

5/17/10 All Bands Parent Meeting

- 1) Helen Weary called the meeting to order at 7:07 pm and welcomed everyone to what looks like the final meeting for school year.
- 2) Helen Weary called for approval of the minutes from the April 26, 2010 Band Parent Meeting. All minutes are posted on the band website and emailed to the group prior to each meeting.

Motion was made by Ellen Rennell, and seconded by Rachel Deese, vote was taken and minutes unanimously approved.

- 3) Measure A Reminder – Please mail in vote by May 20th, 2010.
- 4) Slate of Officers for 2010-11 School Year

Helen Weary, President
Leah Moore, Vice-President
Chuck Dobeck, Treasurer

Secretary position is open - to be named at later date

Motion was made to approve officers, made by Lace Bencivengo, and seconded by Allison Leong, vote was taken and unanimously approved.

- 5) New Bylaws for Band Parent organization

There was discussion on the official title of the band parent organization vs. what we call ourselves, “Samohi Bands”. The formal title in the bylaws is the official name. Donations are still made out to SMAPA- Samohi Bands. General discussion on Chairs for Committees and job descriptions. We want to eventually have descriptions and a manual for future volunteers.

Motion was made to approve Bylaws, made by Rachel Deese, and seconded by Lynn Leavitt; vote was taken and unanimously approved. Bylaws will be posted on the Band website.

- 6) Call to Action

Volunteers needed for next school year to take over key positions and shadow existing officers. Also Concert Band parent volunteers needed for fundraising.

We need a P.R. Coordinator and a Computer person to take over the E-Scrip duties. Amy Kivnick is involved with Choir and we need to replace her. She has already set up the information and made it easier for someone to pick up.

Pat Mahler is asking for a volunteer to take over merchandise sales, since she will be the new Uniform Coordinator.

This person can help coordinate sales at events like Band Camp, Football Games, Registration, Freshman Orientation, and Back to School Night.

Keiko Kuyama on Uniform Committee – We need lots of people to volunteer for help with Marching Band Uniforms.

We also would like to get a person to oversee the Concert Dresses for the students in Concert Bands. The dresses are sold and/or rented.

7) Report from the Band Directors

Mr. Corrigan outlined Calendar: there is State Testing this week. There is Jazz Band Festival Saturday, Stevenson Ranch, near Magic Mountain.

On Sunday, we were asked to get some students together to play at opening of NFL Draft Exhibition game, which will be here at Samohi. The organization will donate \$1000 to the band program. The event will be from 11am to 3pm. The kids need to be here by 10:00 a.m., but will most likely only need to play at the beginning of the event.

Barnes and Noble Fundraiser Saturday and Sunday, there are some kids signed up to play. Best time will be to spread out on the hour in the afternoon.

Next week auditions will start for High School kids. Will try to have during the day, but there may be some after school. Most of the Middle School auditions will be done by this week. We anticipate 105 to 110 Band kids.

June 5, 2010 is For the Arts Concert; June 6, 2010 is the last Jazz Band Concert. Band will be playing this year for Graduation.

Once school ends there will be Thursday voluntary rehearsals for Marching Band. We anticipate about 125 members on field. Music has been written and arranged. The cost for this has come in under budget, \$3500 for arrangement and \$2500 for the drill. Parts are being copied and will be passed out. The middle school students will also receive music so that they can be ready at the start of Marching Band Camp. The Marching Band packets will go out soon. Competition dates start with October 9, 2010 and go every two weeks to November 20, 2010 and possibly including December 4, 2010 if we go to the SCSBOA event.

We will need to funnel money for percussion. Need to upgrade or add many items, including Amps and microphones, racks and carts, etc.

Suggestions were made to ask for donations and/or grants from merchants, music vendors and the public at large. There may be parents in the school whose kids are not necessarily in music program, but may have access to equipment needed. We will make a list of all the items.

Pops Concert, Wind Ensemble will play all John Williams, ET, Cowboys, Midway March. Band periods 3 and 5 will be combined and play from Pirates of the Caribbean, Willie Wonka and Forest Gump. Period 2, Percussion will also play.

8) Concert Band Business – Ellen Rennell

We are planning Cake Walk auction. We will have three cakes auctioned off live due to time restraints, but all the other cakes will be on display and available for auction in the lobby. There is sign up for cake donations. There are also plans for 50/50 Raffle.

9) Jazz Band Business – Lace Bencivengo spoke about concerns with Jazz Combo and events where members are not available to perform. Next year we will have to meet and discuss the need to have back up Jazz Band students to play with the Combo.

The June 6, 2010 Jazz Band concert will be at the Women's Club and we are looking forward to possibly making this a yearly event.

10) Fundraising

Barnes and Noble May 22nd and 23rd, 11-5p.m. We have four groups committed to play per day. The groups should be there on the hour, preferably one, two and three in the afternoon.

11) Treasurer's Report – Chuck Dobeck

Chuck presented the report. We have paid off Spring salaries, about \$10,000. This should mean we have paid off salaries for the year. The shared cost for instruments with orchestra is still on hold. We have about \$75,000 in Rainy Day Fund. We used up about half the money in \$50,000 paid out to the Equity Fund. We should now be up to date.

Motion was made to approve Treasurers' Report made by Jennifer Hammer, and seconded by Leah Moore; vote was taken and unanimously approved.

12) Other Business – Keiko Kuyama

Black Shoes and Concert Dresses that were rented should be returned by June 11, 2010 on the school hanger with the student info labeling it.

There was discussion about having all girls in Bands wear the black dress to make a more uniform look. The dresses can be purchased for \$60.00 or rented.

Mr. Corrigan also discussed the possibility to have a concert in October. This would allow Concert Bands to start practicing for event as soon as school starts rather than waiting until second semester.

There was discussion about also having merchandise and bake sale.

Mr. Corrigan was open to planning for intermission to allow for public to buy and eat outside of Barnum Hall.

Submitted by Martha Herrera, Samohi Bands Secretary