

BELLBROOK MUSIC BOOSTERS
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
5 Jul 11

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

Roll Call: A motion was made by Tad Barnes 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 by Tad Barnes 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:

Rookie Camp was held last week and kids were very excited about it.

Practice will be from 1200 -4:00 tomorrow so the kids can attend the Soaring Sounds Drum Corp show at Centerville at 7:00. The Blue Stars are spending the night at Bellbrook HS and practicing here. In exchange, we will receive 100 free student tickets for the show. They will be at will call and they just sign their name and say they are from Bellbrook so they can enter for free. Students are not taking buses, rather the parents need to take them. Parents can also attend but have to pay. It is a great opportunity to see the major leagues of drum corps.

Band Camp – An email went out today with specifics for band camp including a typical band day schedule. They will have time to socialize and participate in events such as swimming, dance, and a talent show. They are staying in college dorms so need linens, blanket, pillow, etc. Some bring a TV, video games, ipods, etc. A question was asked regarding whether there is hazing of rookies. Chris Foster emphatically explained that hazing is not practiced. There are traditions such as wearing a beanie made by a big brother or big sister and wearing long socks but hazing is not permitted. Also, rooms have to be left in same condition as they found it when they arrived.

Directions need to be resent because the ones sent out in the email today are not accurate.

The first two days of band camp are held at Bellbrook High School on Jul 18-19 and they are then taken by parents to Urbana College on Weds 20-23 Jul from 9-11:00. During their two days at the High School, they can bring a bag lunch or dinner and stay if needed. There will be adults at the school. Many of the kids stay for the lunch block, but almost all leave for the 2 hour dinner block. A nurse will be at band camp the full time. Students have to have meds administered by a nurse. Mrs. Lutz and Mrs. Malas will be the nurses. There is a lost key charge of \$100 but to avoid loss, they can put the key on a lanyard and carry it around their neck. Kids will be secure as there will be 6-7 pit dads patrolling the band camp.

Students need to bring personal water jugs to fill with Gatorade and ice water which will be supplied and frequent breaks will be provided. They can bring snacks and soft drinks for after practices. They may want to bring clothing for the dance that will be held one evening.

Products not to bring include shaving cream, silly string, duct tape, etc.

Band camp will end with the students performing their first show for the parents at 2:00 on Saturday.

Treasurer report – Reported by Tad Barnes. No report this month because of working on other reports such as credits per each family. He had the credit spreadsheet available for parents to review if interested. The first invoice was sent out to parents and payment is now due. Band fees are paid to the school, attn: JoAnn Weber and if payment is not received, they can hold back report cards or the student is not permitted to travel for competitions. Payment can be made by credit card or check. If want to pay by credit card, don't call until next week because JoAnn Weber is moving into a different school building. If needed, a scholarship may be available. The application form is on the marching eagles' website, under on-line forms. It can be printed, completed and mail to Mark Kottman. Only Mark, Tad Barnes, and Ray Parks

will know who applies for a scholarship. Recipients are expected to work fundraisers. Demand is high for the scholarships.

Souvenirs Booth: Tami Jankowski will be replaced by Debbie Hines. There is at least one other person willing to help. Tami will work with them. Souvenirs can be sold at open houses, Booster's meetings, SCRIP, invitational's, etc. Parent can buy a rain jacket for students or themselves. Last year, Lions' Club donated \$5000 for rain jackets and they are used as a part of their uniform. Personal ones can be embroidered with their name. They can wear them on the field with their names and other lettering.

Competitions: The Marching Band competes in Midstates and Bands of America (BOA). We sponsor a Midstates event, the Bellbrook Invitational on Sep 24th. There are 10-12 committee heads needed. We hope to have 15-16 bands and 10 bands have already signed up. Last year there were 10-12 bands. Mark Kottman will be in charge until on the day of the invitational when Ray will be in charge.

Social committee- Next event is the pool party at 5 Seasons for the students from 3:00- 8:00 on 12 Aug. Cost will be \$10 which will include admission and a hot dog dinner.

Donations needed: All parents are asked to donate a case of water. We still need ice chests that will hold about two cases of drinks and also 5 gallon water coolers. Each section needs water coolers.

Pit Dads – Ray Parks reported. Start building props at band barn at 7:00 on Thurs. Bring a saw, square, pencil, hammer. New pit dads are needed. A section of a wall will be done by band camp. If interested in joining the Pit dads, contact Ray Parks or show up on Thursdays or Tuesdays. So far have 5 pit dads for band camp but can use more. Pit Dads work on vehicles, move instruments in and off field, chaperone at band camp and make props.

Fundraisers:

Mattress sale: The Ultimate Fundraising Solutions owner addressed the Boosters. This fundraiser is scheduled for Aug 7th. They offer higher quality for lower cost. Retail stores spend a lot in marketing. Instead this company lowers the price and gives a percentage to band. They set up 18 mattress sets in the school gym. They are made to order, are brand new, and in quality up to high end. It is a one day fundraiser and they do all selling, pickup and delivery. It is not high pressured, 10% of all population will buy a mattress each year. Promotion of the sale is very important. Students and parents can send out emails, post on Facebook, and put out signs that are made by the company. There are marketing flyers with a referral line so \$25 per mattress purchase can go directly to the band fee. They will have kickoff meeting with the students right before the sale. Email notice will be sent by Amy and then we can send it out. We raised \$5000 on this sale last year. If someone needs a mattress in advance or would like to see them so they can think about the purchase, they can go to another site to see them. The brands are Sutherland (3rd largest mattress company in the country) which sells primarily under private labels and Restonic which has been in business for 75 years. Kids hold up signs the day of the sale at corners to advertise. They can play their instruments on the corners if they would like and pass out flyers.

Calendar Update: Cheryl Reynolds chairs this effort with assistance of Dee Dee Nickles. She will take ads until next week and you can contact her through the email address posted on the Band site. She can use suggestions for expressions for the cover of the calendar. Need at least one ad sold per child. There will be a one day blitz selling day on Thurs Aug 11. All kids get together and sell by neighborhoods. Need parents to drive from 6:30-8:30. All sponsors get calendars for free. Need other advertisers besides Bellbrook. Ideas are your dentist, insurance agent, etc. A percentage goes to student account.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35