

BAND BOOSTERS ASSOCIATION OF WEST BLOOMFIELD

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ANNUAL MEETING

TUESDAY JUNE 7, 2016

7:00 PM, iCENTER (MEDIA CENTER)

WEST BLOOMFIELD HIGH SCHOOL

MINUTES

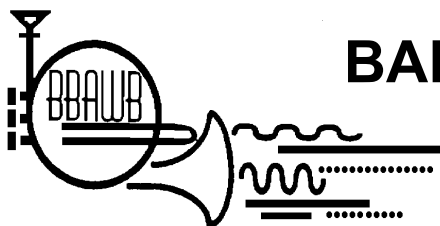
Attending: Chad Mielens, Christine Karow, Sarah Boyle, Claudia Bologna, Christina Nicolaidis, Natalie Walls, Marguerite DeBello, Christine Long, Cindy Grove, Robin Foley, Carol Finklestein, Suzanne & Brett Crawford, Marie Brice, Ruth Richards, Scott Hobart, Hsin Wang, Renee Floer, Melanie Gorman, Mark Lempert, Renee Judkins, John Boruta, Kirsten Watkins-White, Shannon Mance, Carmen Luna, Kim Potts, Barbara Brenner, Sandy Affer, Shelley Cooper and Steve Bologna (remote)

Call to Order 7:05 pm/Introduce Board (for new parents) – Christine Karow

MOTION for approval of Minutes from May 3, 2016 meeting from Marguerite DeBello, seconded by Kirsten Watkins-White. Approved by consensus.

1. Director Update

- a. Marching Band – recruiting; successful for percussion & Guard, wind section leaders going to OLMS this week. With current and expected people, band may be bigger.
- b. Music; First movement music released on Facebook, listen to and begin working.
- c. Summer Schedules posted at wbbands.info. Let directors know if students will be missing rehearsals before late July. After that, all members are expected to attend all rehearsals.
- d. Mini-camp June 17 12-4pm to get a jump-start. Members should have music by then. May also have second movement by then. They will be better prepared for rehearsals when they start.
- e. Upcoming events/activities
 - e.i. Upcoming deadlines – physicals, requested to be here for minicamp, but can bring later. **MUST** have for July rehearsals.
 - e.ii. Registration must be done by June 17 – Initial form and \$200 deposit so that place is held/planned for.
 - e.iii. Questions and Discussion: Approximate size of band? Hoping for 75-78. Props? Large glasses; size & shape TBD. Not sure if students can maneuver. Hoping to have props planned by mid-August. Props committee will be, but has not yet been staffed. Will fit on truck? Somehow, yes. What has 8th grade participation been so far? Some in Guard & percussion, Memorial Day Parade. How to enroll in Student Accounts? Plan to have Scrips & Charms 101 meetings to explain how to use. Questions about tag day.
- f. **Parent Code of Conduct** – Pat Watson has requested that all organizations get in line with district on parent conduct. Existing policy has been modified for our program. **Requires signatures from all parents**, should be turned in soon. Question – how are bullying concerns addressed? Chad Mielens should be first point of contact and will handle and/or pass along as necessary. Question – is there hazing? Absolutely not. There is an initiation, but any stunts are pre-approved by director.



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2. Vice President Update
 - a. Fundraisers: Tag Day raised \$1500+ in six hours. Spring Swing was held in a lovely location, raised \$2800+, BD's Mongolian Grill raised \$280 (best restaurant fundraiser to date) Spring Flower Sale raised \$416.
 - b. Upcoming Fundraisers: - June 14 at Mac & Brewz. Car Wash this summer, date TBD, Fall Tag Day, Scrips ongoing
 - c. Tiger Game fundraiser (Kirstin Watkins-White (chair)). Concessions. We have not officially registered yet, until sign-ups improve. Kirsten changed games to all weekends, will re-send schedule. First date is June 25. Split is 90/10 in favor of student, remainder to Scholarship fund.
3. Treasurer Update
 - a. Co Treasurers Steve & Claudia present year to date figures. At this point, we are about 3k in surplus. At the next Board meeting the Treasurers will be asking Board to designate the majority of that toward Uniforms, Scholarships, and Instruments. Marching Band uniforms are at year 10 of an expected 8-10 year life span. Question - How did we go from significant deficit to a surplus? By reversing trend of underpricing programs. Earlier this spring a large committee was formed to address actual costs and recommend fees for Band and Winter Programs. In addition, the focus changed from lots of little fundraisers to fewer but more productive ones. We also adjusted staff expenses.
 - b. **2016-2017 Budget Presentation** for Approval. We understand that fees are high. Many costs are fixed and don't really change with the enrollment, so smaller band creates higher per-student cost. Instruments are wearing out, and doing a fundraising campaign is very difficult, far better to set funds aside now. Why did fees go up when we aren't traveling this year? Marguerite DeBello who was on fees committee explained the exhaustive process and methodology the committee used to come up with the committee's recommendation. Question on how fees can be raised when trips are not involved? Director and Board reply that it would best be classified as a correction to account for revenue that came down, i.e. Scrips and the number of band members dropping. Concerns expressed about past decisions.

MOTION from Ruth Richards to approve 2016-2017 budget as proposed, seconded by Marguerite DeBello. Approved by consensus

4. Student Account Treasurer Update – accounts are up to date.

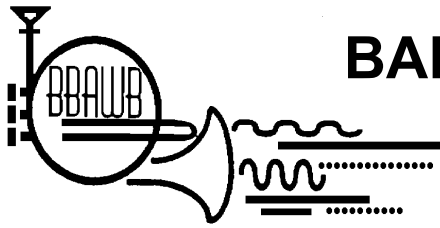
5. Secretary Update – Correspondence is up to date.

6. **New Board for 2016-2017** – slate to be voted on:

- a. President: Christine Karow
- b. Vice President: Scott Hobart
- c. Treasurer(s): Ruben & Carmen Luna
- d. Student Account Treasurer(s): Kim Bates & Steve Bologna
- e. Secretary: Mani Ravindran

MOTION from Marguerite DeBello to approve entire slate as presented; second by Brett Crawford. Approved by consensus.

7. Other Announcements, Questions, Discussion - Question about truck ads form, about encouraging Board President Dr. Hirsch's involvement, District subsidies.



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Adjourn Business portion of meeting at 8:37pm

- Presentation by Zachary Crawford on America's Thanksgiving Parade, Chicago Festival of Lights and Disney. Detroit application states participants are responsible for transportation, accommodations, and all expenses incurred in Detroit. The Parade Company offers \$500 stipend for expenses. Chicago Festival of Lights – taking place Nov 19, includes 5-6 bands, is broadcast in Chicago. Costs best determined by contacting organizer for prices. Lots to do in Chicago. The Disney parade requires video to apply, costs \$152-\$476 per student. Ways to cut costs include renting instruments (rather than transporting them), different packages exist throughout 2017. Zachary reached out to local bands who participated in Macy's and Tournament of Roses parades, they enjoyed the experience. Plymouth Canton got a \$125,000 bond from District to help cover costs for Pasadena trip. Also, Channel 7 has program to feature marching bands in fall.
- Chad's response – first re Thanksgiving – biggest drawback is giving up holiday w family for freezing cold. Benefit of Chicago or Disney would be a bonding experience, multi-activity trip. Likes the idea of looking forward, a little too rushed to do this year. Need to research cost, poll on interest in participating.

Upcoming dates:

- Last Day of School: Friday, June 17
- Marching Band Mini Camp (full band): June 17 12-4pm
- Next parent meeting: Tuesday July 5, 2016
- Next board meeting: TBD