**BAW General Meeting Minutes** November 5th, 2019

**7:00pm Call to Order:** Brian Parkhurst

**Recognize freshmen roadies—**Thank you to these students! They helped so much and their cheerful attitude is very much appreciated.

**Treasurer’s Report -** Renee Loya

* Current Balance $11,948

**Event Recap**

* KBMA -The show was the best of the year. The kids’ camaraderie was great! They performed well and cheered for each other. If you didn’t make it to the performance, plan to go next year.
* Viking Village- Great job Emily Berns! Everything went well with setup, kids helped a great deal to turn our gym into a village. We’re using feedback to make some improvements for next year. We had good vendor feedback. Look for a final report in January. All the vendors were impressed by the kids help loading and unloading

Traffic could have been a lot better for some. We need to make sure it’s not only band families that attend. We need the community to come. Help us come up with ideas for better marketing. Yard signs was suggested. Online marketing is often free. Mr. Thomas reminded that we can print anything needed from our printer. All marketing ideas are welcome!

**Chairs/Board Members**

* We Need Your Help!!! Committee chairs are still needed this year: help us reach out to other parents for help
* Need bulletin board co-chair
* Car show: Bill Whiteside started the show and is still involved. We need someone else to help out.
* Dine to Donate is set up through Dec. We need someone for January onward who can work with the current senior parent chairs.
* Jazz on the bridge in April –Easy! Order BBQ and run concession stand
* Lucy and Jessica can be pick up point for coupon books.
* London spring flower sales need co chair
* Louie Louie band coordinator – Brian Parkhurst volunteered to chair
* Spirit wear in spring
* Website/social media needs new point person. Our coordinator doesn’t currently have a student in band.
* Chili Supper - Michelle Taylor is the chair, we need subcommittee chairs for food, setup, cleanup, etc.

**London Committee Update**

* First payment is due
* Now is the time to start working seriously on fundraising

**Coupon Books**

* HyVee Coupon Books sell for $5. Includes $5 off grocery sales of $75 or more
* $4 of proceeds go to student’s London account
* Parents text or email Jessica Casselman, or Lucy, and setup a time to meet to pickup coupon books.
* Current books are valid through December 31st
* In January HyVee fundraising switches to a card with 8 coupons. Jennifer Major will get information on price
* Other Possibilities: Price chopper doesn’t charge for coupon books (more profit) Jennifer, Dawn and Russ will discuss options.

**Red Wheel Fundraiser**

* + Genevieve & Susan are Chairs
  + All money due by 11/19/19 Cash or checks made to “SM West Band London”
* Students CAN sell door to door (take a buddy!)
* One flyer was missing from the handout (breakfast burritos etc). Freshmen did receive it. Upperclassmen need to get the additional flyer.
* This helps you get your kid to London. 70% of profits will go to student’s individual account

**Dine to Donate**

* December 11 5:00-9:00 pm Panda Express  12210 W. 95th Street
* We could use a volunteer to help the current chair set up opportunities starting in January

**Upcoming**

* District Honor Band Auditions Nov 9th, Rehearsals Dec 7th
* Mr. Thomas will email details tonight to participating students. Show up at 8:00am Saturday to find your time slot. Should be finished by noon. Must already be signed up.
* Pep Band Rehearsals are on-going through November. Come out to support the pep band. Basketball games are fun!
* Musical Nov 13-16th some of our band students are in the pit orchestra and onstage.
* Dec 12th All Bands Concert

**Director’s Report-Bill Thomas**

* Thurs Mr. Thomas will defend his dissertation during 2 hrs of questioning
* Red Door –Use texting. Instagram, etc. use # on packet to let people know about red door. Use name to get credit
* Auditions will be finished tomorrow for wind ensemble
* Pep band starts in January. Rehearsals Monday and Wednesday mornings from 7:00-7:30am.
* This Saturday District Honor Band auditions The East Central and Northeast district auditions have fewer administrators. So they need door monitors (sending kids into room). If you are available Saturday, please help. You don’t need to know anything about music. Arrive by 7:30 for instructional meeting and should be finished by noon. If you can help out, contact Mr. Thomas or Mr. Hupe
* Freshmen roadies. Yay, thank you!
* **Reflecting on Marching Season:**
* Our band has 4 or 5 home games each year (4 most recently).
* We are a moderately competitive band. We do a couple competitions each year. K State show is a festival. Rated -Excellent good, etc KBA is a ranked show, winner, captions, etc. We’ve done one of each. This year. KBA was our best show of the season. “You can never outjudge a judge.” We were happy with our performance.
* We didn’t make finals, but Mr. Thomas watched the finals. Listened to our critiques. Judges are nationally trained. K State is college directors. Judges are very high quality
* Kids listened to critique. 5 of the 6 top bands were Blue Valley and Olathe.
* The KBMA show is getting better, and attracting top bands. 1-6A next year will split out.
* We need to think about if we want to compete at that level, or go back to Warrensburg? The only differences is we have a staff of 3.5 vs. other bands that have 7-8 staff including marching techs: Woodwind and brass specialists. 2 percussion techs. 2 colorguard advisors.
* Now it’s more competitive than in the past. Our students should help decide what level of competitiveness they are comfortable with.
* One thing we can change is buying custom music and drill which will shrink the show between the 30 yard lines and forward of back hash so sound is more concentrated.
* We’re very proud of kids and show. Mr. Thomas was in tears.
* We spent 8000 in costs just to go to games, etc. this year vs. schools with home fields. Mr. Thomas is trying to rectify that situation with the district.
* How can we augment the budget to afford better drill? and if we don’t have one equipment truck donated? We have corporate sponsors who help out. $6000 from corporate sponsorships who are mostly band families and former band families.
* Our program is built on concert band - Yet we spend so much more money on marching. We want to bring in clinicians in spring so all students can have extra training. Corporate sponsorships help!

**Mr. Thomas Played the KBA judge critique:**

* 2 music judges. 2 visual judges, 2 overall effect, colorguard, percussion
* Audio was from the individual music judge
* He can give feedback that can be applied to all players. Kids don’t think about every aspect. But if there are more staff, these comments can be made all throughout the season.
* Kids understand that they DO need to learn their part.
* Kids grew from SM marching festival and K State. Most importantly kids have fun and a positive experience.
* Our goal is to come back stronger and better next year.
* Some seniors said the band has improved over the last 3 years, but so has everyone else.
* Kids can take and understand critiques. (more as upperclassmen). Critique from on field is very detailed.
* Looking at shows for next year.

**Closing reminders: Brian Parkhurst**

* Feb 14 basketball concessions.
* Playing is a lifelong skill. Kids are learning and can use skill throughout lives, (vs. some sports!)
* Credit card payments for London can be taken after the meeting.

**8:05 Meeting adjourned**

Next BAW general meeting December 3rd 7:00pm