



April 9th, 2018

Welcome: Current co-presidents welcomed the attendees to the April meeting.

Membership: One member added since last month (Jill Brochinsky update)

March minutes were approved by Ann Mailhot and seconded by Joe Rooney and Jill Brochinsky.

BPA General Meeting

Director's update: Mr. Mossa: Wind Ensemble tryouts are completed, asked to move earlier by the District. CJMEA took place Symphonic got silver and Wind Ensemble got gold, they will be performing at the Gala, we will be hosting the Gala Sunday, May 5th, afternoon and evening event, at this time we do not know what time the Wind Ensemble is performing. The schedule is less ranked than in years past. There are four ensembles per region, three regions in New Jersey. We do not know if the kids will need to be there for the entire day. Also still determining what role the BPA will play in the hosting, as this is not usually at a high school, but at a university but Rutgers could not host this year. We will find out what kind of food and concessions we will be involved in. The Fine Arts Festival (Thursday March 28th) was a good night, second of three festivals (orchestra was before). That Friday there were two Jazz Festivals, and that Saturday was Roxbury's Music for All Event (indoor association). There was a panel of judges for feedback and there was a clinic opportunity (Dr. Brown of University of Maryland) for about 45 minutes after the performance. Feedback was good, set the Wind Ensemble up for future performances of the pieces. Festive Overture (Shostakovich) will be performed at the Gala. Looking forward to a second performance on a home stage with opportunities to improve. Indoor Percussion placed second in Fair Lawn US Bands Indoor Championships, which was very good, ending the season on a high note. Thank you to the parents and to Mr. D'Elia who drove the truck. This week is the Musical and the performances are on Friday and Saturday. Winter Guard finishes the season on Sunday, there is a practice on Saturday, with pizza afterwards (proposed). Only co-curricular group left is Jazz which has Jazz State Finals on April 27th. In May there are marching band leadership meetings and a few preview rehearsals, two-hour windows, mixed days of the week, and some are for percussion and guard, and some are for winds The Marching Band paperwork day is June 10th. Memorial Day Parade (Memorial Day), Band Banquet (May 28th), and then Spring Concert on June 10th. We will be looking for a new Guard director for the preview rehearsals, recruiting has begun.

Financial Update: Treasurers not present, budget is available for review.

Nominating committee is providing the proposed slate for next year. Ann Mailhot presented the slate:

Proposed Slate:

Co-Presidents: John Mailhot and Chris Amerman

Vice President: Cheryl DeFalco

Recording Secretary: Patty Walsh

Corresponding Secretary: OPEN, accepting nominations from the floor

Co-Treasurers: Rupali Kumar, Clarie Tighe

Corresponding Secretary: Nominations from the floor, and we can take them up until next meeting.

Opening the floor for additional nominations for any positions:

We require a quorum for next month: We need a minimum of 20% of the voting families: there are 81 voting families, so we need a minimum of 16 people to vote that are NOT current board members.

Band Banquet: Tuesday, May 28th, 6PM-10PM at Maggiano's. \$40/pp, school may be closed because of the snow giveback day. It's a celebration of the year's activities to support the kids. It is a dressy event (no jeans), there are several recognitions that take place. We may be permitting seniors to speak as well.

Opportunity to purchase photos from the Jazz Festival taken by Jian Yi, not too late to order.

Fundraising Event Results:

Home Show: Wash

CJMEA: \$1400

Fine Arts Festival: \$61

Jazz Photos: \$250 to date

Jazz Fest: \$1,592

B&N: 4/5, no results yet, there is an online sale until 4/10

Upcoming Fundraisers:

4/20 – Alex & Ani fundraiser at BW Commons Mall – no need for a flyer and we get a percentage of ALL purchases during the time frame. There is a table from 1PM to 3PM.

6/2 – Clothing Drive, flyer is on the website

Question: will boutonnieres be done for seniors this year? Looking for contacts to coordinate. Patti Abella will reach out to Chris Staffin to confirm who did last year's flowers. Patty Walsh will reach out to Scott's Florist. Looking for this for the Seniors for the Spring Concert, approximately 28 seniors.

Yestercades (Division Street, Somerville) will be taking place is 6PM-8PM on the 14th of April. They just need to show up, no cost to the kids. They will get a wristband. Question of how this will be paid for, if it's not in the budget. The question is relating to the longevity of the organization and following the by-laws.

Motion to close, Anna Rene Jeremiah, seconded by Jill Brochinsky and Ann Mailhot.

Upcoming

4/12-4/13 – Cinderella Musical (F – 7p.m., Sat 2p.m. & 7p.m.)

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4/27 – NJAJE Jazz Finals, Monday Band at JP Stevens

5/3 – Tri-M Recital at BRHS

May – Marching Band preview rehearsals and leadership meetings. Calendar on brhsband.org

5/5 – NJMEA Band Gala at BRHS

5/27 – Memorial Day Parade

5/28 – Band Banquet

5/30 – Spring Band Concert

6/2 – Clothing Drive Fundraiser, BRHS Solar Lot

6/5 – Marching Band Leadership Interviews

6/10 – Marching Band Signup Deadline

Next Board Meeting: 5/14/2019, 6:30PM

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