

Holliday Band Parents Association, Inc.
August 18, 2008
Minutes of Meeting

Attendance

The Holliday Band Parents Association met on Monday, August 18, 2008, with approximately 35 in attendance.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by HBPA President, Jimmy McCoy.

Announcements and Discussions

The minutes from the June meeting and the July meeting were approved and accepted unanimously.

Jimmy extended sympathy on behalf of HBPA to treasurer Sue Morris on the passing of her mother. Sue thanked everyone for the flowers.

Sue Morris presented the financial statement indicating a current balance of \$7340.96. DCI advertising bills have not yet been paid; those total approximately \$2000.

Nancy Wagenfeuhr presented the information comparing the costs of using Affiliated Foods vs Sam's Club to purchase supplies for the concession stand. After much discussion about the pros and cons of Affiliated vs Sam's Club for supplies including: Affiliated delivers on Tuesday and Thursday, there is no fuel surcharge, using Affiliated would save much time and work for Nancy and Sherri in getting supplies, and review of the cost comparison list by HBPA members, Charles Schumann made the motion to use Affiliated Foods. The motion was seconded by Bo Bailey and passed unanimously. Initially there was some concern that we might be locked into a specific length of time on the Affiliated contract. Sue Morris noted that she reviewed the contract provided to her by Nancy, and there is no term indicated. Nancy also noted that we need to go up on the price of certain items in the concession stand this year to make up for the difference goods are costing us. She specifically talked about going up on candy bars from \$0.75 to \$1.00. We will still buy charcoal and a few other supplies at Sam's because it is cheaper.

Sherri Lewis said that Otis Refrigeration will donate a 10 x 10 walk-in freezer to the HBPA however, there would be a charge to HBPA for the "set up fee". The install fee totals \$1000.00; \$500.00 for refrigeration lines to be run and \$500.00 for labor. Decision was made that Bo Bailey will look at the unit to make sure that it is in good condition, discuss the installation with Paul from Otis Refrigeration and verify the unit. Maintenance on the unit should be minimal. Motion was made and seconded that we pay for the install if Bo verifies the unit and feels that it is a good buy. The motion carried unanimously.

Director's Update: Mel requested a \$1300.00 loan from HBPA for more rifles, flags and poles for the color guard. This is needed because color guard this year has grown to 18 members. The band director's budget is not active until September 1. At that time HBPA will be reimbursed \$1300.00 from the budget. Motion was made, seconded and passed to loan \$1300 for the above needs. Mel reported that Danielle Surles has been helping with both color guard and winter guard this year and last year. She is a grad assistant at MSU and volunteers her time to help Penny. Mel suggested a honorarium for Danielle in the amount of \$250. Motion passed unanimously. Mel reported that one of the band students, Christian Peterson, a senior who plays tuba, is hospitalized with ruptured appendix. He is currently in critical but stable condition at United Regional Hospital. The band students took up a collection to help Christian and his family with expenses.

DCI: Sue reported that DCI profit was approximately \$6247.00 after expenses. Bo thanked all the volunteers for making the show a success. Discussion then began about whether HBPA should continue with DCI as a fundraiser. Considerations included the cost of the show increasing next year, reports from some of this years sponsors indicating they would not be able to give a large amount next year due to the economy, someone in HBPA will need to volunteer to be director, Sherri Lewis will not be selling ads next year, and stadium rental will increase next year. We need to evaluate the return for the amount of work and volunteer time required to put the show on and decide if we can use other fundraisers to replace the DCI if we give it up. According to Sue, in 2007 we made \$5523.00 on the show and in 2006 we made \$2577.00. Bo indicated that we need to let DCI know no later than November 1 if we are going to continue to sponsor the show. Mel Hadderton said that she sees the show as a community service but definitely understands that some of the parents are experiencing a “real burn out issue”. Mel doesn’t want DCI to become a detriment but how would we feel if another band parent organization sponsors the show? Mel reiterated that she believes that the students and parents should have June and July off, with no huge commitments, then come back reedy to go in July. DCI doesn’t allow us to have that time off. Also, on years that the band is not doing a huge trip there is less need for fundraisers. Bo and Mel indicated that if we decide not to do the show next year, we could sell the “Rumble in the Falls” name to whichever group picks up the show. Jimmy suggested that we table the issue for now and discuss it again at the next meeting.

There was discussion about possible utilizing a telephone committee. Shawn Sawyer suggested a notice on the band hall for HBPA meetings might be helpful; the parents can see the notice when they drop their kids off for school. However, we cannot use tape to mount the notice because it will pull paint off the walls. Shawn also reported that the cost for watermelons for showcase increased this year over last. Motion was made to sell any extra melons for \$5.00. Seconded and carried.

Sue Morris said that we need to get the taxes done for this year. Taxes are due in about 6 weeks, by October 1. She needs to know if we want to use the same accountant as last year or see if we can find another accountant to do it for less. Mark Anderson, a local CPA, had indicated previously that he thought he could do the HBPA tax needs for less than \$500. Bo Bailey will check with Mr. Anderson and if he can provide the service for less than \$500 there will be a call to the executive committee to vote on same.

Insurance in the amount of approximately \$1000 is due. We currently use Boley-Featherston. Jimmy suggested that Jim Pulley might be able to provide the insurance for less. It was also noted that Boley-Featherston does not support the DCI show. Jimmy will check on the insurance.

Sue indicated that we need to be careful how much we spend because we have scholarships that were awarded last May that will be due soon, insurance is due, tax preparation expenses, etc.

All in attendance introduced themselves to the group.

Adjournment

The next HBPA meeting will be on Monday, September 15, 6:30 p.m., in the auditorium.

There being no further business, Jimmy adjourned the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Beth Bailey, Secretary