

Band Parents Association



Bridgewater Raritan Band Parents' Association

General Meeting Minutes

January 15, 2019

Motion to approve meeting minutes from previous meeting: Approved (Motion to Approve: John, seconded by Ann)

Note that all previous minutes (2017-present) are on the BRHSBAND.ORG Website, including those from November. Note that there was no December meeting.

Question: How to increase attendance at the meetings?

Program Updates & Events:

Directors' Update (Doc B): Jazz bands are up and running. Wednesday 1/16 will be a visit from the Middle School to the High School, and it will serve as a recruiting event. They will be working with Wind Ensemble, 8th grade band, and Concert Band (total of approximately 170 kids). Lunch will be served.

In the evening there will be clinician session with the Wind Ensemble (Andrew Boysen) on 1/16 in the evening.

On 1/19 there is the Home Show for Winter Guard as well as All-State auditions for the band. THE HOME SHOW IS AT BR MIDDLE SCHOOL, not BRHS.

February schedule is taking shape for the jazz bands (Feb 1st is cancelled for Seneca), both bands will be going to Edison the following Friday. There will be two clinicians coming in on February 18th (school closed) but David Demsey is coming back as well as an educator from Maine, who received a major award from the College of Music. (Thomas Lyzotte)

February is focused on Winter Guard and Jazz Band, there will be another Home Show on February 17th for the Winter Guard (this is a Sunday, but school is closed for President's Day the following day).

Currently, we have more than 60 kids in Concert Band, so there's a strong enthusiasm there, and the 8th grade has 60+ (conversion to high school program TBD). Sampling process in the elementary schools is going well and it is also including the high school teachers, who are going out to the schools, so it will be all district teachers handling the sampling, to build comfort with the younger kids and encourage them.

Guard shows: the first one is a MAIN event, which is primarily a Guard show, the second one on February 17th is a US Bands and more percussion focused (less guard emphasis).

Review of the Treasurer's report is reviewed by Sherlyn Liang. Important Note: Refund regarding Michael Eagle was received and has been included in the budget. The Craft Fair was also highly successful.

Membership Update: Jill Brochinsky is not present, but we are at approximately 43% participation in BPA, which is ahead of last year but still not optimal.

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Winter Percussion: Upcoming competitions, and regular rehearsals, there will be some added to the calendar. There is a need for a truck driver (signature on District form required prior to using the truck) and need for chaperones. There are four Away competitions, BRHS Home Show, North Penn High school, Oak Ridge, and Fair Lawn). Potential that due to the truck's reliability, a discussion is necessary to consider a truck rental for longer drives (anything outside Bridgewater).

January 15th, Jazz band has a clinician (Dr. Jeff Kunkel), and their season is fully underway. Call for chaperones for away competitions.

Home Show: 1/19: Volunteers have begun to respond and there is coverage. Food donations have been secured, and there is a timeline of the day (Jill Esposito has the timeline). There is also a GroupMe for the people who will be attending. An email will be sent with details regarding the GroupMe. Concessions for the Guard Show will need people to volunteer to drive around and pick up the food between 11AM and 12PM, this is an area that needs assistance.

Winter Guard will be going to Dayton, April 2nd to April 6th. There is a Gertrude Hawk fundraiser during the month of February to help offset the costs of the Dayton trip. Winter Guard is going well.

CRAFT FAIR: If there are still signs outstanding, please keep them at your house for next year and stickers will be provided to update the dates.

Thursday, January 17th is the Winter Concert at the High School.

Motion to Adjourn/Seconded (Ann/John)