



# PHS Band Booster Meeting

April 15, 2010



Eddie Davis called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

Cara Dahlke gave the secretary's report. The minutes were approved as read without any additions or corrections.

Chris Ogle gave the treasurer's report:

- A profit and loss statement and a check register for the past month were handed out.
- As you can see, there hasn't been too much activity in the account.
- We currently have \$482 in our checking account, and still have \$7,500 in our savings. The savings can be moved to checking as we see fit.
- Compared to the same time last year, our account balances are obviously not as high. We had \$10,000 in savings, and more in checking as well.
- We are currently ahead \$1,900 for the fiscal year. For the month of March, we have spent more than we took in, which can be normal for this time of the year.
- There is a coke sale ongoing, and band fees are still outstanding.
- Eddie Davis noticed there was a charge for winter guard bus in the booster account and questioned if that was something that we should have paid for or not.
  - MJ Robinson responded that the charge mistakenly came from the booster account, and will be paid for by the winter guard girls as soon as they have all paid their fees.
- Eddie Davis said that student statements will be going out on Saturday to those who owe fees. If you don't owe anything, or if you have a credit, you won't get a statement in the mail. If you have a credit and want to know how much it is, you need to ask Eddie Davis.
- Any other questions should be addressed to Chris Ogle.

Mrs. Robinson gave the director's report due to Mr. Shaw's absence.

- Jake Peppers, our liaison for the Hawaii trip, has been in frequent contact with our band directors. He left seventeen messages over Spring Break alone. He is actively pursuing our band for the Hawaii trip during Thanksgiving week of 2011.
  - More information on this trip will be given at the next meeting.
  - A question was asked about whether graduated seniors that didn't get a chance to do a trip like this will be allowed to go on the trip. Mrs. Robinson responded that while they know they couldn't have gotten to where they are now without the hard work of the last years' seniors, they have to make a cut off. No graduated seniors will be allowed to come along on the trip. Siblings of a current band student would be allowed to attend.
- Next year's show theme will be a "Knights of the Round Table/Crusaders" type of theme. They haven't come up with a formal name for the show yet.

- The music is a little more “avant guard” or “artsy” than Powell normally does, but it is still very dramatic, high energy, and exciting. This show will be crowd pleasing and competitive at the same time. Both Mrs. Robinson and Mr. Shaw really like this music and are so excited about it. It was the first show they had listened to that they both really loved, after many hours spent reviewing potential show music.
- The show was written and arranged by someone else and we have to purchase it to be able to use it. It comes with both the music and the drill, but Mr. Shaw would still like to write his own drill and only purchase the music portion. The cost of this would be \$1,700.
- Mrs. Robinson has spoken to Pearl Drums who we would like to build our new drums for us.
  - Rush’s brought in a drum with a “Habañero Sparkle” finish that was a beautiful orange that changed colors depending on the light and angle at which you viewed it. However, this was a Yamaha drum and they don’t have the quality or durability of Pearl drums.
  - Mrs. Robinson called Pearl to see if they could make their drums for us with this same color finish. It isn’t something they normally offer, but they did make a set of drums in this color for Alice Cooper’s drummer. They are willing to build our drums and use that finish on them.
  - It would be no additional cost as our drums will be custom built for us no matter what finish we put on them. They will be built as soon as we place the order, and pay for them. The cost will be around \$10,000. We would have drums that no one else has!
- The calendar from July 2010 through July 2011 is very near completion. A few dates need to be tweaked and firmed up a bit and then it will come home. It will include band camp dates, a tentative competition schedule, football games, the New York trip, winter guard, and drumline dates.
  - The competition dates aren’t firm yet because they haven’t all been decided on yet by the schools that host them, but we know when they usually have their competitions, so that is how we are including them. It is better to have a date on the calendar and have to take one off than to add another date into the calendar. This will allow families to plan their vacations and other events around band functions.
  - We know that Greenville will not be having their competition this year, so we are looking at going to MCI in Nashville again, or possibly a competition in Ohio.
  - One date changes to note is the percussion camp. It will be July 12<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> (front ensemble will be in the mornings and battery in the afternoons.)

Eddie Davis spoke about the golf tournament. It will be July 31<sup>st</sup> at 1:00 p.m. Carl Ake booked it at Knoxville Municipal this year. He said he played in a tournament there and they are under new management and it is very nice. We were unable to get a morning tee time at Three Ridges (where we have had the tournament in the past,) and the cost of Three Ridges was \$43 per

player versus \$31 per player at Knoxville Municipal. We feel like it will be a good, cost saving move. If you have any questions about the golf tournament, you can email them to Carl Ake.

Stacey Berry spoke about the Bike Run. It is this Saturday, April 17<sup>th</sup>. All the food has been donated. Debbie Beeler has gotten 55-60 raffle prizes donated. Knoxville Harley Davidson has been wonderful to us. We have some riders pre-registered, but most of them will just show up and register the day of the run.

- Anyone that wants to help can come and work. Stacey has parents that are doing registration. Registration will be from 9:30 – 11:00, the riders will leave by 11:00 and there will be some down time until 1:30 or 2:00 when they will start the grill. The bikers should arrive back between 2:30 and 3:00. The raffle will begin around 3:00 and everything should be done and cleaned up by 4:30.
- The students still need to bring in their soft drinks if they haven't already done so. It is fine to bring them to the Bike Run on Saturday if you are coming.
- A question was asked if the band students are supposed to come and work. This isn't like the golf tournament where they can work for a credit to their band account, but it would be good to have students there in their band shirts to represent the band and help out. Help will be needed with lunch at 2:00. We will also need help with a clean up crew.
  - Mrs. Robinson will send out an email reminding the students about this opportunity.

Stacey Berry spoke about the band banquet. She reminded everyone about the date change. The banquet will be on May 15<sup>th</sup> at Expo Center. The cost is \$23 per person and seniors don't have to pay to attend. We do have a new DJ; it is the man who does the night shift at 104.5. He has assured us that the music is edited for radio and doesn't have bad language in it. Stacey has not been able to get our \$50 deposit back from Gann's yet (our original DJ.)

The Dogwood Arts parade is Friday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>. We are not wearing uniforms; the students should wear 1980's attire. The students will not have time to go home between school and the parade. They should have time to go to nearby restaurants to eat. We will probably leave school around 4:30 p.m. The parade begins at 7:00 p.m. and will be televised.

Eddie Davis called for old business. The only old business was the election of next year's board officers. Nominations were read from the last meeting, and new nominations from the floor were called for three times for each office. The following people were elected into office:

- Assistant Treasurer in charge of Student Accounts: Tina Collins
  - First: Mike Rose
  - Second: Carolyn Jenkins
  - Tina was not in attendance at the meeting, but accepted the nomination via an email to Stacey Berry.

- Co-Treasurers: Chris and Gina Ogle
  - First: Blaine Stokes
  - Second: Shari Rose
  - The nomination was accepted.
- Co-Secretaries: Willie and Sheila Hijer
  - First: Stacey Berry
  - Second: Sonya Mowery
  - The nomination was accepted.
- Co-Vice Presidents: Jim and Sonya Mowery
  - First: Betsi Vesser
  - Second: Stacey Berry
  - The nomination was accepted.
- Co-Presidents: Lonnie and Stacey Berry
  - First: Mike Rose
  - Second: Sonya Mowery
  - The nomination was accepted.

Eddie Davis called for any new business.

- A question was asked as to when the Hawaii trip would take place. It was clarified that it would be Thanksgiving week of 2011.
- Betsi Vesser asked for the section of last month's minutes regarding the web site to be re-read. Cara Dahlke repeated that, according to the previous minutes, Betsi said she would continue to update the band web site if a replacement for her couldn't be found. Betsi said that was still okay with her to continue that job, again if a replacement isn't found.
- A question was asked regarding how much we would be spending on new jackets next year. Cara Dahlke said she was fitting incoming freshmen next week and we will know more when that is completed.
  - Mrs. Robinson said it is still undecided if the battery will wear an alternated uniform or wear the same uniform as the rest of the band. They like the uniform look of everyone on the field wearing the same thing and using themed costumes in the front ensemble, but it will depend on what we need and what else can be found for them to wear.
  - Eddie Davis noted that he remembers jackets costing about \$400 each and that could be a significant cost.
  - We also don't know how many students we are getting from Northwest. Last year it was only four, and this year it should be similar.
  - Right now it looks like we will have 121 returning upperclassman band members and are getting 32 from Powell Middle School. Nineteen seniors are graduating, but only 13 of them wore jackets.

- A question was asked regarding raising funds for the upcoming Hawaii trip.
  - Stacey Berry responded that they have several ideas for fund raisers. We will do the ones we have done past years, plus possibly another Bike Run in the fall. She is also planning on doing an intent night for band camp.
  - We also have the Coke sale going on right now through April 25<sup>th</sup>. The students earn a \$5 credit for every case of Coke they sell and a \$3 credit for Gatorade. The price we are selling our Coke for is less than you pay in a store, so it should sell well. Students could easily pay for band camp with the Coke Sale.
  - The Carter Band went to Europe and Stacey has talked to them about how they raised money. Some things they did were a flea market where they rented out booth space to sellers for \$25 per spot. They had sponsorship letters for students to go out and get individual sponsors toward their portion of the trip's cost; Stacey plans to contact some of the larger businesses in town for sponsorships as well. So, we are already planning ways to raise the money.
  - A question was asked about the cost of shipping instruments and uniforms. Stacey said she doesn't know about the instruments, but she has someone who will ship the uniforms already.
- Betsi Vesser made a motion that we purchase the music for next year's show at a cost of \$1,700. (Any purchase over \$1,000 requires a vote.)
  - Stacey Berry seconded the motion.
  - A vote was taken, and motion passed with no dissenting votes.
  - Mrs. Robinson assured the boosters that she and Mr. Shaw don't want to put us in an uncomfortable position as far as finances go. They already have ideas for flags, guard uniforms, and things like that. We won't be getting any surprises in those areas this year as the directors are keeping control of that type of spending.

Mike Rose moved that we adjourn the meeting. Eddie Davis adjourned the meeting at 7:42 p.m.

*These minutes are respectfully submitted (for the last time) by Cara Dahlke  
Powell Band Booster Secretary*