

HEMPFIELD BAND BOOSTER CLUB

Supporting a Tradition of Excellence

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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- 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. **Chap 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