

## **8/26/10 All Bands Parent Meeting**

1) Helen Weary called the meeting to order at 7:13 pm and welcomed everyone to the first meeting of the school year. She asked that everyone make sure to update their e-mail addresses to make sure that band updates are received.

2) Helen Weary called for approval of minutes from May 17, 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 Leah Moore, and seconded by Alex Capron, vote was taken and minutes unanimously approved.

3) The Executive Committee for 2010-2011 was introduced and Helen called for a vote to elect the new Secretary.

### **Slate of Officers for 2010-11 School Year**

Helen Weary, President  
Leah Moore, Vice-President and Marching Band Manager  
Chuck Dobeck, Treasurer

Motion was made to approve Birgit Roberts as Secretary. Motion made by Allison Simmonds and seconded by Mimi Winship. Vote was taken and unanimously approved.

4) Greetings and Overview from Band Directors – Mike Corrigan and Terry Sakow

Mr. Corrigan gave overview of band program, which includes Marching Band, four Concert Bands, Percussion, Color Guard and two Jazz Bands.

Band Camp for Marching Band is going great and all family and friends are invited to the last half hour of camp to see practice and meet with other parents. Family and friends are also invited and encouraged to attend Home Football Games and Marching Band Competitions.

Mr. Corrigan announced that this year the Marching Band will not participate in Parade Competitions. This means that the band will be meeting at a later time on competition days. Also this year we will not be traveling to Bakersfield or Lancaster.

The Marching Band Competition Schedule includes:

October 9, 2010 at Valencia High School  
October 23, 2010 at College of the Canyons, in Valencia  
November 6, 2010 at Sierra Vista High School, Baldwin Park  
November 20, 2010 at Moorpark High School  
December 4, 2010 is the SCSBOA Championship Competition. The site is pending and the participants will be decided based on completion scores. The top 12 bands in six divisions will compete.

The first Football Home Game will be October 1, 2010 and the Disneyland Parade is scheduled for January 15, 2011.

The Marching Band also includes the Color Guard, and in the second semester, students have the option of joining the Winter Guard

The program also includes Percussion, whose members are part of the Marching Band and other bands and orchestra. In the second semester we also now have a Winter Percussion group, which is open to all students. This group just started this past year and took second place in competition their first time out.

#### Concert Band Schedule:

October 29, 2010, tentative date for first concert  
January 14, 2010, Winter Concert  
April 1, 2010, Spring Concert  
June 8, 2010, Pops Concert

January 15, 2010, Marching Band Disneyland Parade  
January 18, 2011, first Jazz Band concert, 2<sup>nd</sup> event date pending

Reminder: September 8, 2010, Jazz Band Auditions  
Jazz Bands meet Mondays and Wednesdays 3:30 – 5:30pm and earn 2 class credits from Santa Monica College  
Mr. Whaley is planning for a trip to Boston's Berklee College of Music for a jazz festival for the top Jazz Band.

#### 5) Concert Band Business – Helen Weary

This year it was decided that all bands will have the same attire. Concert Dresses for the girls and Tuxedo for the boys.

The concert dresses will be on sale for \$60.00. They can be rented for \$15.00 (\$25.00 next year); priority on rentals will start with the seniors.

All girls, especially the ninth graders, are encouraged to buy the dress so that it only has to be hemmed once, and can be worn every year. It is difficult to hem, but easy to wash and wear. The boys can rent Tuxedos from Elite Tuxedo on Westwood Blvd at about \$100.00 for the school year.

#### 6) Fundraising and Public Relations – Coordinator needed!

Helen Weary is asking for volunteers, these are two positions to help organize, but can be handled by committee. Helen called for a volunteer. Helen also reminded all parents to sign up for Vons and Ralphs escrip reward program on line with a donation going to the band program.

Pat Mahler called out for purchase of Band Merchandise

#### 7) District Volunteer Clearance –Rachel Deese

Rachel outlined school district's requirements for school activity volunteers. Level I is volunteer being supervised by teacher - requires TB test and background check, which Rachel is doing during Marching Band Camp. Level II is a volunteer which has direct contact with kids – additional requirement

of fingerprinting. If a driver, also needs driving history and insurance information. You will need to contact the District Office for appointment and clearance.

8) Treasurer's Report – Chuck Dobeck

Chuck presented the report and estimated annual budget.

There was discussion and clarification. The band expenditures for Marching Band start in May or June in preparation for the upcoming school year and band fees don't start coming in until later, and are still coming in.

Motion was made to approve Treasurer's Report made by Alex Capron, and seconded by Mariana DaFonzo. Vote was taken and unanimously approved.

9) Marching Band Business – Leah Moore

Parents reminded to have students go to high school registration early and just let them know they are attending band camp.

Marching Band Competitions – Susie Gunter

Susie welcomed all new and returning parents and invited them to attend competitions and volunteer. The kids work really hard, and are very grateful to the volunteers. Susie wants to remind parents and students that competitions are part of the students' grade and participation is required. If there is an emergency, please contact the band directors. The Disneyland parade on January 15, 2011 is also a mandatory event.

This year we will have three buses for the season and need two bus Chaperones (Level II volunteer). An email will go out, or you can contact Susie at [Susieg2001@AOL.com](mailto:Susieg2001@AOL.com).

Home Football Games – Mike Smith

Susie Gunter spoke on behalf of Mike Smith on Home Football games. – Mike coordinates the transport of Marching Band equipment from the High School to Santa Monica College for Home Football Games. He uses a Pack Crew, which is a group of student volunteers who stay after school and help load and unload equipment. These kids don't get a chance to go home for dinner before the game. Mike needs a parent volunteer to feed the kids. This is usually one of their parents.

Uniforms – Pat Mahler

Pat announced that this year there will only be one uniform. The blue band uniform will no longer be used for football games. The white competition uniform will be used for both the football games and the Marching Band competitions. This means that the uniform will not go home. The students will need to change at SMC the night of the football games.

10) End of Band Camp Performance

Leah encouraged everyone to come to the event which will include hot dog sale and band performance, including a sneak preview to the band's field show.

Submitted by Martha Herrera, outgoing Samohi Bands Secretary; and welcoming Birgit Roberts as new Band Secretary 2010-11 school year.