

### 03/15/10 All Bands Parent Meeting

- 1) Helen Weary called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm and welcomed everyone.
- 2) Helen Weary called for approval of minutes from February 22, 2010 Band Parent Meeting. All minutes are posted on the band website and emailed to the group prior to each meeting.

Motion was made, Ellen Rennell, first; seconded by Bonnie Taub, 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.

Keiko Kuyama is putting together a description of the duties required for Marching Band Uniform committee, but we still need a coordinator. Marching Band registration packets are still being updated and will soon be finalized.

Concert Band dresses may be required for all concert bands next year, this decision is still pending. However, we should have a separate Coordinator for the black concert dresses.

- 4) Report from Band Directors - Mike Corrigan and Terry Sakow

The Jazz Bands I and II received first and second place in their divisions at the Western States Jazz Festival, Saturday, March 6, 2010. Jazz Band 2 placed first on their first time at competition in Novice Division.

Jazz Band 1 placed first and was within one point of the best.

Stairway Performances, Thursday/Friday, March 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>, 2010. Ticket orders will be taken online for the first time this year, cut-off date is March 18, 2010. Rehearsal scheduled for Thursday morning.

April 20, 2010 Spring Concert

April 24, 2010 Solo and Ensemble Festival at SMC site

April 24, 2010 Jazz at the Rose Bowl, Walk for Autism - Group 1

May 13, 2010 Kiwanis Solo Competition Preliminaries, 3:30p.m.

May 22, 2010 Super Jazz at the Ranch, both Jazz Bands will attend.

May 22 and 23, 2010 Barnes and Noble fundraiser, small ensembles performing

May 25, 2010 Kiwanis Finals, Solo Competition

June 8, 2010 Pops Concert

June 17, 2010 Graduation

Mr. Corrigan discussed idea of having next Band Parent meeting in North Gym and include a Winter Percussion and Winter Guard performance for parents to see and to use as recruitment. We could have information tables and packets to hand out.

Invitational Band Festival - Tentatively scheduled for Friday, April 16, 2010.

There is some possible scheduling and sound conflicts because the sports department may be scheduling a sports day rally in the gym that same day. In attendance would be Rancho Bernardo High School and Diamond Bar High School. The middle schools have decided not to attend this year. We would have a guest artist and master classes. The

festival would run from about 11am to 3pm. There would be no ratings or scores, so we do not need to worry about coordinating with judges. This would only be to get out feet wet and maybe next year plan a larger festival that would bring in income for the Band program.

- 5) Indoor Drumline Program – Jeremy Miller  
Winter Color Guard - Kyle Miller

Winter Percussion has 20 kids. They had competition in Littlerock and it was cold. They placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in their division, but were bumped up two divisions.

- 6) Concert Band Business – Lace Bencivengo (not present)

Spring Concert, scheduled for April 20, 2010  
There will be a free ticket offered for incoming middle school Band students.

Jazz Band business – Laurie Yehia  
The Flourish Foundation, who made a donation toward the Jazz Band, sent a representative to the Western Jazz Festival to observe. The representative was very impressed.

- 7) Measure A Campaign – Rebecca Kennerly and Lauri Crane

Local school funding measure during budget crisis. Our state provides high standards for teaching, but the poorest funding. 75 teachers are slated to be reduced, all elementary school libraries may be closed. Classroom sizes affected, along with many other cost cutting measures. The two representatives are asking that the Band parents as an organization endorse Measure A and help support the cause by volunteering as a group for phone-banking on a “Music Night.”

Motion made to endorse Measure A, first by Laurie Yehia ; seconded by Rachel Deese. Motion passed unanimously.

The representatives invited the group to contribute as a group or individually, participate in phone bank as volunteers and asked if the information about the measure could be included in concert program. It may be too late to include in printing, but can be enclosed as a separate sheet.

- 8) Fundraising

Barnes and Noble fundraising: May 22-23, 2010 – Mimi Winship  
Ensembles need to be coordinated to perform for at least an hour. Flyers will be available

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

Marching band sales, (pajama pants, sweatshirts, beanies, coolers)

- 9) Treasurer’s Report – Chuck Dobeck

Chuck presented current budget information  
SCSBOA Festival collected \$3000, and spent \$1900 on food.  
Current balance on account is \$6400.  
The purchase of instruments for orchestra/band is still pending, amount \$7000, may be held off until summer.

We will need to pay \$11,000 for spring instruction, and there is half the Equity Tax due in January. The Spring Concert will bring in money.  
Rainy Day funds were about \$96,000, less \$10,000 previously approved and allocated.

There was discussion about Winter Guard and Drumline fees, they may need to be increased – need a budget meeting to determine the cost. The Marching Band fees have already been increased.

There was discussion about possible Scholarship Fund for Marching Band/Color Guard and Drumline, but it will depend on fundraising and participation. We spend roughly \$30,000 year currently, which may fluctuate with budget cuts, like if transportation costs of \$22,000 paid by district are cut.

Mr. Corrigan wants to remind people not to undermine the Marching Band program by anxieties over money. The goal is to play the music at the Pops Concert and have it ready before Band Camp. Summer Rehearsals will be optional. Auditions will be held in late May, but 80% will be based on Middle School Directors' recommendation.  
Middle Schools will be invited to Spring and Pops Concerts.  
Next year's Color Guard is crucial to success of Marching Band program.

Motion made to approve up to \$15,000 to cover the spring instruction and Marching Band music cost, motion first by Jennifer Hammer; seconded by Tamara Mugalian. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion was made to approve budget presented, motion first by Mimi Winship; seconded by Pat Mahler. Motion passed unanimously.

Submitted by Martha Herrera, Samohi Bands Secretary