



Baldwin Highlander Music Patrons, Inc.

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General Meeting Minutes

April 20, 2010

President Jack Andes called the meeting to order and offered welcoming remarks at 7:35pm.

Report of the Secretary: Holli Smith presented the following report:

- 1) The minutes of the last general meeting of March 16, 2010 were presented and approved.
- 2) Incoming Correspondence: The following items of correspondence were received:
 - a) Various Emails from President Jack Andes and Superintendent Korchnak requesting further information on the BWSD transportation policy.
 - b) Proposal from Progressive Music to renew title sponsorship of the Three Rivers Summer Music Games hosted by BHMP.
- 3) Outgoing Correspondence: The following items were sent on behalf of BHMP:
 - a) VideoHouse Thank you letter dated March 23, 2010 signed by Char Andes representing the Publicity Committee of BHMP
 - b) BHMP check in the amount of \$6168.23 to BWSD with attachment requesting clarification on Path Forward dated March 17, 2010.
 - c) Signed DCI Contract sent with corresponding BHMP check dated March 20, 2010.
 - d) Urgent Call for Action dated April 10, 2010 sent to 296 present and past households of BHMP requesting presence at BWSD School Board Meeting held on April 14, 2010
 - e) Two condolence cards sent to BHS Members families.
- 4) The next meeting will be held May 18, 2010 at 7:30pm in North Cafeteria.

Report of the Treasurer: Bob Smith presented copies of the treasurer's report from March 16, 2010- April 18, 2010. As there were no questions from the membership, the report was approved as presented.

Board of Director's Report: President Jack Andes made the following report:

- 1) The Choral groups will be attending the Music In the Parks competition at Cedar Point in May. On motion made and approved, it was determined that those students who have met their quota and have a balance remaining in their account could withdraw \$50.00 to use as spending money on the trip.
- 2) At the last School Board meeting held April 14, 2010, the Business office was given the directive to produce a report indicating the cost associated with transportation of the Baldwin Marching Band to competitions. In like fashion, the BHMP officers will also prepare a report indicating those items which the organization provides for the students. This will include but is not limited to the purchase of the trailers used by the BWSD for various events that the BHMP purchased for the transportation of equipment and instruments.



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- 3) The quota for the upcoming year has been reduced to \$50.00 for the first student in a Music family and half that amount for each successive child in the family.
- 4) The Call for Action Letter that was sent to present and past Music Families resulted in large showing of support for the Marching Band. Members are encouraged to continue to attend future School Board meetings until the transportation issue is resolved.

Report of Vice President: Alan Bickerton indicated that sign-up sheets were available for the various committees for the upcoming year and members were encouraged to volunteer.

Administration of Election: Chairperson Joyce Bickerton at the direction of President Jack Andes conducted an election for the position of Secretary of BHMP for the upcoming year:

- 1) The following members were seeking position as secretary:
 - a. Jodie Thompson
 - b. Sue Connelly
 - c. Holli Smith
- 2) The initial vote did not result in a majority for any candidate.
- 3) The final vote concluded with Sue Connelly securing the position of Secretary for the upcoming year.
- 4) None of the other officer positions had more than one applicant thus negating the need for an election.

Standing Committee Reports:

- 1) Membership- Char Andes had nothing to report.
- 2) Uniform- Linda McKeever had nothing to report.
- 3) Scholarship- Luci Marze reported that the applications are out and due back to Mr. Hall by April 27, 2010. The Committee will review the applications and make their decisions to be presented at the Music Banquet on May 17, 2010.
- 4) Publicity- Mark Despotakis made the following report:
 - a. Both the Post Gazette and South Hills Record were at recent Indoor Marching Band practices and will be providing coverage in upcoming publications.
 - b. The next District Newsletter should contain two pages that were given to Mark for information about the Music Department.
 - c. Mark is requesting that the adjudication concert information be made available on the cable news and on the Home Page of the BWSD. It currently only appears on the High School News Page.
- 5) Funnel Cake: Diane Smith made the following report:
 - a. The next funnel cake sale will be Baldwin Community Day on June 5, 2010.
 - b. Volunteers are always needed and the amount of time given is flexible and much appreciated.



- 6) Logistics and Props: John Smith made the following report:
 - a. The battery has been replaced in the gator.
 - b. Following the Indoor Band Performance on April 24, 2010, the White Trailer will be emptied and readied for use by BWSD for transportation of student items to Camp Soles.
- 7) Hoagies: Amy Bower made the following report:
 - a. The last sale for this year will be April 24, 2010
 - b. There is the possibility of 7-8 sales for the next school year.
 - c. It was noted that hoagie sales are one of the easiest ways to fund raise.
 - d. The committee is currently researching additional ways to advertise upcoming hoagie sales.
- 8) Social: Kathy Barone had nothing to report.
- 9) Patron Clothing: Cindy Hollis indicated that all clothing had been brought back to the Patrons as well as its corresponding records.
- 10) Ways and Means: Melanie Zeitler made the following report:
 - a. Due to Construction in Market Square, Nicholas Coffee was removed as a fundraiser at this time
 - b. A date will be determined for a Joe Corbi's sale.
- 11) Banquet: Renee Meyer made the following report:
 - a. All invitations have been sent out and if there are any members present who did not receive theirs, they should contact Renee.
 - b. The contract for the DJ has been signed and a check released.
 - c. The Music Department Teachers were asked to announce in their classes about the Banquet and that missing invitations should be made known as soon as possible.
 - d. The Program will contain Indoor Marching Band and Pit Orchestra as well as the other groups of the Music Department
- 12) River City Brass Band: Diane Lenkiewicz made the following report:
 - a. The final presentation of the season will be held on May 9, 2010.
 - b. The first two performances in the next school year (September and October, 2010) will not be held at Baldwin secondary to auditorium renovations.
 - c. Diane again thanked all those who helped with the performances.
- 13) Chaperone: Holli Smith had nothing to report.



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- 14) Senior Recognition: Joyce Bickerton had nothing to report.
- 15) DCI: Kate Tkach made the following report:
 - a. There will be six corps at this year's show on July 8, 2010
 - b. Many volunteers will be needed to produce the show in various capacities
 - c. The committee is still working on housing for the corps.
- 16) Concession Stand: Kate Tkach on behalf of John Tkach had nothing to report.

Music Director's Report: Band Director Gary McKeever made the following report:

- 1) Thanks to all who assisted in making the first Indoor Marching Band Season a success.
- 2) The final performance for the Indoor Marching Band will be April 24, 2010 at Avonworth
- 3) At the recent adjudication held at Baldwin High School, the groups performed the hardest music possible and received appropriate accolades from the judges
- 4) The following concerts are slated for May:
 - a. May 25, 2010: Orchestra, Wind Ensemble and Stage Bands will perform
 - b. May 27, 2010: Concert Band, Woodwind Ensemble and Symphonic Bands will perform.
 - c. Both performances will take place in the Band room secondary to the start of renovations on the auditorium.
- 5) The Marching Band is required to perform at Baldwin Community Day on June 5, 2010 per the direction of the Baldwin Whitehall School District.
- 6) The world of teaching is based on the assessment of student performance. This is reflected in the current requirement that the students take PSSA tests. Mr. McKeever stressed that by having students perform in a competition atmosphere, there is no better way of assessing their performance.

Administrator's Report: No administrators were present at this meeting.

The meeting was adjourned by President Jack Andes at 8:20pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Holli F Smith, Secretary BHMP