

# **Band Booster Meeting Notes**

## **January 29, 2007**

Meeting called to order at 7:30 p.m.

### **Mr. Panoff Comments**

- thank yous for kind words from parents after holiday concerts
- Recruiting drive
  - recruiting link on band website
  - color guard link in the making
  - has been to Stone MS for a day and will be at Rachel MS soon
  - would like a table set up for Curriculum Fair on 2/7 (now scheduled for 2/15)
    - brochure being created to hand out
    - need parents to man table
    - would like to have a TV and video to show the marching program
    - might rehearse WS that night
- All-District Band
  - all permission forms should be turned in
  - no students are to drive to West Potomac HS for rehearsals
    - Thursday school bus leaves WHS at 4:15 p.m.
    - Friday school bus leaves WHS at 6:30 a.m.
- Bowling Lock-in
  - 120 kids (approx) signed up
  - February 9 12:30 a.m.- 6:00 a.m.
  - \$20.00
- Festival
  - February 19 President's Day holiday WS may rehearse
  - February 21 pre-Festival concert at WHS with Stone MS
- Disney Spring Trip; March 23, Friday, all ensembles perform
  - Jazz at 8:00 a.m.
  - CB, SB, WS later
- Leonard Slatkin has been contacted to work with the WS prior to Festival TBA
  - don't tell the kids until confirmed
  - since scheduled for February 27 from 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
- Solo & Ensemble April 21
  - at Stone MS
  - registrations due by March 19
  - required of all students either at Stone or in front of a WHS ensemble
- Excused from Rehearsals
  - will not excuse for sports off-season conditioning
  - student must be on a varsity VHSL sponsored team
  - after school rehearsals end after festival until just before end of year concerts

## **President Debbie Falatko's Comments—**

- Scholarship Committee has five volunteers
- Need chaperones for bowling lock-in
- Need volunteers for Nominating Committee
- May restructure Board to include Committee Chairs
- Music Booster Club has positions available for next year
  - not time-consuming
  - 3 meetings a year
  - need representation at that level
- Let Becky Anderson know if you can volunteer for the spring Disney trip
- Still waiting for VA tax exempt status
- Robinson incident
  - Board asked for apology from Robinson coaches; no apology
  - Wrote a letter to Robinson principal; no apology (have since received \$40 reimbursement for damaged instrument)
  - Forwarded above ltr with email to our's and Robinson's Cluster Superintendents
    - Unsatisfactory response from Robinson's Cluster Superintendent
    - No response from our Cluster Superintendent
  - Will take lead from parents as to next step
  - Parents decided it was necessary to involve FCPS Superintendent/School Board
  - Discussion of Boosters having their own Marshals to prevent future situations
  - Felt that there should be a County-wide policy not just a school policy

## **Uniform Committee**

- 9 Marching uniforms HAVE NOT been turned in. Need uniforms ASAP from
  - Hyunji Koo (clarinet)**
  - Travis Hughlett (drumline)**
  - Kayla Sherfey (trumpet)**
  - Leah McNicholas (piccolo)**
  - Patricia Cave (clarinet)**
  - Toni Cox (sax)**
  - Kate Almen (trumpet)**
  - Eunice Seo (piccolo)**
  - Victoria Monroe (bass clarinet)**

## **Color Guard**

- Lord & Taylor fundraiser
  - tickets \$5.00
  - many benefits at March 20 all-day event
- Bake sales
- Mini winter guard camp went well and working on routines

## **Financials**

- School start-up money is depleted
- Bond money that was leftover has been spent
- County budget has tightened and WHS administration needs us to carry our weight
- MBC now divested and our needs much greater than other member groups
- We can keep fees low and fundraise rest or raise fees
  - Other schools in area pay as much as \$750.00 in registration fees
- Activities Office has asked if BBO can contribute towards astroturfing football field
  - will cost \$750,000.00
  - received \$400,000.00 from the county and needs to raise the rest
- Fundraisers
  - not just for trips and student accounts but also program expenses
  - trying to boost participation
  - asking for 100% participation
  - if can't get much improved participation will have to start cutting or increase fees
  - all fundraisers have fallen short of the mark
  - new fundraiser presented by Edie Bergay
    - pink/yellow stained glass breast cancer symbol
    - \$20.00
    - pending school administration approval

## **University of Wisconsin**

- taken legal action to stop WHS from using the "W" in its current style
- nothing new can be purchased and all current merchandise/uniforms must be phased out
- this will affect how we are able to replace marching uniforms

Adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Submitted by  
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