

## **Minutes of the Buchholz Band Boosters Meeting January 24, 2012**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by President Anthony Clarizio.

### President's Report:

- Glenn Miller tickets available. Sold 86 online and 60 thus far to retirement communities, about half of last year. Online sales will be available until Saturday. Tickets are \$15 each online, then \$20 at the door. You can print the poster from the website and post in public places.
- We have over \$17,000 in uncollected dues and at the end of January will only have \$6,000 in the account. We budget for all of the dues to be spent, so they must be paid. We have four months left in the school year and money will be very tight. There are 67 people with a balance due.
- We are going to begin preparing the slate of officers for next year. Susana Stiles volunteered to put the slate together for presentation to the boosters later this year.

Rickie Santiago, Percussion Instructor, spoke about the Winter Drum Line, the first at BHS recently. Fundraisers will be coming up to pay for competitions. There will be two Moe's fundraisers and the drum line will receive 10%. They will be February 14<sup>th</sup> and March 27<sup>th</sup> at the Moe's by Royal Park Cinema from 4 pm to 10 pm. Competitions will be this Saturday in Apopka, February 11<sup>th</sup> at Belleview High School, March 3<sup>rd</sup> (location to be determined) and March 31<sup>st</sup>. An email will be sent with more information closer to the competition dates. The drum line is selling lunch totes in different designs. They will be for sale for a few more days. The small one is \$22 and the larger one is \$17, plus a charge for monogramming, if desired. See the email that was sent out.

Donna Stilwell (1<sup>st</sup> VP of Special Events) discussed FBA District Solo and Ensemble on February 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>:

- A sign-up sheet will be sent around to work in the concession stand and the information table. This is a band fundraiser. There will be shifts on Friday night and all day Saturday. Four to five people per shift are needed. We also provide a hospitality room for judges, etc.
- State Solo and Ensemble will be held at BHS during Spring Break, Monday and Tuesday. We will need volunteers for those dates also.
- Chris Van Wert will take over this position in April and will coordinate Awards Night which is May 11<sup>th</sup>. A party will take place after the awards lasting until 11 pm. All band members will be recognized, with a special presentation of each senior.

Matt Sullivan (2<sup>nd</sup> VP of Fundraising) discussed two fundraisers to help offset Fair Share:

- The discount cards are available. Our cost is \$2, the same price that you can buy them for. It is recommended that you sell them for \$10, but you can charge less. The money collected stays with the parent.
- Scrip cards are still for sale. Gas is included, as well as Boston Market and others. Go to the band website, under the Booster section, then Fundraising, then Scrip cards. You deal directly with the company. You will receive a smaller discount if you use your credit card. Scrip money is posted to your account every two to three months.
- Gatornationals are the same weekend as Jacksonville District Concert MPA trip. We need to know who can still attend, as we need at least 20 students on March 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>. If you work Gatornationals, you will need to be there about 5 am until Noon and will earn \$50. There is both a male (Matt Sullivan) and female host (Arlene Partridge) to have a sleep over and transport students to the track. Students will then need to report to BHS for the trip at 2:30 pm. More information is forthcoming. We need a new student to take over the coordination of this event next year.

Lorie Crawford (3<sup>rd</sup> VP of Travel) reviewed three more trips involving buses:

- FBA District Concert MPA travel to Mandarin High School in Jacksonville on March 10<sup>th</sup>.
- FBA State Concert MPA May 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> – could be both bands, if qualifying and will be in Tallahassee
- Wind Symphony trip to Indianapolis, IN March 15<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup>

Tara Ward (Receipts Treasurer) spoke of the importance of paying fees.

- \$17,000 outstanding, mostly fees and requirement was to be paid by now.
- Cash will be tight if we do not get more fees.
- Scrip earnings will be included on the next statement.

Vickie Wilt (Disbursement Treasurer) The Suntrust balance was \$31,202 Dec 31<sup>st</sup> and \$20,034 currently, with \$13,000 committed. School bus fees will be about \$6,000 - \$7,000. Our cushion savings fund has been reduced from \$25,000 to \$15,000.

Debbie Charles Carty (Secretary) thanked everyone that reported volunteer hours:

- We have had over 5,000 reported August through November and not all are being reported.
- A request for December and January hours will be sent out soon. Please report all hours.

Omar Hechavarria spoke about Student Planners. We are going to start early this year selling advertising that will really raise a lot of money toward Fair Share. Also, Omar is looking for someone to take this job over next year.

Band Director, Alex Kaminsky discussed the following:

- Encouraged all students to participate in fundraisers to reduce dues. There have been students in the past that have been able to pay for all fees using fundraiser earnings.
- Four students made All-State and participated earlier this month in Tampa. It is one of the best All-State bands in the country. There is quite a bit of talent beginning to show in the younger band members. Mr. K is requiring students to be proficient in the 12 scales and working to develop the upper range to play all scales in full range in a comfortable manner.
- All-County last rehearsal is tomorrow afternoon at GHS. The actual event is Monday and Tuesday. Students will be out of school rehearsing all day Monday at Trinity Methodist. The free concert is Tuesday night at 7 pm at the new Fine Arts building at Santa Fe College. Mr. K will find out where students will need to park their cars at Santa Fe.
- Band members are preparing for FBA District Solo and Ensemble, required if in Wind Symphony, but most students in the band program participate. Private instructors are often willing to instruct ensembles. February 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> FBA District Solo and Ensemble will be at BHS and we will host district bands with 900 events. Preliminary schedule will be run Thursday and approved by band directors. Mr. K will try to distribute the schedule to all in a week.
- February 16<sup>th</sup> is Solo and Ensemble Pre-MPA performance at BHS and includes jazz band and choirs, which are larger ensembles. Smaller groups can play also. Parents & families are invited.
- March 1<sup>st</sup> – Concert Pre-MPA for parents and families in preparation for District MPA.
- March 4<sup>th</sup> – Stellar Winds and Percussion Recital is at 3 pm at a local church. It is sponsored by the Alachua County Foundation for the Promotion of Music. Student must get a Superior rating at District to be considered to perform.
- March 10<sup>th</sup> will be FBA District Concert MPA in Jacksonville. Symphonic band will perform at 6:30 pm and Wind symphony at 8:30 pm.
- National Concert Band Festival the following week in Indianapolis for Wind Symphony.
- FBA State Solo & Ensemble will be at BHS for all students earning Superior on Grade V at District.
- Glenn Miller concert is February 6<sup>th</sup> and is a very entertaining concert.

Next booster meeting will be on March 6<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm. The meeting was adjourned by Anthony at 8:05 pm.