

## **DSF Band Booster Meeting Minutes**

**February 13, 2017**

**Attendees:** Cornelia Corbett, Julie Black, Jill Blouch, Rob Blankenship, Brooke Davis, Calypso Gilstrap, and Dell Berlinerman

Cornelia Corbett called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm.

### **Executive Board Reports**

**VP Volunteers:** Jill Blouch – had no report; there will be new volunteer opportunities soon.

**VP Ways and Means:** Fundraising – Steve Deren sent a report about the Brunswick Stew Sales. 900 quarts were ordered. 214 were left over. The year before we sold out when we ordered 700. Steve thinks the date we picked may have been a problem since it was later than usual. The recommendation for next year from Steve will be to pick a better date or pick a different company to give us different dates. The committee discussed it and feels the company we have been working with for years makes the best stew and we should stick with them. We may be looking at October 7 or first Saturday in November for next year.

**Secretary:** Brooke Davis submitted minutes in early November. Minutes were approved with a correction of Calypso's last name to have one "l."

**Treasurer:** Julie Black – we are in good shape with \$31,000 in the bank. A net gain of \$5000 is expected by the end of the year. We have no Spring trip and the Bluestone trip was canceled, so we ended up with extra money. This will help with the trip and expenses for next year. Fundraising has netted about \$13,000, less than we wanted, but has not been not bad. There will be \$5000 for Rob to spend on instruments. The revised budget was approved.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- None given

### **MR BLANKENSHIP'S REPORT:**

- Rob received Letter from UVA band director thanking us for the kids we have sent along.
- The TMS drum line is successful so far. Our kids are being great leaders and are teaching quite a bit of technique. The students at TMS will have their first performance at the TMS Pep Rally this Friday. Some of our drum line members hope to attend.
- Show Choir band is underway and is getting ready for competition. We have 13 kids involved.
- Pit orchestra is helping with Seussical the Musical and the kids are excited. There is a lot of music to learn.

- Assessments will be happening March 16-18, we will get more details soon. Encourage parents and families to come. It will be at Hermitage. Wind ensemble is sounding good. They need a superior to get Honor band. Concert band is coming together.
- The strings assessment will be March 9 at Short Pump Middle School, during the school day.
- The Longwood band director has offered to sponsor a concert with us next year, likely in February
- March 6 at 7 pm is the pre-festival concert. It is joint with TMS at Freeman. This is a warm up for festival and we need an audience.

#### **New Business:**

- Schools with successful, large color guard programs have many actively involved guard parents – how can we create that? Can we find a faculty member who did guard? Perhaps one of the local dance studios would be willing to help? There was no resolution to this issue.
- Spring Trip is not working out for May. We are trying to find a senior activity instead.
- The new members band picnic will be June 6, most likely at 6:00 pm. Forms, fees and practice will be first and then eating around 6:45 pm. The rain date is June 8. Dell is going to help organize a cookout, behind the band room. It will be for the 2017 marching band and the new parents. It will be mandatory with fees to be paid and a meeting for the parents with Cornelia. Rob will have the kids practice what will be in the show. At least one parent per family should attend. Cornelia will reach out to Quioccasin so that the parents and students from there know and come as well. We decided to make it an event for everyone who will be in the 2017-2018 band.

#### **ADJOURN**

No other business was discussed. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm

Next Band Booster Meeting, March 13, 6:30 pm.