

Hempfield Band Booster Club Meeting Minutes

September 12th, 2022

In Attendance: Kendra & Larry Guengerich, Don & Kendall Discavage, Connie Dagen, Mark McPhail, Kim Barden, Frank & Maire Conicella, Fawn Evans, Brendon & Wendy Herr, Shari Repman, Karen Carrier, Paula & Dave Walters, Tracey Keller, Jen Gerz, Kristi Pronovost, Brenda Horst, Lisa Rossi, Johanna Kreibick, Wil & Jen Martin, Beth Gardner, Greta Smith, Matthew Ceresini, Marissa Dagen, Layla Millhouse, Patrick Long

- 1. Band President Marissa Dagen: Huge thank you to the parents for making Opening Knight (OK) special, especially for the seniors. Senior Night is this Friday. Getting excited for March-A-Thon
 - a. VP of Librarians Layla Millhouse (saxophone section leader): In charge of organizing all the band music.
 - b. Mr. C asked what is it like for students after Opening Knight? Very emotional; happy tears
- 2. Director of Bands Matt Ceresini
 - **a.** Band Director Update: OK was awesome! Students performed so well, great way to start the year. Cavalcade does not give a show time penalty in September (< 7minutes).
 - **b.** Please read the letter that was sent out regarding band shows, copy attached.
 - a. Highlights: Band mindset is different than sports; we support every band; judges don't take cheering into account; scores aren't grades; every week we get better; we want to be a classy band; Now in Patriot division where all the bands are great bands.
 - c. EP parade this Saturday, Downingtown in 2 weeks, Homecoming Sept 30, Bands of America (BOA) Oct 8 (whole show!), Oct 15th – practice.
 - a. Notes about BOA: there are limited helpers allowed for pit, 29 bands performing 12 move on to finals.
 - **b.** Cavalcade notes: this year, it depends on the host school how bands perform. If it's an A class host band, then all the open class bands go first then the A class bands. Cavalcade is composed of and run by member schools band directors. Cavalcade bands get paid to perform at competitions.
 - **d.** Symphonic & Concert band has started, first concert is Oct 19th. This week the principal timpanist from the New Zealand Symphonic Orchestra and HHS graduate will be a guest performer for the band.
 - e. District band auditions are Dec 3rd, register in October. Mr. C has the music if you are interested.
 - f. Video Scott Zimmerman OK was amazing, thanks to all the volunteers, staff and students that made it a success.
- 3. President Updates Wendy Herr for Scott Zimmerman
 - a. Motion to approve corrected (5d should read Kim Barden) minutes from 8/8/22; Jen G
 & Lisa R approved with no dissent.

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- b. Fair Share: Discussion about changing the fundraising split to 60(HBBC)/40(students) for all fundraisers. Had been discussed at EC meetings but was not shared at a HBBC meeting. Will not be changed until we can have further discussion regarding the change. Reason for change is the goal is to only have HBBC fundraisers in the future so that we can eliminate Fair Share and student fundraisers. Need to work at sustainability of the program for the future. 5 years ago, 60% of budget came from Fair Share, this year is 43%. In the past, most fundraisers, except advertising, were probably close to 50/50 or 60/40 already. It is a huge headache for record keeping when all the fundraisers are different splits.
 - i. Should have a vote at the HBBC meeting to see if members want to do this.
 - ii. Do people only fundraise for their personal benefit and not in support of the larger organization?
 - iii. Have a posted list of HBBC and student fundraisers.
- 4. Financial Reports Patrick
 - a. Opening Knight 2022 cash receipts \$26,377, not including Scoops or expenses. 2021 was \$21,443
 - b. Highlights of Revenue & Expenses to date none to share at this time due to OK

5. Fundraising – Johanna

- a. Student/HBBC Advertising Kim Barden: 2022 \$20,883.60 up from around \$15,000 from previous years
- b. **HBBC Bloombox through September 24th,** Fall décor available. Must use code when checking out: HEMPBAND15. HBBC will get 15% of total sales
- **c.** HBBC Fulton Theatre Raffle drawing October 1st at March-A-Thon: 1 ticket for \$5, 5 tickets for \$20 for 2 ticket vouchers for the Fulton Main Stage production
- d. HBBC March-A-Thon October 1st (followed by Food Truck Festival)
 - i. Goal \$2,000 (incentives for band, section, & student) Can donate by check, cash, or PayPal
- e. HBBC Food Truck Festival (Papa Sneaux, Blazing Swine BBQ, Mr. Ice Cream Kid, & Oasis)
- f. HBBC Urban Air Fundraiser November 30th from 4-8pm: \$5 off ticket price, HBBC receives 20% of sales
- g. Student/HBBC R&K Subs Fundraiser starts October 2nd
- h. HBBC Knights Out
 - i. Fuddruckers 9/12
 - ii. MAX & GO (Richmond Square in Manheim Township) 9/12 through 9/16
 - iii. Panera (Rohrerstown Rd.) 9/21 from 4-8pm (use promo FUND4U online)
- i. Shari selling gift cards at OK not a great audience, have extras if interested to buy
- j. Poinsettias will only be white and red this year due to too many problems last year, Wreaths will be through Bloombox
- 6. Festivals Jen & Wil



- a. Opening Knight 13 programs left over, loved the pre-order option. Big thanks to all the volunteers. How do work on sustainability of a good organization? Would like to see us involve new parents to keep a strong volunteer pool as we have senior parents in roles.
 - i. We have 2 roles, Patrick treasurer, and Stephanie Spencer product sales, that will need filled next season. Now is the time to begin shadowing them to learn the role. Contact Scott Zimmerman or Johanna Kreibick if interested.
- **b.** We will not host an indoor percussion show this year because the only date available is Feb 5, and since our set-up requires bands to go outside between buildings, it isn't an option to host.
- 7. Student Affairs Wendy
 - a. Senior Knight: 9/16 6:30pm
 - b. Chaperone updates: Need chaperones for 10/28, away football game at Albright College
 - c. **Prop & Pit Crew Updates:** Props will need to be painted, will be adding 2 more speakers to the pit, come on Thursday nights at 8:30 to watch the run-through at the stadium.
 - d. Trunk or treat Thursday Oct 27, 8:30pm? lots of fun for both the students and parents
 - e. **Champs Decorating Friday night 11/11:** If there is no football playoff game, we will be decorating the hallway inside D12. If there is a game, it will be Saturday morning. Simple posters and decorations to support the students as they prepare for Champs. If you have poster questions, Wendy has photos for ideas.
 - f. Champs Lunch 11/13
 - g. Will's Knight 11/20 4-7pm in Buchannon gym: Students only night where the seniors will traditions to the younger members
 - h. HMK End of Year Celebration 12/4 2-5pm
- 8. New Business
- 9. Motion to adjourn by Johanna & Jen, 8:54pm

Next HBBC Meeting – October 10th, 2022 (LG1)

Submitted by Kendra Guengerich, HBBC Secretary