

BELLBROOK MUSIC BOOSTERS
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
5 Nov 11

The meeting was called to order by the Booster's President Mark Kottman at 7:18

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 by Jack Kohlehepp 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: (check band event calendar for more information)

10 Nov- Send-off dinner (6:00 immediately after practice)

11-13 Nov – BOA Nationals in Indianapolis (Prelims Friday at 3:00)

15 Nov- 7:00 – 8:00 High School Indoor Percussion Ensemble (IPE) parent's meeting (Rob Cooney)

17 Nov – 6:00 High School Winter Guard parent's meeting (Sheldon)

7 Dec - 7:00 Grade School Band Concert

12 Dec - 7:00 Middle School Band Concert

13 Dec -PRISM Holiday Concert – Fairhaven Church- 7:00-9:30- High School Choir, wind ensemble, concert, jazz, percussion, brass, woodwinds, and symphony band will perform beautiful holiday music in a wonderful setting. Please invite your friends and family for this free performance.

6 grade on Dec 7th 7:00

Westerville Midstates Competition – Congratulations to the students on winning Grand Champion of the show. They competed against some large schools for the title.

Centerville Midstates Competition – Once again congratulations to the students on winning Grand Champion of the show. There was a lot of competition in the show with 34 bands competing. Regardless of how the band scores, Mr. Foster advises the students to measure their success by whether the current show is better than the last.

Mr. Foster found shirt order money and calendar money in envelopes in the band room and office. He gave the money to Susan Brainard for research and deposit into the Booster account.

Treasurer report – Reported by Tad Barnes. There will be a full budget breakout next month. The number of scholarships tripled this year but we won't be able to sustain this number next year. The primary reason it was possible this year was because we had long term credits that were outstanding from previous band students. Many of these were transferred to the scholarship fund.

UD – Jack Kohlhepp reported. All the Captain positions have been filled. The calendar of games has been added to the band website and you can sign up at this time. There are 15 men's games and 1 women's game. The first game is Nov 19th. There will be additional events such as the Circus.

Important change: The gratis process will change beginning this year. This is the number of UD and Dragon games band families are expected to work each year for the band program. This year, there is a gratis of 2 UD games required and a gratis of 6 Dragon's games with a total of 8 gratis games per year. The UD games cannot be used for the Dragon's gratis or vice versa. The upcoming UD games and next year's Dragons' games are the gratis required for the 2011/2012 IPE and Winter Guard season and Marching Band season 2012.

Students must be 17 to work at UD. In the past parents, could not earn credits for their child's account by working UD games. This year, after the 2 UD gratis games are worked, \$20 in credits will be applied to the student account up to maximum of 3 additional games worked. There will be a \$150 buyout option for the UD games.

Birdfeeder- Hail damage insurance was received for the Birdfeeder and necessary repairs have been made. There was discussion on replacing Mini-Me which will cost at least \$5,000. The front end is shot but the rebuilt engine has only 10,000 miles. Pit dads are discussing the options.

Uniforms - We may purchase new uniforms next year but this is dependent on finances. Chris and Amy Foster are starting the uniform research at this time and it will be a very involved process from design to purchase. Tad will review financials with the school in December as a part of the process as well as identify how much has been fenced from previous years for the uniforms. Cost may be approximately \$40,000 but this is just an early estimate. Boosters need to make sure we set aside money each year for the purchase. Due to the high number of scholarships, no money was set aside for uniforms this year.

Scholarship- A small committee will be formed to develop a scholarship package for families requiring assistance. The package will identify the family commitments required to receive assistance and submissions will be earlier, probably April/May timeframe.

IPE and Winter Guard – Parent information meetings are the week after Nationals, 15 Nov for IPE and 17 Nov for Winter Guard. Three bills are typically sent out for Guard and IPE through the season. This year for IPE and WinterGuard you can pay by PayPal and credit card. There are no scholarships for IPE and WinterGuard.

NYC trip –SCRIP, Poinsettia, flower, UD and Dragon credits can go to seniors for NY trip. **New this year** - Senior families can work Dragon's games to pay down the cost of the trip up to the week of the trip. If they signed up for the games but failed to work them, payment will have to be made prior to boarding the plane.

Fundraisers: Reported by Diane Bengson. Pie orders are due Tues, 8 Nov by the end of practice. Cookie sale will begin next month and the students will receive a portion of the proceeds in their student account.

Poinsettia sale –An email will go out this week by Amy Foster. Delivery will be approximately 10 Dec and costs are the same as last year. These are beautiful, long-lasting poinsettias and you will definitely be satisfied with the quality.

Corporate Scholarships –Looking for businesses willing to advertise on back of truck or through links on our website. Advertisements on the truck can be a company or family name or logo. Contact Mark Kottman if you are interested.

Grand Nationals – We are entering the final, exciting week of the 2011 Marching Band. Linda Hummel has publicized the Nationals. The police department has been contacted for them to escort the charter buses. We suggest all parents make sure to be at the school on Sunday in time to provide a big welcome to the kids when they arrive back from Indy (bring signs, balloons, etc). The police will escort the charter buses of our returning students from Dot's to the school.

Social committee- Reported by Paula Trimbach

---14 Oct, 7:00 – 11:00: Corn Maze Reported by Carolyn Barnes– There were 33 kids in attendance at the Corn Maze event. They all had a good time at the maze even though the weather was not the greatest.

---20 Oct. 5:00 – 8:00: Festival of Merchants, High School cafeteria. We had approximately 20 vendors and earned \$329. We expect to receive checks from a couple of other vendors. It seemed that people really enjoyed the shopping event.

---6 November – 12:00 – 6:00 Hallway Decoration. The committee including additional volunteers decorated the High School band hallway in the “Cornered” theme. Make sure you stop by to see the awesome results which will only remain until Sunday after the kids return from Indy. We then need help to dismantle the hallway decorations on Sunday. Please stay around to help for a short time.

---10 Nov - Sendoff Dinner – This is a dinner and ceremony for the kids that will be remembered for a long time. Parents will need to donate lasagna, pasta dishes, mac&cheese, and sides.

Requested items to make this a success:

Seniors: Tray of Lasagna – can be homemade or purchased tray that has been baked- bring hot

Juniors: Favorite pasta dish- bring hot

Sophomores: Finger veggies, fruits, or hot vegetable side dish

Freshmen: Salads (toss with dressing or bring separate bottle) or appetizer that complements pasta

Eighth graders: One or two 12-packs of soda, A-M Diet and N- Z Regular

Bread sticks and cake will be provided. **Please bring in the pop on Weds at rehearsal pickup at 5:00 so we can ice it down a few hours early on Thursday or bring it cold on Thurs. The rest of the items can be brought to the cafeteria between 5:00 – 6:00 so we can have everything ready for the students when they get done with practice. Make sure you visit the band hallway to see the decorations. They are terrific!**

Although only the students eat the dinner, parents of seniors can discretely observe the ceremony from the sidelines. This is a very touching ceremony.

Birdfeeder - Cheryl Sooy reported on the food that will be served at Indy.

Friday – Lunch – students eat lunch they packed, dinner - Arby's (Booster supplied)

Saturday – Lunch – Dominos and sides (Booster supplied); dinner – students will be given money by Boosters to eat at the Center City Mall.

Once we find out whether they made finals, depending on the schedule, the lunch and dinner plans may get reversed.

Breakfast on Saturday and Sunday will be provided by the Holiday Inn Express.

SCRIP – Carolyn Barnes reported that the Lions club members are now buying SCRIP. This will help increase revenue for the band.

Command Performance –There was a great turnout for the kids! Look in Wednesdays' DDN, Neighbor section for a possible article on the show. Thanks to Linda Hummel for the publicity for the show and our Marching Band publicity in general.

The 50/50 raffle at the performance was \$239. Larry Bouffioux won it and donated his half back to the band. Thanks so much to Larry, a former pit dad. Check out the performance on Utube.

Concession stand – Help is needed by the Athletic Program at the concession stand at 7:00 Tues and 7:00 Weds at the Stadium. If interested, call Laurie Sparks or contact Mark Kottman. If you work, wear a booster shirt to identify you are from the band. If possible, please volunteer as we like to support the Athletic program.

Spirit Gear - Roll-A-Banners that say “Bellbrook” are for sale at \$8.00 apiece through Debbie Heinz. She will be at SCRIP on Thursday.

Next meeting: 9 Jan - Since the first Monday is 2 January and Christmas vacation is not over, the meeting has been rescheduled for 9 Jan.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10.

Respectfully submitted by Paula Trimbach