

Hurley Middle School Band Parents Association

Minutes from October 7, 2009

Attendees: Maria Alves, Cindy Belt, Dail Bienkiewicz, Cindy Curvelo, Brian and Lisa DeBlois, George Eghian, Renee Eghian, Joan Fagnoli, Nancy Gagiardi, Susan Grande, Jennifer Hess, Fean Ho, Lynn Horton, Lori Karbowski, Kim Lallier, Lori Lancellotti, Kimberly Lima, Michelle Luizzi, Maddie Mayer, Peter Marshall, Liz Marulis, Karen Oliver, Lucia Orleck, Ray O'Rourke, Lori Pacia, Sue Servidio, Lynne Simpson, Lori-Ann Sprague, Sue Tusino, Angie Volpe, Chris Volpe, Mary Westcoat, Sara Martino-Johnson.

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Angie Volpe

Introduction of Officers and Committee Chairs

Officers

Co. Presidents - Angie Volpe and Sue Tusino

Secretary - Lucia Orleck

Treasurer - Michelle Luizzi

Committee Chairs

Publicity -

Fundraising Committee -

Jazz Dinner Committee - Angie Volpe

Band Festival Committee - Dail Bienkiewicz and Cindy Belt

HMSBPA Purpose - Helps plan and chaperone events such as band festival and school tours, assists in the logistical planning and set up of concerts, and raises funds for band activities, instrument purchases, instrument repair beyond what is provided in the school budget.

Minutes from June 3, 2009 meeting were reviewed and accepted.

Treasurer's Report – Michelle Luizzi

A deposit from Domino pizza card sales was made during this period. A full report was available for review.

Instrument Purchases - HMSBPA approved to purchase a Jupiter Baritone Saxophone for \$2,800, a mouth piece for \$48.00 and to pay for a repair bill of \$70.00.

In the past couple of years the HMSBPA has purchased a bass clarinet, drum buddies, a marimba & tubular chimes. The following instruments are on the wish list for the upcoming year's purchase(s), a baritone horn, tenor saxophone, oboe, french horn and a drum set. All of these instruments are very expensive and students don't normally buy their own, but they are necessary to make the band sound full and complete.

Suggested was to submit some of these instrument purchase requests on the school budget

to the town's school committee. Music is an academic class offered during the day and some instruments & books should be covered by the school budget. Instruments have been purchased by the elementary schools, which they received money for in their school budget to purchase them.

The current HMS music budget is \$1,000 for instrument maintenance and \$1,200 for sheet music for 3 concert bands, jazz band, percussion ensemble and other small instrumental needs: mallets, sticks, drum heads, etc. All school band instruments are sent to be disinfected at the end of each year. The HMSBPA spends an average of \$5,000 a year to help support the music program.

Domino's Pizza Cards Fundraiser - The HMSBPA has collected \$3,000 for the sale of Domino pizza cards. The following students have been awarded a Best Buy Gift certificate - Nathan Ferreira, Connor Lanoue, and Neil Joyce. Also one for Nick Lancellotti for the most sales of over \$300.

Gillette Stadium Concession - The SHS runs a concession stand with band parents, majorettes & football parents to raise money to help support their program. There are about 15 events during the year (soccer games, concerts & football games) and the concession stand needs 16 volunteers for each event. Gillette pays 11% of the gross sales to the program you volunteer for. The next events are

10/18/09	football vs Titans	4:15
11/08/09	football vs Dolphins	1:00
11/22/09	football vs Jets	4:15
12/13/09	football vs Panthers	1:00
12/27/09	football vs Jaguars	1:00

If you would like to volunteer, please contact Lisa Blackbird - blackbil@seekonk.k12.ma.us

Concerts - The winter concert has been scheduled for Thursday, Dec 17, 2009.

The 6th grade Pegasus band would perform at 6:00 pm.

The 7th grade Intermezzo Band would perform at 7:00 pm.

The 8th grade HMS Concert Band would perform at 8:00 pm.

Jazz Dinner Fundraiser - In the past couple of years Outback restaurant has sponsored the Jazz Dinner Fundraiser. We will not know until January 2010 if Outback will have a budget for this community service event.

Fundraising: The school administrators will supply the guidelines for fundraising as to when a permit is needed for an event, when food safe certified personnel is needed, how to go about doing bake sales, etc. At the moment these guidelines are being revised by the school committee.

Band Festival - Last year's cost to participate in the Great East Festival was over \$17,000. The registration fee, park tickets and band t-shirts were over \$12,000 (paid by students & chaperons) and the HMSBPA paid \$5,551.80 for five coach buses. This is a very expensive trip and with the current economy conditions the HMSBPA does not know if the fundraising for

this year will be sufficient to help support the band program and send students on this trip.

Suggestions:

Have conductor John Marshall come to the school for two days (Friday & Saturday). He would work with the various groups and have sectional rehearsals, have a brief clinic, judge and have recommendations for the band students. On the second day there would be a concert and students would have the same experience as the students that participate in the district concerts. A written proposal and cost was submitted for review. And then students would have a separate field trip using school buses.

Only send eighth grade students to Great East Festival.

Check if band students can participate in the RI Music Education Festival.

Send students to MICA and use school buses. The MICA registration fee would only cost \$300.00

Send students to watch the RI Philharmonic perform.

Send students to "Save Rocky Point" event.

These suggestions will be reviewed at the next meeting.

Charitable Trust - The funds in the trust will be used to pay a portion of the baritone saxophone and will be transferred directly to the instrument vendor.

Cow Pie Bingo - This event did not go well last year. We will not have this event next Memorial Day.

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Next meeting- Wednesday, November 4, 2009 at 7:00 pm

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.