

HEMPFIELD BAND BOOSTER CLUB

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Hempfield Band Booster Club Minutes

August 14th, 2023

In attendance: Fawn Evans, Matt Binder, Don Discavage, Mark & Susan McPhail, Johanna Kreibick, Jamie Middleton, Kim Barden, Wil & Jen Martin, Laura Binkley, Brad Koller, Beth Gardner, Jen Gerz, Wendy Herr, Maire Conicella, Brenda Horst, Patrick Long, Greta Smith, Kendra & Larry Guengerich, Matthew Ceresini, Rebecca Pershouse Olsen, Chloelynn Salisbury

1. Band President – Chloelynn Salisbury: Band camp was crazy awesome! Loved all the special snacks provided by the parents. They have already worked on a lot of the show and are excited for Meet the Team night.

2. Director of Bands - Matt Ceresini:

- a) Band camp was a great 2 weeks, got 27 pages of drill done (opener)
- b) Fun Movie night at Penn Cinema
- c) School begins next week: Working on the concert ensembles. Concert band has 27-28 members, Symphonic band has 86.
- d) Shared about the wooden plaque in the band room: Success is peace of mind which is a direct result of self-satisfaction in knowing you did your best to become the best you are capable of becoming. ~ John Wooden.
- e) HMK Learning focus: Character & Trust
- f) Competitions: all are in the CutTime calendar, first show is Sept 16th at Spring-Ford. Competitions are a great motivational tool; it's not just about winning and losing. Reminded us that we should cheer & support all the bands. Judges do not take audience response into consideration.
- g) Introduced Miss P to the group. Now a local (2-minute commute)!

3. President Updates – Greta Smith

- a) Motion to approve Minutes from Previous Meeting: Jen G & Johanna K
- b) b. HBBC Budget 2022-2023: Reviewed the proposed budget for the upcoming year. Some items to note: We will be able to do fundraising around March-A-Thon, The Double Reed Lesson Scholarship is for students who switch to bassoon, the school district budget covers transportation (about \$40,000 for extra-curricular & \$10,000 for curricular), instruments, uniforms, CG flags, 1 indoor floor, judge blocker covers, 50% of drill, HSD staff.
- c) Motion to approve the 2023-2024 budget as proposed: Wendy H & Maire C. Approved with no dissent.

4. Student Affairs – Wendy Herr

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- a) Pool party went well despite a last-minute schedule change; thanks to all the parents who contributed band camp snacks, volunteers for the pool party, Kendra & Jen for last minute help with percussion uniform fittings and all the moms who came Tuesday night to get the rest of the band fitted in 1.5 hrs
- b) Dinkles arrive this week (Friday), please try them on before taking them home, they can be exchanged for a different size.
- c) Meet the team night 8/18 – in the Cove, outside of doors A2. R&K subs for persons who ordered them, otherwise bring your own supper.
- d) HMK Tailgate 8/25 – in the Cove, a sign-up for pot-luck food items will be sent out. It's a great time to meet others in the band before the first home game. Will have a short announcement time.
- e) Senior Knight 10/20 – Senior parents/guardians make note of this date. You will be escorting your band student onto the field that evening.
- f) Bands Of America comp. - picnic lunch & dinner 10/21. Will do the same as last year, breakfast items on the bus, will research local restaurants for lunch, Flory's pretzel sandwiches for supper. A sign up will be sent to supplement meals.
- g) Champs weekend 11/4 – We will decorate the band hall Friday night 3rd. We would like each student to have a personalized poster, can be simple to fancy. They will be removed on Sunday and saved for the End of Year celebration. Review night will be Thursday November 2nd.
- h) Wills Knight 11/12 – Student only event, pizza party
- i) End of Year (EOY) celebration 11/19 – for family and friends
- j) Posted chaperones for football games/comps in Cut Time. If you want to see volunteer opportunities beyond 30 days, click on the "volunteer" tab at the top of the screen - Also requesting donations of water, please drop off the water on the day requested. We don't have space to store cases of water if dropped off early.

5. Financial Reports – Patrick

- a) Highlights of Revenue & Expenses to date: \$22,573.47 (Booster club funds) + \$3,620.16 (outstanding deposits) - \$2353.29 (outstanding checks) - \$4,000 Donation - \$1,257.52 = \$18,582.82 + \$8,595.30 (student account) = \$27,178.12 combined accounts
- b) July RaiseRight \$214.19
- c) Buc's show recap: Net income around \$3,444.24, almost double from last year. The Zelle readers worked well, we should get a 4th one for our home show. We could use 2 tablets/2 phones (not too old) for the readers for the home show. If you have any to donate, let Patrick know.

6. Fundraising – Johanna

- a) Knights Out
 - Son's Ice Cream – 8/16, 6-9
 - Panera, not a great turn out, staff wasn't clear on how to give credit
- b) Food Truck Festival – 10/07 from 11-1, Blazin' Swine, Foltz Pretzels, Oasis, Papa Sneaux(?)

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- c) Bloombox – Will run from 9/1-30
- d) d. R&K for Meet the Teams night - \$297, student credits have been entered into CutTime
- e) Advertising Update – Kim Barden – We are at \$23,151 with 2 weeks to go. Have 13 award sponsors for 11 spaces although we may have more once we hear from Cavalcade.
- f) Raise Right update- Beth Gardner: She has on hand Giant, Weis and reloadable Sheetz cards. Would there be other cards that would be nice to have on hand? Dunkin’
- g) RaiseRight has physical cards and e-cards, if you have the app on your phone, you can order e-cards while you wait to check out. If you want physical cards, and they are mailed to the coordinator, it may be a few days/weeks till a bulk order is placed to save on shipping. Check with Beth before you place an order if you need them by a certain time. Check the RaiseRight site frequently for bonuses.
- h) Possible fundraiser idea: Corn hole tournament, Car wash cards. Looking for possible student fundraiser options.

7. Festivals – Jen & Wil

- a) Knight of the Bands- September 23rd. Sign-up will be sent out for volunteers and donations. Currently there are 8 bands signed up plus HMK. You can donate water/soda at the Meet the team & HMK tailgates, a signup for specifics will be sent out later closer to the date.

8. New business

- a) Wendy: Any update on the drivers for the trailers? Mr. C just received an update from the district and will share that with the committee after the meeting.
- b) Mr. C: Next year DCA, the Buc’s sponsor, will be combining with DCI for their championships in Indy in August rather than Labor Day weekend. That will influence band camp for staff/students.
- c) Mr. C: This year the district will be enforcing the academic eligibility for band students. The Study halls after school will be used for studying/schoolwork, not practicing instruments, or socializing. We don’t want students watching from the sidelines due to grades.

9. Motion to adjourn – Wendy & Maire, 8:26pm

Next HBBC Meetings – September 11, 2023 (LG1)

October 2, 2023

November 13, 2023

No meeting in December

Submitted by Kendra Guengerich, HBBC Secretary