

## **DSF Band Booster Meeting Minutes**

**March 13, 2017**

**Attendees:** Cornelia Corbett, Julie Black, Jill Blouch, Rob Blankenship, and Brooke Davis

**Welcome/Call to order** at 6:41 pm

**Review/approval of minutes** from February 13, 2017 were approved

### **Executive Committee Reports:**

- Jill Blouch - volunteer's report - for the May 11 Spring concert we will need corsages/boutonnieres for the seniors. We need to plan the senior awards program and the picnic. Those events will all need volunteers. We will get Dell to put together a budget.
- Julie Black – treasurer's report – Rob bought a snare drum and a little more money came in from stew; Kroger and restaurant nights/Tin Pan are the last fund raisers of the year. There is a little left in the angel fund that can be spent if a student needs money. We are not going to states and there is not Spring trip, so we have a little money left over. Rob will be able to buy some equipment. The Spring concert budget is \$300 for programs; we will spend less if we use Alphagraphics again.

**Committee Reports** – no other reports

### **Rob Blankenship Report:**

District Assessment is this Saturday March 18 at Hermitage. Students will have an 11:30 am arrival and should come dressed to go in formal attire. Concert band warms up at 12:30 pm and plays 1:00 pm; Wind Ensemble will get a snack and then warm up at 2:30 pm and play at 3:00 pm. Kids will likely be back here by 4:30 pm. Cornelia will bring snacks. They should eat lunch before they arrive at Freeman. 85-90 kids are expected to attend. A few of us will want to sit with the kids in the auditorium. Rob thinks they will do well and they are well prepared. All parents should come.

All county band is Thursday March 23 and all day Friday March 24 at Glen Allen. This is rescheduled from January.

### **New Business:**

Senior trip – may take a day trip to Virginia Beach or DC. It would be a day trip for the band and strings. They will let Rob know by April 1. Possibly 15-20 kids will go on this fun outing.

Tin Pan - wants to start advertising. Cornelia might get a picture from Saturday when the jazz kids are all dressed up. Cornelia will help put together a few resources to use.

Brunswick Stew – Sept 16 and October 14 are the only dates we can get with our regular stew master. They have made it hard for us to work with them and we may move on to another company. Cornelia is going to check with another company for a date later in October or in early November. We may get Steve Deren to talk to the new company about what we want.

Attendance issues – 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade students have been particularly problematic this year. Parents are not getting the kids to band camp and morning practices. There have been parents accusing our section leaders of “bullying” because they were insisting that their section members come. We will ask section leaders to use a more positive approach next year, and only send out text reminders of times.

**Adjourn 7:30 pm**

**Next Meeting April 3, 6:30 pm.**