

ABB Meeting - October 8, 2008 in the Band Room

Present - Dr. Cannava, Doug Cheney, Susan James, Lynn Brown, Russ Furry, Paul Howald, Carol Matthews, Rebecca Steinebrey, Linda Haley, Jean Gehring, Deb De La Torre.

Review and Approval of Minutes, voted, motioned, seconded.

Treasurer's Report

- Review of Treasurer's proposed policy regarding returned checks for scrip purchases (sent to ABB Officers via email prior to the ABB meeting).
- Discussion on check writing policy of band families, versus third-party checks, followed by a suggestion of delaying giving the scrip until checks have cleared. We should tell people what the check writing policy is so that people know, i.e., putting it on the website. Regarding responsibility for NSF checks, we will change the wording in the policy to: "Any person who tenders a check that is returned for NSF will be responsible." Include advisory policy on the website. Discussion on whether we will accept checks from out of state for festivals. We will give the next Scrip chairperson a version of the policy. We will not accept out-of-state checks for Scrip, neither in person nor online.
- The Treasurers requested help with a different person to pick up the mail and make deposits. They want to request someone by email.
- The Treasurers would like to have a petty cash box in the band room and have someone be in charge of that, i.e., someone who could keep a tally and try to collect money from the kids on a regular basis. We would need a parent or a band member to take charge of the petty cash box. Due to lack of staffing for this huge task, we are not able to report as many details because we are getting large quantities of envelopes with, i.e., fifty cents or a few dollars in each envelope. Suggestion of accepting money only once per month.
- Treasurers had recommendations of how persons chairing fundraisers should handle their check writing.
- Discussion about ordering ABB officer E-mailboxes for various roles, i.e., Secretary, Fundraiser, etc.
- Presentation of Treasurer's Financial Report. Question on totals for Bingo. Discussion on fall color guard costumes. Kenny is selling some flags to other schools, so we can expect some money there. Discussion on Transportation, T-Shirts, Program T-shirt purchases. Butterbraids did really well this time. Discussion of anticipated bus, trip and equipment expenses. Carol suggested putting some money in short-term CDs (90 day) to move into interest-bearing opportunity. Suggestion of presenting a balance sheet along with the P&L Budget v. Actual. We have not yet received a check from the Dr. Tim workshop. Dr. Cannava indicated that Dr. Tim sent him a personal check for \$500 and he thinks that this may be the payment for the workshop.
- What is the status of the Instrument Repair scholarship? Deb will check on this.
- Motion to approve \$2,500 for Sectional Rehearsals, seconded and voted.

- It appears there is money for instruments this year - we would like to buy a concert horn. We could also take some money from the curriculum fund. This would be approx. \$1,700.

Director's Report

- Dr. Tim's workshop was very successful, and thanks to those who coordinated and staffed this event.
- Review of the Parent Potluck that was shifted to the AHS parking lot due to the over-scheduling of the LPS stadium.
- Review of the Arapahoe Invitational, and how well it was run, as well as a letter that was written to complain about people not being able to watch the show from behind the fence.
- Homecoming week went well, as did the performance at CSU. Dixie Dawgs did very well the next morning.
- The football game on Friday night went really well, and the crowd was very polite and nice to our kids. Usually, however, the crowd is very hostile to the band (including students from our own school), and the kids talk or shout bad things or chants during the band show performance.
- Coming up - The Friendship Cup at Longmont High School, forecast for rain. We will hopefully be performing at 3:30 p.m. Then we get to perform at 9:30 pm. This event used to be at Englewood High School.
- Monday night we host, with UNC performing.
- We are performing on the 2nd night of parent/teacher conferences.
- On the 16th we will eat dinner here before performing at LPS stadium.
- On Friday we were hoping to do lunch at the stadium, and need to coordinate this with hospitality so that they don't have to leave (maybe order pizza?).
- The next Leadership focus session will be held at the Haller's house.
- The Pomona event is a full day. We have been told that we can't make any sound when practicing on the AHS field on Saturdays before 8:30 a.m. The students will have to get into uniform first at 6:30 a.m. and then do all their activities.
- Pikes Peak is a Tuesday afternoon, and because it is during the week, it is difficult to recruit parents to help staff this event.
- Stadium practice will be the Wednesday night before State. We will do the Senior Celebration that night.
- On Saturday Oct. 25th, we will be at North Glen, then come back to the LPS Stadium do have a focus session at 3 pm. We then go to Invesco to perform in the late evening.
- Yearbook photos will be on October 28th along with the Wind Symphony photos.
- Band Awards Banquet planning is in progress.
- Possible football games (dates given).
- Parade of Lights - we don't know where we will be in the lineup, possibly in the middle.
- Parents have been making comments about the show or the costumes, but please remind the kids that this a show that the students picked, along with the choreography, etc. One comment made was that the uniforms looked like potato sacks or monkey outfits. When the parents make comments like this, it demoralizes the kids. The shows are written for effect, and there will be some re-writes, but now ours will now include some running. Doug will send an email out to the band regarding the topic of criticism and its impact.

- Kenny is doing multiple re-writes of the show, and Dr. Cannava would like to have ABB send a check for \$400. Moved, seconded.

Festival Report

- We are looking for multiple positions and really need help: picking up cones, announcers. The kids who work will be given a coupon for one free meal. Lengthy discussion of logistics, cleaning up the stadium, etc. The football team wants to come see the show; would we be willing to offer discounted tickets? Yes, they can come for \$3 per person, and we will need to know in advance (maybe they should wear their jerseys).

Bingo Report

- We now have a new security service because the person we had has moved on. It will mainly be a guy named Pete, but he will alternate with two other men. They are all certified police officers. Bingo is a little slow right now, possibly due to Sunday night Broncos games.

Chaperones Report

- We had a great response from Color Guard parents. Motion made and passed to purchase another wagon to haul equipment.
- Buddy gifts and pranks are very messy and are dumped all over the bus and need to be cleaned up. No more Citrus Drop; staff will throw it out if they see it.

Transportation Report

- Russ was not here today to give the report, but Doug indicated that everything is running smoothly.

Additions to the Minutes

- A report prepared by Doug Cheney, ABB President, regarding volunteer recruitment was sent out to band leadership on Oct. 12th.
- A letter from Doug Cheney, ABB President titled “Your opinion matters more than you realize” was sent out to all the band families on Oct. 14th.
- An information letter from the Colorado Bandmasters Association was sent out to all the band families regarding the upcoming Championship event on Oct. 25th.
- The Instrument Repair Scholarship for \$500 was given by the South Suburban Music Teachers Association this month, and received by Band Staff, ABB Leadership, and Students at the Band Awards Banquet.
- Entertainment Book sales concluded this month. A report on sales will be forthcoming.
- Apparel Sales concluded this month, but a second smaller order will follow. A report will be forthcoming.