

ALBUQUERQUE HIGH BAND BOOSTERS

Meeting Minutes
September 3, 2008

Opening:

The regular meeting of the Albuquerque High Band Boosters was called to order at 6:30 p.m. on September 3, 2008, in the Choir Room at Albuquerque High School by Holly Wambold, Co-President.

Present:

Tony Ohlhausen, Cindy Chapman, Holly Wambold, Irene Moody, Frances and Sam Romero, Lisa Tritz, Denise Bissell and Jason Kent, Linda Young, John Herring, Pat Massey, Katie Williams, Sheila Morrow, George Schrader, Larry Berger, Natalie Adolphi, Joan Zucker

A. Approval of Minutes and Agenda

The agenda of the current meeting was approved as distributed and supplemented, and the minutes of the meeting of May 5, 2008, were unanimously approved as distributed.

B. Treasurer's Report – Irene Moody

The P&L Budget vs. Actual was distributed and discussed. It was announced that the second installment of the band fees are now due in the amount of \$75.00. Thirty-one students have not yet paid any band fees. We have received to date \$1,328.22 for July and early August in income from our Isotopes summer fundraising project, bringing the total to date earned of \$8,165.73. We await one more check in the amount of \$1,000 or more. Our Mayor's Ball income was \$3,024. We are over our food budget and need to raise \$829, the current amount of deficit in that budget.

The budget as submitted by the Board, after being moved and seconded, was unanimously approved by the Boosters present. Discussion was held regarding potential fundraisers, what constitutes a fiscal year and the distinction between student account monies.

C. Director's Report – Mr. Schrader

Mr. Schrader presented a lengthy report at his first Booster meeting. He declared the band was doing "very well" in progress on the marching show. Two-thirds of the show have been learned and the rest of the show will be learned in the next three weeks at the latest, two weeks at the earliest. The leadership of the band work well together and are meeting in order to improve communication on Tuesdays after evening band practice.

We are currently looking for a color guard coach. Two new staff are needed and we have preliminarily hired them but they need contracts for the sum of \$400 for both. We are looking for a pit instructor.

A lengthy discussion was held regarding the handbook and Mr. Schrader's grading policies.

AT THIS POINT, A FIRE ALARM SENT ALL ATTENDEES OUTSIDE THE SCHOOL WHERE THE MEETING CONTINUED.

After a brief session outside where Joan Zucker discussed the Rummage Sale, Mr. Schrader resumed his presentation regarding the handbook and grading policies.

The trip to Tournament of Bands in Las Cruces was discussed. It will be on October 25th, will be a one-day trip. If possible, we would like to watch a few of the finalists in the evening and not depart Las Cruces until approximately 8:30 p.m. The time we perform will determine whether we stay or leave early to return to ABQ. We need eight chaperones for a total of 90 persons going on this trip.

Mr. Schrader's goal this marching season is finals at Zia.

D. New Business

1. Joan Zucker summarized the planning and wants and needs for the upcoming rummage sale. She reiterated her need of volunteers for pricing and people with trucks in order to deliver tables, coat racks and ladders, which are also needed, as well as to remove unsold items to take to thrift stores and/or charities.
2. Pat Massey discussed a spring trip. After a lengthy, contentious debate and presentation between a trip to Muleshoe, Texas or Colorado Springs, Colorado, the consensus of the Boosters in attendance at the meeting was that we would prefer the Colorado destination, much to the disappointment of many. The amenities and sight-seeing hotspots of Colorado Springs were discussed by Pat. A committee was formed in order to research and plan this trip. Those who volunteered to assist Pat were Mr. Schrader, John Herring and Tony Ohlhausen. We await a proposal from this committee in December.
3. Mr. Schrader discussed the concept of a large trip for the band every other year and proposed a big trip in 2010 to the cross-country location of a partner band with our band. He discussed the Chelsea, Michigan Bulldog Band, the places to visit in Michigan and the joint performance opportunities between the bands. He also suggested a parade in Washington, D.C., as a possibility to be researched.

4. Weigh-the-Band Fundraiser – Irene and Holly discussed this fundraiser for which we have applied and received approval from administration. The logistics of weighing the band, selling tickets and potential prizes were discussed. A request for a volunteer to head the project was made. No one volunteered; however, Sara Mills volunteered to sell tickets and donate a prize.

E. Fundraising

1. Pageant of Bands – Sheila Morrow headed this discussion. Deadline for ads was September 2nd. The prices of tickets, our percentage of ticket sales and the fact that all volunteers must now have a ticket were discussed. The need for volunteers to sign up for slotted volunteer times during the day was also explained.

2. I Scream Ice Cream – Irene explained how this fundraiser supports a local business, and that it is a student account fundraiser from which the students earn 50 percent of sales toward their student accounts.

3. Isotopes – Holly discussed the potential of our manning just portables next year and that the people manning the portables would earn money toward their students' accounts, rather than our manning the large concession areas. Negotiations regarding our participation will be on the 13th of September.

4. Zoo Concessions – Candy from the Biopark wishes to use our organization for various activities. The next event is the Balloon Pilots Picnic in October. Our participants would be manning serving lines. This would occur on a Thursday of Balloon Fiesta and those with alcohol server permits would be required.

5. Concert Desserts – On October 2nd, Jazz Band parents will be requested to provide desserts. The dessert theme of the evening is pumpkin.

F. Old Business

1. 501©(3). We are ready to proceed with filing the paperwork on this. A meeting needs to be called with ten days' notice for the membership to approve the amendment of the Articles of Incorporation. This notice is to be mailed. We will mail notice and proxy forms to parents who cannot attend the October 1st meeting so that we can take care of the necessary approvals.

Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m. by Holly Wambold, Co-President. The next general meeting will be at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, October 1, 2008, in the Choir Room at Albuquerque High School.

Minutes submitted by:

Cindy Chapman, Secretary

