

**Brandywine Heights Music Booster Association**

**Meeting Minutes – April 9, 2013**

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<i><b>ITEM</b></i>	<i><b>DISCUSSION</b></i>	<i><b>ACTION</b></i>
Attendance	Margaret Reighn, Cheryl Reed, Ken Weidner, Emelie Swackhamer, Shari Mayrhofer, Mr. Abrahamson, Mr. VanVoorhis, Lorna Bernard, Tony Bernard, Bev Sweinhart, Neal Hobert, Julie Hobert, Lisa and Amity Radcliff, Meaghan Fenstermacher, Todd Grace	
Call to Order President – <i>Margaret Reighn</i>		
Secretary’s Report/ Correspondence <i>Emelie Swackhamer</i>	The March minutes were posted on the website; revisions were made and re-posted. Lorna noted that the discussion about whether to buy flowers should be moved from the Music Banquet section to the Spring Concert section. With this correction, there was a motion to accept the minutes.	Motion to accept: Cheryl Lorna <sup>2<sup>nd</sup></sup> Approved.
Treasurer’s Report <i>Ken Weidner</i>	Ken distributed the most recent statement.  There was quite a bit of activity due to the Jazz Fest, MIOS and the Indoor Show. Mrs. Chmielewski submitted receipts for music.  In the near future, Ken will send letters to senior with outstanding student credit, to find out what they want done with that money.	Motion to accept treasurer's report: Julie 2 <sup>nd</sup> Tony Approved
Band/Choral Council Rep <i>Todd Grace</i>	Things are going well in band. They are working on the Senior Showcase (see below), and music for the Spring Concert.	
Choral Council Rep <i>Meaghan Fenstermacher</i>	Chorus is going well. They are comfortable enough with the music for the Spring Concert, so they have been working on sightreading.	
Indoor Report <i>Mr. V.</i>	The Home Show was a success. 32 groups attended and everything ran smoothly, even with the snow. Bill is giving Christian Klucsarits the opportunity to write some of next year’s show (with supervision), and he is working on that.	
Middle School <i>Mr. German via email</i>	The Middle School will be running a Joe Corbi’s fundraiser to give the MS kids one last push before the Hershey trip. With Hershey coming up, they will be asking for checks to cover various costs in the coming weeks.  The MS Jazz Band and Select Chorus are sponsoring a Talent Show on Friday, May 3 at 7pm. They could use a few MS parent helpers that evening to sell tickets, distribute programs and help backstage.  The MS Band will move into Marching Band mode following the Spring Concert. High Schoolers will teach the kids how to march, however we could use a Booster parent or two familiar with parades to walk with the band in the parade. <i>It was noted that the HS Marching Band Chaperones are aware of this and will cover it.</i>  On Fri. June 7, the MS will host for the High Note Festival. They could use a parent or two to help that morning, especially with directing/parking busses. The time would be approximately 7:45am-1pm.  The MS Jazz Band ties will need to be cleaned at the end of the season. Mr. German will collect and hand over to the appropriate person. <i>Bev will take care of getting them cleaned.</i>  Mr. German again mentioned that there is storage room and bins at the MS if the Boosters have items that are only used occasionally.	
	<b><i>STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS</i></b>	
Uniforms <i>Bev Sweinhart</i>	We are still trying to get a date set for Uniform Returns. A mass email will be sent when the date is confirmed. We will need help. If you can help, please contact Bev at psulions1@netzero.net or call/text Bev at 484.332.1069  Mr. V mentioned that they will not be performing at Elfreth’s Alley this year due to	

	<p>conflicts with the date, and Colonial Day is still up in the air.</p> <p>NOTE: We are still looking for someone to shadow Bev as next year will be her last. Kelly Jordache will co-chair, but will not have a BHHS band student for a few years after Matei graduates next year.</p>	
Ways & Means <i>Cheryl Reed</i>	The Donut sale went very well. The coffee sale is done and all coffee delivered. The students are sold out at this point! Thanks so much to Cheryl for all her terrific work with fundraisers this year.	
Historian	No new report. Joey Coco and Jordan Bernard are working on the end-of-the-year video, and it will be ready to show at the Music Banquet.	
School Board	No new report We are still looking for volunteers to go to both the COW and School Board meetings. It is very important to keep current with what is happening in the district. Please contact Margaret to volunteer, or if you happen to go to a meeting.	
Executive Committee <i>Margaret Reighn</i>	<p>Copies of the By-laws with the proposed changes and additions were distributed. Most of the changes deal with financial items, such as clarifying treasury policy for the Indoor program, and general policies for dealing with expenses and the financial accounts. Also included are guidelines for distribution of funds if the Music Booster organization is dissolved. <i>One change noted here to Article XII, No. 6 should read: "Upon dissolution of the organization, all funds shall be transferred to the Brandywine Heights Music Student Activity Fund."</i></p> <p>We are asking the membership to read these By-Laws, and we will vote on them at the next meeting.</p>	
	<b>OLD BUSINESS</b>	
Officer Nominations	<p>Margaret and Ken are willing to stay on in their respective positions. We are in need of a Vice President. Emelie and Shari believe that the Boosters may be better served by one person in the secretarial role, so will search for a replacement.</p> <p>It was noted that we will need to find a Chair for the Band Picnic before year's end as that occurs before school starts in the fall.</p>	
Jazz Fest <i>Bev Sweinhart</i>	Next year will be Bev's last, so we will look for someone to work with her and learn the ropes.	
Music in Our Schools	The Hoberts agreed to continue to Chair this event. They will need someone new to take over the Raffle, but have a potential volunteer.	
Band Pictures <i>Shari Mayrhofer</i>	Shari will pick up the last picture this week and distribute.	
Senior showcase <i>Todd Grace</i>	They are ready to go. Ads have been put in the Patriot, the Reading Eagle and Channel 69 News. Todd has arranged for his Boy Scout Troop to help out, along with some students and parents. He has received 15 applications for acts and will review them to check for programming. Mr. V and Mr. A have agreed to run sound for the show. There will be a box to collect food donations.	
Spring Concert and Tea	<p>The Spring concert will occur as originally scheduled (May 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>) The time of the concert on Saturday May 11<sup>th</sup> is 3 p.m.</p> <p>Because of the early dismissal day, students will either need to go home and report back at arranged time, or stay after school with a sub.</p> <p>Kelly Andre is taking care of tickets and volunteers for Saturday; Lorna arranges volunteers for Friday. Kelly Jordache and Shari Mayrhofer will be co-chairing the Tea next year, and are set to help out on Friday.</p>	
Music Banquet May 14, 2013 <i>Mr. A</i>	<p>The caterers are in place. Mr. A will send out a form to RSVP and to order meals for family members. Todd reported that the Band and Chorus Council are ready to decorate.</p> <p><b><i>We need to ensure members of Color Guard or Indoor Program who are not members of the chorus or band receive invitations.</i></b></p>	
	<b>NEW BUSINESS</b>	

Memorial Day Parade <i>Tony Bernard, Mr. V</i>	Water is taken care of. The Band wears red polo shirts and black pants instead of the regular uniform, due to concerns about heat. Tony reported that Judy Seewagen will take over as Chair of the Parade Chaperones next year.	
<b><i>QUESTIONS &amp; COMMENTS</i></b>		
Jazz Band	Mr. V commended the Jazz Band for a great season, and expressed that he had a great time working with them.	
Donations for family in need	Julie Hobert asked about the band family who lost their home due to a fire. Plans are underway to have a collection for them at the Spring Concert. More news as it is available.	
Next Meeting	The Booster meetings are held on Tuesday evenings. We welcome all parents of music students to attend. The next meeting will be Tuesday, May 21, 2013 at 7:00p.m. at the High School chorus room. Hope to see you there.	
Adjourn	Motion to adjourn.	Neal-1st Cheryl- 2 <sup>nd</sup>