

- 1) Helen Weary called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm and welcomed everyone.
- 2) Helen Weary called for approval of minutes from January 25, 2010 Band Parent Meeting. All minutes are posted on the band website and emailed to the group prior to each meeting. Correction to 01/25/10 minutes under item 5. Fundraising, the paragraph refers to Jazz Band Festival, and it should read invitational Band Festival instead. Mr. Corrigan discussed hosting possible Band Festival. Motion was made, Lynn Leavitt, first; seconded by Rachel Deese, vote was taken and unanimously approved.
- 3) Helen Weary made a Call to Action

Volunteers needed to take over and shadow key positions, including those of Helen Weary and Leah Moore. We should also put together a Marching Band Uniform Committee and have a Communications or PR person.

Volunteers are needed for the SCSBOA Festival at Samohi, Thursday-Friday, March 4th and 5th, 2010. Lynn Leavitt passed out website information for online sign ups. There will also be an email follow up.
- 4) Report from Band Directors - Mike Corrigan and Terry Sakow

CBDA Honor Band, Feb. 19-21, 2010. Mr. Corrigan and Mr. Sakow attended. The CBDA website already has the music selection for next year's auditions (the same piece is used for the SCSBOA groups).

Inaugural Organ Concert with Wind Ensemble, March 8, 2010, 7p.m. The concert is free admission. This is a special concert to celebrate Barnum Hall's restoration, renovation, & installation of the Wurlitzer theater organ donated by Gordon Belt. The evening will include internationally acclaimed theater organists Lyn Larsen & Lance Luce; Laurel & Hardy silent film with organ accompaniment; and Santa Monica High School's Wind Ensemble & student organists. Master class with Lyn Larson next day.

SCSBOA Band & Orchestra Festival, March 4-5, 2010. We have already discussed the need for volunteers, again please sign up. Stairway Performances, Thursday-Friday, March 25th and March 26th, 2010. Ticket orders will be taken online for the first time this year.
- 5) Indoor Drumline Program, doing well, there are 26 kids enrolled

Winter Guard- Kyle Miller - Working on finishing up last bit of show. At the Feb. 13th competition the Guard ranked 2nd Place and was 4/10's of a point from first. They beat Los Altos High School.
- 6) Concert Band Business – Lace Bencivengo (not present)
Jazz Band Business - Laurie Yehia
The Jazz Bands I and II will be attending Western States Jazz Festival, Saturday, March 6, 2010. Both Bands will ride bus. Mr. Whaley and Mr. Corrigan will attend.
- 7) Fundraising
-Group discussed possible dates for future Barnes and Noble fundraising (May 15-16, May 22-23, June 5-6 and June 6-12); narrowed down to possibly May 22-23, 2010. Mimi Winship coordinating.

-Mr. Corrigan discussed possible upcoming Band Festival on April 16, 2010. This would be an Invitational Festival, possible attendance by Rancho Bernardo, Los Altos and Diamond Bar. Would include master classes, performances on stage with feedback clinics, utilizing judges from UCLA.

-Landmark Theatre, Leah Moore has tickets for sale; remember that 100% goes to band program.

-Marching Band sales (pajama pants, sweatshirts, beanies, coolers)
Pat Mahler requested permission to sell at Inaugural Organ Concert. Mr. Sakow will check and let her know.

8) Treasurer's Report – Chuck Dobeck

Chuck presented updated budget. Checked on E-Scrip, income is \$250.00
Budget information led to discussion about finalizing the increase in fees for Marching Band for the upcoming season, which has already started since the music arrangements and drill preparations are in the works and the information will be needed to pursue and finalize recruitment. The season starts when school ends. Prior discussion found that the cost would need to increase to between \$400-500 per student. This brings the cost more in line with other groups, such as sports teams. The increase will help avoid deficits as in the past. Conclusion was to increase fees to \$450.00 with possible discount for early payment.

There was also discussion on Color Guard recruitment, possibly targeting middle school orchestra students who can do color guard for P.E. credit.
Motion made to increase Marching Band fees to \$450, motion first by Alicia Facchini; seconded by Leah Moore. Motion passed unanimously.

9) Other Business – Elizabeth Gelfand Stearns

Discussed local school funding measure; state of school district's funding issues due to the State of the State (California's budget deficit) and California's reduced spending on education. The school district deficit will be \$10-12 million and possible funding cuts needed, including elementary music program. The property parcel tax measure can make up half of the deficit, so need for everyone to get involved. Please be informed and pass the word regarding the mail-in ballot on the measure; vote will be due by May 25, 2010. There will be a Phone Bank organized and volunteers are welcomed.

Minutes Submitted by Martha Herrera, Samohi Bands Secretary