

BPA Meeting Minutes September 19, 2019
Recorded by Ann Mailhot

Minutes from the previous meeting can be found on the website. Since last month was not available until just before this meeting, two sets of minutes will be approved next month.

The board was introduced. Elizabeth Malatesta was proposed for recording secretary. Sumita Trivedi was proposed for Class of 2020 representative. Shanthy Gosh Roy was proposed for Class of 2023 representative. A motion was made and carried to approve the nominations.

Membership report - 37 families have joined the BPA. There are a total of 68 families in marching band, and a larger number of families involved in the band programs overall.

Fundraisers

- Craft Fair - Ann Mailhot. Looking for a co-chair. Advertising has started for vendors.
- Cheesecake Sale - Christina Sorge Amerman. 16% of sales will go to offset Maryland trip costs, the balance towards general BPA budget.
- Clothing Drive - Patty Walsh. The drive will be November 2, from 8am-12pm in the solar lot.
- Spring Shows - we are hosting 2 Jazz events, 1 indoor percussion, and 1 Winterguard.
- Family Fun Nights - question as to whether Jill Esposito is still organizing these and whether she needs help.
- Region Band Reading Rehearsal - we are hosting the reading rehearsal on December 21st, and discussed what concessions can be sold. Orchestra Parents Association will also be selling concessions and has asked that we coordinate. Cheryl DeFalco and Kate Legacki are probable organizers for this.

Other ideas for fundraisers? Corporate matching programs were discussed - BPA is a 501(c)3 organization. A mailing will be sent to remind members that we qualify for matching funds their company may offer. A mailing will be sent to remind members that we also participate in Amazon Smile.

Operational Items

- Friday Night Dinners - We need to address the week-by-week issue, parents would prefer to pay all at once, but directors have asked for flexibility. (Christina A)
- Chaperones - Sign Up Genius, generally been covered but slots available
- Pit Crew - need 12 people to move props, extra help is needed
- Spirit Wear - show shirt is done, other spirit wear link is coming
- Hospitality - Cheryl DeFalco. Asking for contributions by section for water and snakes. Will need extra cases for Maryland trip
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Events - The spring events will be a lot of work, will need donations and volunteers. Members should watch for emails on how to get involved in helping

Shirts for band - BPA is buying program-neutral shirts for all band kids. Students made and voted on the design. A table selling shirts, hoodies and magnets was proposed for the Craft Fair, approved by Ann M.

Trip Update/Director Update

We need more bodies on Pit Crew, especially Saturdays at competitions.

Events - again hosting the Concert Band Festival March 21, will need to offer hot food again

Curricular Bands - books for the incoming freshmen have been donated by the BPA. Freshmen are learning the routines. All the bands sound good, and seem to be having a positive experience. The End of Year concert will be May 28th.

Other-

Looking for an End of Year Banquet Coordinator.

A bag with supplies for Chaperones has been made, containing first aid items, feminine hygiene, uniform supplies (helmet rings, gloves), etc. Chaperones should make sure the bag is brought along for all outings.

The multi-year program neutral shirt design:

