

## **Santa Monica High School All Bands Parent Meeting: October 17, 2011**

- 1) **Call to Order:** Robb Brown called the meeting to order at 7:07 pm and welcomed everyone.
- 2) **Minutes Approval:** Approval of the minutes of the previous meeting, Sept 19, 2011 was motioned by Mort Bernstein and seconded by Pat Mahler. The members present unanimously approved the minutes.
- 3) **Executive Committee:** The Executive Committee (via email) approved an \$850 expenditure for furnishings and other improvements to the Band Office as part of the effort to raise the profile of the Band. A new desk, guest chairs, rug, wall artwork and general sprucing up and reorganization of the office was accomplished, although a 27" filing cabinet is still being sought. Several suggestions were made on obtaining the filing cabinet. All members were invited to stop by and take a look at the progress thus far.
- 4) **Other Items of Discussion:**
  - Concert CDs: the Spring 2011 Pop Concert CDs are in the process of being copied by Claudia Franko and Jose Hernandez, and will be available for distribution shortly. Mimi Winship will forward list of distributives who have already paid to Nancy Kane.
  - The cost of the copier available in the Music rooms is currently being shared with the Choir; 1/3 (\$375/yr) of the maintenance contract cost is being covered by the Choir support group. They have raised the idea that their actual share of use is something less than 1/3, and wish to propose a reduction or elimination of the charge to them. Depending on the outcome of discussions, the cost to the Band budget could increase to \$500/yr.
  - Unexpectedly, a second Soup Plantation fundraising date was granted by Soup Plantation, for Wed, Oct 19. Although little advance notice was given, everyone was encouraged to go.
  - Reminder: the PTA Reflections competition deadline is Nov 7, 2011. A musical composition category is available.
  - The need for new, updated uniforms (current ones are over 10 years old) is becoming more urgent for next year.
- 5) **Treasurer's Report:** Nancy Kane presented the Treasurer's report/budget, Marge Carroll motioned for approval of the budget, and Mimi Winship seconded. The members present unanimously approved the budget as presented.
- 6) **Band Director's Comments:** Mike Corrigan made the following comments:
  - Mike is back from sick leave, and feels in fine form.
  - Marching Band is still working on their field show drill. So far the SAMO HI Marching Band has won 2 First Place awards: at the South Bay Field Invitational (SCSBOA), and at the Rancho Bernardo Field Tournament (non SCSBOA). The Rancho Bernardo competition was also an overnight trip for the Marching Band, and was a successful field trip – garnering a compliment from the hotel for student behavior. 2 more competitions will take place in November.
  - Marching Band continues to experience difficulties in getting appropriate field space (lined) to practice their drill... Although the new (lined) football field is now ready, the administration has thus far not released the space for use. Robb Brown encouraged members to email C. Baxter and L. Fretz to request access for the band.
  - To compete at a championship level, the Marching Band must improve in developing an internal sense of discipline and etiquette.
  - In addition, the future of the Marching Band is dependent on increasing the interest of incoming freshmen. Only 15 freshmen joined the Marching Band this fall!
  - Sizing of future Marching Bands still open – dependent upon student interest and fundraising.
  - Open for thought: A possible joint dinner concert with the string/band/jazz groups with tix starting at \$100 ea?
  - Next band concert: "Darker Side of Music", Tues, Oct 25.

- Westside Honor Band: summer, 2011 was the first time that this group convened, and Mr. Corrigan is looking at making this an established annual summer event. The Chinese are very interested in repeating the 2011 experience. This is tentatively scheduled for the last week in June.
- Possible band tour opportunities: for Spring, 2014, Mr. Corrigan may be able to arrange a tour which would include Cincinnati Conservatory of Music, Murray State University in Kentucky, and Nashville (to perform in the new theater).
- The proposed/tentative 2012 Wind Ensemble Trip will not be taking place.

7) **Other business:**

- a) Marge Carroll spoke about the need for fundraising and potential opportunities :
  - 2011 ended in the red by about \$30,000. That kind of shortfall cannot be sustained.
  - Charity Buzz website auctions can be a good source of funding, but we need to provide some unique items... looks like signed scripts are not particularly attractive, but perhaps entrée to film sets or other entertainment industry experiences would be useful.
  - We are looking for sponsors for ads on the band truck
  - We are looking for “sponsors” for uniforms – ie, add “donated by” labels to uniforms for \$350 in contribution
  - We may add a “donate” button to the website (but need a recipient email address )
  - “Hypnolarious” show – get hypnotist for a stage show benefit
  - Request funding from the SM City Council – but could have a conflict with existing support being provided by the City
  - Another idea would be to approach all the music teachers to play at an evening performance “So You Think You Can Play” – winner by acclamation, with a trophy which could be passed on to the next winner.
  - For the spring, an “Instrument Petting Zoo” with a BBQ – younger students could touch, play instruments which would not otherwise be available to them.
  - Bake/food/drink sale before the concerts... Jan Kravitz will co-ordinate the sale (at 6 pm) before the first concert on Tues, Oct 25.
  - 50/50 raffle at concerts
- b) Marching Band seniors will be recognized after the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of the Homecoming Game, Oct 28

Meeting adjourned at 8:46 pm, Oct 17, 2011.

Submitted: Nov 2, 2011

Deborah Arvesen, Secretary