

**Minutes of December 2, 2008**  
**General Meeting of BMHS Band Parents, Inc.**

**Attendance:** See attached list

Previous Minutes accepted and approved

**Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer—Donna Buellesbach reviewed Treasurer's Report. Line items discussed included a review of the credits, income, expenses, liabilities, bills yet to be paid.

**Director's Report**

- Ron distributed December/January calendar—includes, winter guard rehearsals and competitions, jazz band rehearsals and competitions.
- Dates to remember—Berkeley Jazz Festival—1/31  
BMHS Jazz Fest—Possible dates: 2/27 or 2/28

**New Business**

- Budget concerns expressed once again by band president Karen Coe. Several band accounts continue to be delinquent.
- Winter Guard has submitted a budget of \$18,350—originally presented a budget of \$25,480. Revised budget doesn't include transportation—guard parents will need to drive to the competitions, transport the floor. A new floor is needed, but not included in the budget.
- The question posed and up for decision is whether to provide funds to the winter guard—given the poor state of the band's financial status.
- Also noted that the band is in need of 4 Sousaphones.

Regarding the Winter Guard—2 proposals were presented to the Band Parents by the Executive Board. The floor was also open for discussion and any other suggestions or proposals.

After discussion the 2 proposals presented by the Executive Board remained. No other proposals were presented. A vote was taken on the following proposals.

**Proposal #1**

Winter Guard would receive up to \$4,500 to begin program and pay for instructors and custodians for the months of December and January. Winter Guard members would need to pay \$100 immediately for uniforms and would need to pay \$500 by 1/5/09 which is prior to first show 1/10/09. This would amount a total of \$5,000 to be received 1/5/09 at 2:30 p.m. If this \$5,000 is not met on 1/5/09 the program would cease—no exceptions.

An additional \$250 per guard member would need to be met by 2/5/09—before the 2/14/09 competition. When/if guard members have paid their required allotments on time then the BMHS Band parents would award the remaining \$4,500.

If the program discontinues the following conditions apply: Winter Guard members who have paid their Winter Guard account payments in cash (not through fundraising) and whose fall band accounts are current will be reimbursed. If their band account is not current, monies received will be applied to past due balances.

Bottom line—the BMHS Band Parents would allocate a total of \$9,000 to the Winter Guard program.

## **Proposal # 2**

BMHS Band Parents won't fund anything. Winter Guard members need to make payments. Monies collected would be earmarked for future years.

Ron reminded us that no winter guard affects the fall color guard.

Prior to the vote several questions were raised and issues discussed:

- Possible meeting with Board of Ed, Dr. Corda etc., to help with our financial crisis.
- Band expenses should be paid by Board of Ed.,
- Sports teams—considered extracurricular activities have a budget
- Use of the concession stands during games to help raise money
- Use of the BMHS gym by Parks & Rec., why do we have to pay for custodial fees at other schools because our gym is being used by Parks & Rec.,
- Amount of monies due from color guard participants
- Need to come up with creative fundraising ideas
- Use of the gym at St. Ladislaus

The results of the vote are as follows:

Proposal 1 received -- 17 yes votes, 2 no votes and 1 abstention

Proposal 2 received –no votes

**Proposal 1 was passed** A letter outlining the proposal the Winter Guard Members' obligations will be sent to all guard members and families shortly.

## **New Business**

- Fundraiser at the Poinsettia Concert—there will be a raffle basket—Entertainment is the theme—please contribute to the basket—monies raised from the basket raffle will go to the Band Parents.

## **Other possible fundraisers-**

- Candles—earmarked for Winter Guard
- Can & Bottle—possibly earmarked for Winter Guard
- Luggage Tags
- Presale Car Wash

## **Next General Band Parents Meeting—1/6/09**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Dee Walters  
Recording Secretary

