

# ALBUQUERQUE HIGH SCHOOL BAND BOOSTERS

Meeting Minutes  
January 14, 2009

## **Opening:**

The regular meeting of the Albuquerque High School Band Boosters was called to order at 6:30p.m. on Monday, January 14, 2009, in the Choir Room at Albuquerque High School, Albuquerque, New Mexico, by Holly Wambold, Co-President.

## **Present:**

Irene Moody, Holly Wambold, Larry Wambold, John Herring, , Jason Kent, Denise Bissell, May Goldenberg, Cindy Chapman, Lisa Tritz, Tony Ohlhausen, Andy Zawadzki, Katie Williams, Beth Leeway, Laurie Magill and Mr. Schrader.

### **A. Approval of Agenda**

The agenda was unanimously approved as distributed.

### **B. Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of the previous meeting were unanimously approved as distributed.

### **C. Treasurer's Report – Irene Moody**

1. We are still experiencing nonpayment of fees and have fees outstanding. A current roster of color guard and the band was requested of Mr. S.
2. Concert Desserts – At the last band concert, we brought in \$226.00 thanks to the junior parents.
3. We have had a donation of the Weigh the Band prize of \$160.00
4. Our Wreath Sales fundraiser tally is not complete, but thus far we have made \$1,452.00.
5. The need to pay Mr. Demas was discussed. Mr. S. informed us that Mr. Demas did not want to be paid until 2009 and said he would ask Mr. Demas for an invoice. The need for contracts for our sectional help was again discussed. At this point we are \$800 over budget in this area.
6. We have paid thus far this year one scholarship and have had no further requests for scholarship money.
7. We have had a phone call from Baum's requesting payment of an old invoice. Mr. S. indicated he would provide Irene with an invoice. Discussion was held

regarding the music budget. Mr. S. said we're down to zero in our Music Mart account and asked for more money in that account. A discussion was held regarding the need for an accounting of money spent on music thus far this year so that the Board can accurately budget for this item next school year.

8. Winterguard Uniforms – The question was raised regarding what we are planning as far as Winterguard uniforms. Mr. S. says we don't need new uniforms for Winterguard because the uniforms for fall will be used. The old uniforms from former members can be transferred to new members. The need for storage for these uniforms was discussed and Mr. S. indicated availability of storage space. We need a list of uniforms still outstanding. Lisa Tritz indicated no knowledge of this process at this point.
9. Holly Wambold asked Mr. S. for budget numbers for next year so that the Board can plan next school year's budget. We've covered all our fundraisers for this year. We're ahead of our goals but we don't want to go over budget due to the need for a year-end balance for summer expenses.

#### **D. Director's Report – Mr. Schrader**

1. The concert season is going very well. The concert band will be ready for the dinner concert. Festival is at the end of April. There is a conflict with the testing schedule, but we will be able to perform.
2. Mr. Schrader attended All State. He stated it was a great experience and it motivated him.
3. Mr. S. would like the Pepsi machine in his office relocated so that he can move his desk into that space so that he can receive internet.
4. State finals of the swim team are the same weekend as the Jazz Festival. Mr. S. was going to coordinate with Jimmy Phillips, the swim coach, regarding the ability of the jazz bands to participate due to the number of swim team members in the jazz bands.
5. Spring Event – There has not been a lot of response to the two events proposed by the Boosters: the Colorado Springs trip, which has been cancelled; the Glen Miller Orchestra event at Popejoy. Mr. S. indicated he will have the students elect their own committee to plan an event or two for the spring. Irene M. brought up the discussion of whether to indicate Booster financial help on the sign-in sheet. We need to tell the committee what amount the Boosters are willing to contribute toward the spring event or events.
6. A possible fundraising possibility exists. The AYS and AYO perform at our school on February 4 and parents could set up a table and sell desserts. The general consensus of the Booster members was that AYS and AYO will be setting up their own tables and fundraising for themselves at these events and that we probably shouldn't interfere in that.

7. Sectionals – Mr. S. is going to be bringing in students from UNM to help various sections. They will come in once a week per section. He is requesting funding from the boosters of \$20 per session. Irene Moody brought up the lack of availability of parts for the percussion section. Mr. S. indicated this often occurs with large percussion sections but that all percussion section members will play in the concert. Someone with the last name of Phelps has volunteered to work on the percussion ensemble. The payment for that should come out of the Marching Band personnel budget item, so we will see a deficit in this item. It was reiterated by the Board members to Mr. S. that we need employment contracts for these people, for Mr. Demas and the section teachers. It was suggested that in the future, the budget break out the clinicians per band unit, i.e., marching band, concert band, jazz band and color guard.
8. Mr. S. anticipates Glenn Kostur coming in for a jazz band tutorial before the jazz festival on February 22<sup>nd</sup>. Mr. Simons from UNM has volunteered to come in free for a concert band tutorial before the Large Band Festival.
9. Mr. S. requests a \$300 increase to the Music Mart account for sheet music needs.
10. Mr. S. suggests a more expensive trip next spring to Michigan. He has already spoken with directors in Michigan. He suggested a central location to stay, to branch out from that central location to do various performances at high schools or a university and a few days of fun activities. He proposes doing this every other year so that we can plan fundraising activities in order to pay for such. He said the Michigan directors were extremely interested and even suggested putting up our students in the homes of their students. A discussion ensued regarding the importance of early commitment because of summer fundraising. A general lack of interest in a Michigan trip was expressed by some members of the Boosters.
11. Mr. S. requested \$70 for his hotel room for the upcoming All State Jazz Festival in Las Cruces. That was moved and approved and payment will be made to him for that.
12. Irene Moody requested a report re personnel for next year. Mr. S. stated that Julie G. and Joe Gray (ph) are on board for next year. Joe was a former Blue Devil. Mr. Demas is being talked to regarding being a permanent coach for Color Guard. Mr. Phelps is being recruited as well. We need one grad student for low brass and woodwind. We also need proposed hours and pay. Holly W. indicated that we need these numbers by March for our April meeting.
13. Next year's marching band presentation was discussed by Mr. S. only to the extent that he would state that it will be exciting and good and the students will enjoy it. Mr. S. will present his anticipated fall marching band program to the organization in March.

## **E. New Business**

1. Rummage Sale - This will take place April 18<sup>th</sup> at Immanuel Church.
2. February Dinner Concert - This will be held on February 7, 2009, at Immanuel Church. It will be an event including the choir. There will be no February 25<sup>th</sup> concert. Holly W. indicated a need for volunteers for this event to help with cooking, setup, and teardown. We need tickets to be printed and a minimum commitment of 70 people in order for the event to be viable as a fundraiser. John Herring volunteered to create and print tickets. The prices and times were agreed to. The sophomore parents will provide desserts for donation.
2. Rose kisses will once again be made and sold at the February dinner concert and elsewhere. Beth Leeway volunteered to make rose kisses once again this year. It was discussed that this would be a good project for the choir in terms of fundraising.
3. The Glen Miller Orchestra concert attendance by band members was canceled due to lack of interest.
4. Zoo Concert – Tony Ohlhausen presented the idea that all the local high school bands could perform one afternoon at the zoo. This would not be a moneymaker as all attendees would have to pay to get into the zoo. Mr. S. indicated we would have to do this at least a week after Large Group Festival. Logistics were discussed and the difficulty, especially since the zoo closes at 5:00 until May 24<sup>th</sup>. Tony will look into this and report back.

## **F. Old Business**

1. Isotopes Concessions Fundraiser – Holly W. indicated a lack of willingness, due to burnout, to coordinate this year and the need for a new volunteer or volunteers to take this over. If we commit to this fundraiser, we will only be doing portables this year. A long discussion was held about this fundraiser. Further discussion will be held at future meetings so as to make a decision yea or nay as to whether we will take this on another year.
2. Laurie Magill has visited Whole Foods and is going to enter the Albuquerque High School Band as an organization that people who shop at Whole Foods can donate to. This is the Whole Foods shopping bag donation.
3. Lisa Tritz indicated that she and Linda Young are retiring from uniform duty and need volunteers to take over the uniform responsibility next year.

**Adjournment:** Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m. by Holly Wambold, Co-President. The next general meeting will be at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, February 2, 2009, in the Choir Room at Albuquerque High School.

Minutes submitted by:

Cindy Chapman, Secretary