

Holliday Band Parents Association, Inc.
July 14, 2008
Minutes of Meeting

Attendance

The Holliday Band Parents Association met on Monday, July 14, 2008, with approximately 20 in attendance.

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m. by HBPA President, Jimmy McCoy.

Announcements and Discussions

The minutes from the June meeting have not yet been distributed, so they will be approved at the August meeting.

Sue presented the financial report, noting a current balance of \$5,324.06.

Jimmy asked Nancy where we were on the concession stand supplier and possible change. She said she was waiting on information from Sue (who had been on vacation). Sue will get Nancy the information and she will then have information for us at the August meeting.

Showcase is Tuesday, August 19. Our next regular HBPA meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 18. It was decided that it was okay (and even necessary) to have these back-to-back. We will get 50 watermelons for Showcase and Shawn Sawyer volunteered Ronny Sawyer to pick these up. Nancy will get the cutting boards and knives to use.

Director's Update: Byron bragged on Josh McCoy who recently attended Drum Major camp and won 2nd place at their single conducting competition (among 1A-5A schools). The current count for high school band students this next year is 110. The complete band schedule/calendar information is on the website, which has recently been updated (and looks very nice).

Sue reported that Mel had asked her to attend the last School Board Meeting, where the booster organizations (band, athletics, and PTO) were to present their financial reports for last year. The HBPA spent approximately \$92,000 on band students and related band expenses. The School Board had no idea that we did so much and were amazed at this amount. We definitely outshined the other booster contributions (athletic boosters spent approx. \$50,000, and PTO approx. \$22,000). The board presented a certificate of appreciation (which Sue gave to Byron for the band hall). There will be an upcoming article in the Archer Advocate featuring our group and how much we support the band students.

This caused some side-conversation about the need for a new band hall with adequate space and restroom facilities. It was agreed that it is a well-known fact that this is a great need in our school, and many of us have visited with the School Board about this previously and they agree as well. As always, it comes down to money and the lack of it for all of the needs of school. We do know that the School Board is having a company come and assess the whole school needs and perhaps this could lead to getting a new band hall in the future. This may eventually end up being a project that the HBPA has to do, or a bond issue. Either way we discussed it would require more parent participation that we currently have. How best to get information to new parents was discussed and Stacia Boyd agreed to organize a list of veteran parents to call new parents as encouragers and just with general information. We will continue to give handouts to students, but that is only effective if the note makes it home to someone.

DCI: Posters still need to be distributed. During this last Saturday's attempt to get volunteers only resulted in two people. We know it was short notice and many were out of town. We distributed the rest of the posters to those who came to the meeting and they will be hanging them up early this week. Jimmy reminded us of the mandatory DCI volunteer meeting which will be at 8:00 p.m., Sunday, July 20 at the band hall. Here is where wristbands will be distributed. Jimmy said that Bo needs help hanging signs at the stadium on Monday. Ron volunteered and Nancy said Jay could help too. We also need someone to volunteer to dismantle the display at the mall on Tuesday morning. Byron said that he and Mel would do that since it is their equipment in there anyway. Jimmy told Charlotte that we needed to make sure and have volunteers to stay after the show to help clean-up, take down, etc. She said that all volunteers were supposed to know to do that. Ron mentioned that it would be nice to have walkie-talkies again like they did last year. They were easier and more reliable than cell phones. He said that he would check with Mr. Lemons to see if we could use the schools'. If anyone knows of others we could use, that would be appreciated. Byron asked who was doing the tabulations. Charlotte did not have this down as a position on her volunteers. It was mentioned that Sherri Lewis did it last year. Jamie said she would check with her and see if she would do that again. Byron gave a ticket update: 55 sold online, 74 in group sales, and 50 at Sam Gibbs. Sam Gibbs still has 510 tickets left to sell. They will be available there until closing this Friday. After that time, all tickets must be purchased at the gate on the day of the show. Gates will open at 5:30 p.m., but we will have people there most of the day to sell tickets. Mr. Folkening said he spoke to SAFB and for them to sell tickets we must have a contract and it is too much of a process. They do have a base paper put out by TRN and maybe they would print something this week. Ron said he would get in touch with them. There was a little miscommunication where someone out there thought we were giving away 50 free tickets to SAFB. Shawn Sawyer said she would like to give away their free tickets (from being a sponsor) to airmen who would use them. Ron will print a voucher for them to be given away. Ron said that Josh and Kelcy would be on the noon news on Channel 3 on Wednesday advertising the DCI show. And then other live spots on Channel 6 Friday and both stations on Monday.

Adjournment

The next HBPA meeting will be on Monday, August 18, 6:30 p.m., in the auditorium.

There being no further business, Jimmy adjourned the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jamie Wilson
for Secretary Beth Bailey