



Bridgewater-Raritan High School Band Parents Association

General Meeting – Tuesday, October 9, 2018 7:45PM

Minutes:

Motion to approve minutes from last meeting: Approved

Move to migrate all information to the new website, including previous minutes.

Introduction and description of duties for Public Relations Chair, Jill Esposito

Directors' Update: Doc B: In approximately five weeks, there will be a concert in the round. New protocol will be to confirm attendance at concert in the round about two weeks ahead of time, because new school visitor's protocol involves lanyards. There will be an exchange event that evening with East Brunswick, including dinner, and the concert will be at 7PM. November 15th.

November 5th or 7th (TBD) David Demsey from William Patterson University will be available to do a reading for jazz bands. Not mandatory but encouraged for anyone who wants to do jazz bands. Jazz auditions will be before Thanksgiving, and after Thanksgiving bands will be set. Dr. Dempsey will be paid an honorarium for his time out of BPA funds.

Directors' Fundraising: Small fundraiser with cheesecakes, preview is 10/9, and there will be a two-week order period. Directors will be running these short events to help supplement BPA funding. There will be a blast sent out for it.

Question: why is Delaware trip so expensive: Answer: fewer kids, increased transportation costs, and need to add a hotel night for the driver to remain legal.

Membership: explanation of that the BPA funding also covers curricular activities as well, so even if your child is only taking music as a class, it's still supporting curricular as well as extracurricular activities.

Stats: Current paid membership percentages: Marching Band 61%, Concert Band: 33%, Symphonic Band: 18%, Wind Ensemble: 50%.

By class, Freshman: 35%, Sophomore: 25%, Juniors: 32%, Seniors: 56%

Marching Band News: About 60 kids joined the high school band for the football event last night under the direction of Mr. Murphy, and there has been some additional interest in marching band. However, there remains a gap because there was no announcement made, there was nothing in the eblast, or the daily announcements to the kids, so we are not getting new guard members because we are not getting the communication to the broader school to increase interest. Need to ensure that we are getting the message out.



Delaware Trip: October 20th, 6AM call time. Should have received permission slips and a menu for ordering lunch, they may also need to buy dinner (TBD).

Yamaha Cup: Not happening, replaced by Hillsborough competition.

Fall Banquet: October 27th, followed by Rutgers competition. The Banquet is from 3PM-4PM. There will be a Sign-Up Genius invitation to participate for setup, cooking, cleanup, etc.

The last competition is November 3rd in Old Bridge, and the Jets game is on November 11th.

Jets Game: Must be at Met Life Stadium by 8AM in uniform. Will need to report to the school by 6AM (TBD?). They will be doing tailgating parade through the parking lot. They will be going through the tunnel, and there will be a tented area with water and snacks (provided by BPA, to be discussed). Will be on the field for three minutes. Performance time is going to be a few minutes before 1PM.

Ticket sales: Have been exceeded. We have a \$20 profit (this was a performance opportunity more than a fundraiser, and we did break even when we originally projected to be at a loss). Looking for volunteer parent chaperones to sit in the 300 section with the band. Directors will be sitting up there. The game is sold out.

Treasurer's Update: We have \$12,000 deposited for the Jets, fundraising was \$250, and the band photos were \$1200 (\$1000 profit).

Concert in the Round: November 15th during the day, and that evening is the Wind Ensemble Exchange Concert with East Brunswick. This year they are coming to BRHS. All are encouraged to attend, with their families, to see the Wind Ensemble for future audition consideration. Would like to serve light refreshments afterwards (still under discussion) to allow families to mingle.

CJMEA Auditions: Deadline to register is November 3rd, auditions are on December 8th. List of music is on the CJMEA website and the BPA website. \$15 fee to audition. Every person who auditions must bring an original copy of the music (acquired by the auditionee). We are hosting a CJMEA rehearsal on December 15th. This will also be sent out via email.

Chair needed for the craft fair to coordinate selling the concessions. There is a bake sale as well, but there is a big fundraiser with the donated food sold at concessions. There is a signup sheet for the Craft Fair volunteers as well. There are also lawn signs that can be put out to publicize. Help is needed, it is a major undertaking. Also hoping to have the kids playing at the Craft Fair.

Send any FB groups that we can publicize this on to Jill Brochinsky.

Clothing Drive: There will be a clothing drive on November 3rd, bags can be dropped off on Saturday morning in the solar panel lot with the truck. Need volunteers to help collect the bags.



There will be tax receipts available. This is a fundraiser as well, we get a certain amount per pound of clothes collected.

Group Photo and Senior Photos are still available... also can still be ordered!

Barnes & Noble: Co-chair needed to help coordinate. This is a traditional event, being currently led by AnnaRene, would appreciate additional assistance.

CPK Fundraiser from 10/3 was successful. Ideas for additional fundraisers are welcome.

Motion to adjourn, motion approved.