

ABB Booster Club Meeting Minutes August 2, 2009

Members Present: Doug Cheney, Carol Matthews, Russ Furry, Linda Haley, Karen Jonscher, Jill Moss, Ellen Strom, Laura Churchill
Staff Present: Bob Hackett

Discussed the issue of old uniforms taking up storage space: Give them to a costume company? Goodwill? Laura will look into options. Ideally we could sell them to a costume company for rentals. If not, just give them away.

Meeting called to order: 7:08 p.m.

Old minutes: Accepted with the comment that Pam captured the discussion about hospitality.

Committee Reports:

Program: Linda Haley, Chair.

- **Saturday stadium practice lunch** – we need to provide lunch for the kids but no one from hospitality is in town or responsive. This is not in our budget and will happen again on the 26th. Options:
 - Sack lunch (need to remind students/parents to bring) or pizza with carrots, dressing and drinks.
 - Could take budgeted money for one lunch and split it between the two stadium lunches.
 - Ask each kid to bring \$5 and we will get pizza, cookies at Sam's. This will be put into the update. Will need to pre-order the food, Linda can do this. Need to be sure to load tables, paper plates, cups and napkins.
- **Calendar/website** - Mike Matthews will be training various people on entering information into the website. Notifications about events should go to parents in addition to being provided to students since there is a communications break down.
- **Wednesday night stadium practice** - Need to make sure there are enough parent volunteers to drive students to stadium practices. No tailgating is allowed by the school and the band eating might be considered tailgating. We need to make sure that we can feed them near the lower gates. Could also feed them on the far side of the school where it may not be a problem. Bob H. will talk with Steve Sisler. Russ will recruit someone to be the point person on organizing parents to drive to the stadium.
- **Football games** - There are more football games this year and the school has asked the band to support the games. We need to get support for transportation to the football games. There is a \$4000 transportation allotment for football games. Bob H. has asked for support for any overages.
- **Musical** - We will get 30% of funds raised by the musical – this money goes into a school account and does not go to ABB.

Volunteering: Russ Furry, Chair:

- **Uniforms** - Need at least one more uniform coordinator, especially for concert season. Yara cannot fit the students to their uniforms. Plan to recruit for uniform help – use the master list of parent volunteers to find someone that is available during the day to help. It would be ideal if it was the same person throughout the year.
 - *Dry-cleaning* - The guard uniforms can be hand-washed instead of dry-cleaned. Carol has never received a dry-cleaning bill. Carol will follow up with Yara to try to figure out what we should owe. We probably need to find a new dry cleaner – perhaps we could get discounted service for advertising. There might be a problem with wearing a full uniform on Friday night games because of competitions the next day – especially for State. This will be a huge problem if the uniforms get wet. They could wear pep band shirts and jeans? We need to start saving for new uniforms.
- **Pictures** - Need to schedule marching band and concert band pictures very soon for the yearbook. Sgt. Pepper's has done this in the past. Want them to also do a full band picture. Bob H. will talk with them to get ideas.
- **Contacts** - Need to make sure that the parents who volunteered for various duties are contacted. Beth has the list. Need to firm up parent volunteers for the festival and upcoming events.
- **Leadership Workshop** - We have enough volunteers for the Leadership Workshop next Tuesday. Expect about 250 kids. Will need a cashbox.
- **Parade of Lights** - Need a Parade of Lights coordinator and need to design uniforms.
- **Spirit wear** - Pauline was going to look into getting polo shirts for chaperones and as spirit wear. Would like to have band polos available for the office personnel and administration. Can put in an order for polos and add onto the price so that we can buy shirts for the staff and administrators.

Fundraising: (presented by D. Cheney) Tom Haller, Chair.

- **Car Wash** - Car wash only earned \$2,200, budget was \$5,000. Problem was lack of publicity. Discussed benefit/detractors of making it a pledge car wash. Next time the parents need to help with publicity – e-mail to HOAs, church groups, co-workers, neighbors, etc. Should we plan for another car wash in the spring? Yes! Need to start publicity at least 6 weeks ahead of time. Can have a share account deposit incentive for the kid that gets the most pledges, band bucks gift cards... brainstorm. Fliers can have the kid's name on it so the kid can get credit.
- **Christmas Trees** - Need a location for the Christmas tree sales. Will try to get St. Andrew's, however it would be better to get a place where there is a lot of traffic for spontaneous sales. Potentially could try Streets of Southglenn. We could offer to have small ensembles play there. Old Littleton is another possibility. Meeting September 10th for the Christmas tree fundraiser.
- **General Fundraising** - September 8th is the general fundraiser meeting. Sponsorships will be discussed at the meeting on the 8th. A new dry cleaner would be important to add.

- **Festival** - Invited 25 bands, 4 did not attend last year and Sheridan abolished their band. Expect 22 for the Arapahoe Festival. The deadline for registration is 9/11. Will rent Port-a-potties and bill Littleton for 1/3 of them (have 3 festivals in 5 days at the same location).
- **Wine tasting** - Wine tasting is October 14th at Farro's.
- **Bingo** - Is about \$10K down. Have had this happen before. Have a Must Go on 9/13 which should hopefully bring us even. Need to pull people back in. The next nearest bingo hall has started a new Sunday night session that competes. Are thinking of ways to get people back in – pricing specials, raffles (bingo stuffed animals, \$25 King Soopers card) coupons for free popcorn from the hall, free or discounted daubers... Ask parents for items to donate for raffles. The first quarter and fourth quarter of the year are the busiest time for bingo. We can also make the Must Go's more frequent. Typically have about 3. We need to see what happens at the Must Go. Need to request more people to help. New cash controls have been instituted to reduce the theft problem. The losses are being tracked. The festivals are also an area of vulnerability and cash controls will be instituted there as well to reduce the potential for theft.

Director's Report: Bob Hackett.

- Student Executive Council has 2 representatives from the concert bands.
- **Football** - Friday will be 6:30 a.m. for meeting with the coach about football. The football players should also come learn about the band. Saturday is the first football game. Will do the first and second movements. The kids will be sitting further down in the stands at the football game. The drums will be up front. Third quarter will be off. Need a script for half time.
- **Leadership Workshop** - Next Tuesday will be the Student Leadership Conference with Dr. Tim. All of our students can attend.
- **Homecoming** - Herald trumpeters will play on Tuesday. Wednesday is the bonfire – pep band will play. Homecoming parade and dance will be on Saturday.
- **Pep Band** - The pep band will be selected by the leadership. Will have no more than 30 kids in the pep band, except for the football games. Pep band is currently part of lettering and will have to be modified.
- **Schedule** - Newsletters will be going out and Connie will be adding the information to the calendar. The schedule may be changing to reduce the number of practices. Changes will be highlighted.
- **Jazz** - Haven't yet decided about Dixie Dawgs – prefer this to be a student-led band. Want to add in another hour for Jazz. Need more trumpets and trombones for the top jazz band. In general, kids need to be in the concert program in order to participate in jazz.

Financial: Carol Matthews, Chair.

- **Fundraising** - Fee income is quite a bit lower than projected. The car wash did not do well and bingo is not currently making money so we are significantly limiting spending. Must Go should get us even with bingo and we have several fundraising opportunities coming up, but we need to come up with a plan B.

- **Band Fees** - There is a shortfall in the general account as well. Need to send the delinquent fees to the bookkeeper's office, if parents are not responsive. Have a lot more families doing payments this year. We have fewer students participating in jazz and other bands than we had estimated. There are 25 students that have not responded regarding fees for concert bands and 3 students for marching band. E-mail addresses may not be up-to-date. Guard has 21 participants, 25 was estimated.
- **Transportation** - It would be good if we could get billed for transportation in smaller increments. It is a big hit when we get the bill.

President's report: Doug Cheney.

- **Scrip** - Want to have scrip be online and picked up at the Flaum's house instead of having the students deliver it.
- **Instructor payments** - Finalizing payment plans for the instructors. It needs to be clarified that contractors will be paid through the district rather than directly. This will result in about a 25% decrease in salary due to taxes and retirement. Some of the instructors may not be happy about this.

Meeting adjourned: 9:30

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Jonscher
ABB Secretary