. This could also be a job for three or four people making the job a lot easier for all involved. The advertising is a huge part of this fundraiser. Someone interested in getting the advertising could do a sort of bundle package to take care of ads for winter, and fall invitational – as well as the calendar. Good selling point for them to pay one fee and get in for several ads and be done. Contacts have pretty much been made – someone would need to make the call the contacts and discuss a bundled package.

Mark will be contacting folks who have been in charge of fundraisers to see if they are filling those positions for the next year –

Publicity: Linda Hummel reported the DDN ran an article before the send off dinner and a copy of the article been hung in the band room. She is doing advertising for the Prism concert if anyone would like to have a flyer they can contact Linda to get a copy to help with advertising the event. She is going to try and get something in the Times. She also contacted The Bridge – the quarterly, school publication – she will be working on an article for Jan/Feb of next year. She is willing to partner with someone to help write the ads for The Bridge.

Pit Dads: Ray reported that mini me is still out of commission – talked about replacing – considering the age of the motor, we might just repair the front end and the hydraulics –

Cheryl asked if we were doing the Indy Regional's and finals on 2012 –her thought was to do more BOA events. It was mentioned that Chris made the decision to do the St. Louis Regional for 2012; Barb will be attending a conference about that next week. The new Marching Band schedule should be completed by Jan or Feb for next year. We have done well at nationals without going to the Indy Regional's - - BOA picks the top 11 bands from each day.

Discussion went on about getting the band more involved in BOA events –

In the end, Barb Siler summed it up “We work hard because it is the right thing to do.” – there is no finish line for marching band.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35pm