

HEMPFIELD BAND BOOSTER CLUB

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Hempfield Band Booster Club Meeting Minutes April 3rd, 2023, 7pm

In Attendance: Scott Zimmerman, Matthew Ceresini, Patrick Long, Johanna & Ed Kreibick, Tracey Keller, Jen Gerz, Wendy & Brendon Herr, Kendra & Larry Guengerich, Dave & Paula Walters, Fawn Evans, Greta & Jamie Smith, Kim Barden, Stevie Stills, Maire Conicella, Mark McPhail, Kendall & Don Discavage, Lisa Rossi, Brad Koller, Jen & Wil Martin

1. Marissa Dagen – Band President - Absent

2. Mr. Ceresini – Director of Bands

- 1) Hosting region band was a great success. Directors said the food was great, the show was awesome and they liked the Ed K Uber.
- 2) Symphonic & Concert bands had their adjudications. CB at Millersville, they received a rating of 1, the best. SB at Cedar Crest had a great performance and judges. Lots of 1's for them as well. Enjoyed the pizza after they returned. SB also had a good time at the Temple Wind Festival, it was a great room to perform in.
- 3) Jazz band finished their season.
- 4) Indoor: JV Guard ended their season at the KIDA finals, 10th out of 14th in their new division. V Guard finished 4th, WGI finals in Dayton next week. HIPE placed 1st, back-to-back 1st place finish, they head to WGI finals in Dayton in 2 weeks.
- 5) Had students place in All state Jazz, Band and All Eastern Band
- 6) Student Leadership info for next season will be coming out soon. Trying a change in the format for next year.
- 7) 8 students were recognized by LLMEA -3 in chorus & band, 2 in orchestra. Will attend an awards dinner.
- 8) There are scholarships available through PMEA district 7. Up to 5 \$1000 awarded. Need to be a high school senior and planning a career in music education. Also, the Robert Rhine Scholarship, does not need to be pursuing a music education degree.
- 9) Miss P moved to Hempfield.
- 10) Miss P and Dan Stauffer will be moving the wind sectionals next season to 4-6:30pm, students that need to stay will do their homework during the 3-4 time period.

3. HBBC President: Scott Zimmerman

- 1) Motion to approve Minutes from Last meeting: Jen & Greta, approved with no dissent.
- 2) Membership Committee: Jamie Smith will lead the committee. The goal is to provide better communication throughout all the seasons: HMK, Indoor guard and perc, Jazz and make sure the newer families feel connected to the larger group.
- 3) Vote for Advertising & Fundraising split for next season: We would like to change the advertising fundraising split to 50/50 to align with the other fundraisers and simplify the accounting process. Lots of discussion regarding the change

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- i. All students benefit from the fundraisers since we cover people who don't pay.
 - ii. Some families only sell to cover their FairShare, then the booster receives nothing. Is that being a good use of our fundraising time?
 - iii. It would be easier for new families to understand the process.
 - iv. You need lots of small donors or 1-2 large donors.
 - v. For the ones who don't make selling enough ads up to their Fair Share, would this discourage them from trying?
 - vi. In working with other parent groups, the lack of interest is usually due to lack of communication. Simpler is always better and less confusing.
 - vii. Advertising is overwhelming to new parents. How do you get into the system and find new businesses? Maybe provide resources like sample letters, how other parents have been successful, make it more understandable to new parents. Should Senior ads be offered first to new families?
 - viii. The Membership Committee will help make sure this is an area that the new parents will have different ways to learn about the program.
 - ix. Are there specific examples of how the new split would work/benefit the parents/program?
 - x. The reason advertising was started was to cover HMK Fairshare.
- 4) Don Discavage: Motion to keep the fundraising split the same as it currently is, students get 100% up to FairShare, then a 50/50 split. Seconded. Motion passed 11-8.
- 4. HBBC VP of Student Affairs: Wendy Herr**
- 1) Hype Day for the fall HMK season will be Saturday May 20th. There will be a short booster meeting and a potluck picnic meal. Contact Wendy if you want to help plan; hbbvpstudentaffairs@gmail.com
- 5. HBBC Treasurer Report: Patrick Long**
- 1) Balance report: \$61,610.38 (Booster club funds) + \$1,305.40 outstanding deposits - \$13,553.92 outstanding checks - \$4000 reserved funds - \$1257.52 potential reimbursement of debts = \$44,104.34 + \$6041.25 (member account) = \$50,145.59
 - 2) There will be large checks for the Dayton trips that won't be cashed till after the event, some are not included in the outstanding check amount.
- 6. HBBC VP of Fundraising: Johanna Kreibick**
- 1) Knights Out: Marietta Tavern \$190
 - i. Stevie Stills will be taking over scheduling these events
 - 2) Fundraisers
 - i. Groff's eggs \$1,153.40, split 50/50
 - ii. BloomBox code wasn't working, it is now fixed: Enter HEMPBAND15 when checking out, we receive 15% of the order, now through April 25
 - iii. R&K Sub sale, Sell from April 17-May 1, delivery May 11
- 7. HBBC VP of Festivals: Will & Jen Martin**
- 1) Reading Bucs Show: Saturday July 15th

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- 2) Opening Knight will be Sept 23, 7 bands have already signed up. Cavalcade moved the season 1 week earlier; Champs will no longer be at Hershey but at 3 High schools on Saturday Nov 4th.

8. New Business

- 1) Brendon H: The purchase of the golf cart fell through. The school district hasn't replied and there has been no communication from the administration.
- 2) Wendy H: Clarified that there can only be 2 people per van if they are pulling the trailers. All drivers must have their license on file with the district.
- 3) Ed K: Asked about the wraps on the trailers. It is on hold at this point as the district may be updating their logo.

9. Motion To Adjourn: Brad & Johanna at 8:38pm

Next HBBC Meeting – TBD

Submitted by Kendra Guengerich, HBBC Secretary