



General Meeting Minutes June 15, 2010

Jack Andes welcomed everyone back for the 2010-2011 school year.

Report of the Secretary: Sue Connelly made the following report:

1. The May 18th General Meeting Minutes were accepted as presented.
2. Incoming Correspondence:
 - a. A Thank You card was received by Gary McKeever for the gift cards received at the banquet.
3. Outgoing Correspondence: None
4. The next scheduled meeting will be held on July 20, 2010 in the North Cafeteria at 7:30 pm.

Board of Directors Report: Jack Andes made the following report:

1. We are working to get the new parent meeting on the calendar. It most likely will be after DCI.
2. Last month's minutes will be posted on the web site.
3. The officers met on Monday, June 14th to assign committee chairpersons.
4. Kate Tkach will continue through September as chairperson of DCI Competition. It is undecided if DCI will return for next year.
5. Jack introduced the committee chairpersons for 2010-2011.

Report of the Treasurer: Bob Smith made the following report:

1. The Treasurer's Report from May 17 through June 14 was presented. Bob will have a new budget for the next scheduled meeting.
2. Holli Smith asked if the money from the banquet was deposited which Bob confirmed it was. The banquet cost the BHMP approximately \$2,000.
3. Bob is looking for 3-4 members to sit on the Audit Committee to close the books for the 09-10 year. Anyone interested is to see Jack Andes. (At the end of the meeting, Eric Crane, George Findlay, and Michael Marze volunteered to serve on the committee.)

Report of the Vice President: Alan Bickerton made the following report:

1. DCI tickets sales are going well with a lot of phone inquiries. Volunteers are needed. Alan will continue to make phone calls.

Committee Reports:

1. Membership – Joyce Bickerton had nothing to report.
2. Publicity – Mark Despotakis had nothing to report.
3. Ways & Means – Dotti Wood had nothing to report. Gretchen Crane will help Dotti get set up.
4. Hoagies – Amy Bower was absent. Tentative dates for sales are being developed.
5. Logistics and Props – John Smith reported that he needs help painting the floors in the trailer come July.
6. Chaperone – Holli Smith reported that she will have a meeting with new chaperones. If you remain one year off, your clearance will remain good as long as you continue to be an acting member. Chaperones are needed for the 4th of July parade (which is being held on Saturday, July 3).
7. Senior Recognition – Kathy Pietras had nothing to report. The transition is taking place.

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8. Uniform – Char Andes had nothing to report. The transition is taking place.
9. Banquet – Renee Meyer had nothing to report. Jack suggested scheduling the date early in order to present it to the building Principal and get it on the District calendar. She is aiming for the same day as this past year.
10. Scholarship – Luci Marze had nothing to report.
11. Funnel cake – Diane Smith reported on the Baldwin Community Day the stand was shut down around 4:00 p.m. due to the heavy rain. Diane thanked everyone who helped out. She is looking for volunteers to help out on August 28th for Whitehall Community Day. Johnny Angel and the Halos will perform that evening, and the concession stand will remain opened longer.
12. Social – Gretchen Crane reported that the pool party is scheduled for August 15th at the Whitehall pool. More information to follow.
13. Concession Stand – Jeff Wood was absent.
14. River City Brass Band – Diane Lenkiewicz had nothing to report.

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

1. Heidi Guenther may take over as Interim Music Director along with the current staff for the summer. The School Board will meet on Wednesday, July 16th to discuss this further. If the Board approves, it will be posted on the web site. Any student who has a conflict with mini-band camp is to see Ms. Guenther.
2. The students did a wonderful job at Baldwin Community Day, the concert, and commencement.
3. Mr. McKeever stressed a few concerns he wanted to share before he retired:
 - a. His experience has been that when trying to schedule a field for marching band rehearsal, the administration will book the fields for a sporting event vs. the marching band;
 - b. His experience has been that the Athletic Director does not approve field permits for the marching band, but rather has told Mr. McKeever that the marching band is free to use a field if it is not being used. This makes it extremely hard for Mr. McKeever to schedule rehearsal activities for the marching band. In addition, Mr. McKeever provided an example where the Athletic Director granted a permit for an outside sporting event for the stadium field rather than the marching band, which is in violation of school policy.
 - c. Mr. McKeever wants the BHMP to keep up the fight for the students
 - d. For now, band camp (in August) will be held at Paynter Elementary School.

Discussion:

1. Jack commented for everyone to be strong and supportive of the new music director.
2. Jack provided his perspective that the difficulties experienced by Mr. McKeever this past year were a result of not having an administrator in the high school dedicated to the marching band, as had been the past (when Mr. Frabizio was a vice principal). Jack noted that he and the officers will work with building administration to get it back to the way it was under Frabizio.
3. Jack also thanked on behalf of the BHMP Mr. McKeever for all of his hard work and dedication that he has provided during his 13 years at Baldwin High School.

Meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:



Susan M. Connelly, Secretary
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