

Minutes for Baker County Band Boosters Meeting

Call to Order

A meeting of the Baker County Band Boosters was held on March 1, 2022, in the BCHS band room. It began at 6:33 p.m. and was presided over by Elena Lowther.

Attendees

Elena Lowther, Robin Johnson, Andrew Lowther, Liz Cobb, Becky Dietrich, Tracie Sides, Jennifer Luke, Robert Luke, Amy Kreutz, Stacey Dopson, Janet Lane, Rhonda Jewell, Myles Moore, Clay Keel, and Alane Clardy

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Robin Johnson reported the following bank balances:

TRU-FI: \$5224.15 [checking] and \$46.47 [savings]

First Federal: \$8,353.88

PayPal: \$200

Cash Box: \$200

Outstanding expenses include: \$1,500-2,000 [insurance]; \$1,000 senior scholarship]; \$250 [summer camp scholarships]; \$600 approximately outstanding balance of receipts for Solo and Ensemble event

General Business

1. The goal of the meeting was to debrief regarding the **solo and ensemble event**, to hear Mrs. Clardy speak about starting up a **Winter Guard**; and to discuss the **end-of-year trip** options.
2. **Mr. Moore** requested \$3,500 be earmarked for next year's marching show. A motion was made by Liz to grant the full amount and was seconded by Becky. The group voted in favor of granting the full amount.
3. **Mr. Moore** reported to the members that the solo and ensemble event was very successful. Many accolades were received from band directors and judges. The work coverage by students, parents, and staff was excellent.
4. The group voted to support Mr. Moore in asking administration and his colleagues to allow BCHS to hold the event again in 2023. The motion was made by Becky and seconded by Amy, and the group voted in favor.
5. Mr. Moore and the group listed the particular aspects of S & E that went well:
 - a. Signage
 - b. Parking
 - c. Catering for directors' and judges' meals
 - d. Concessions
 - e. Janitorial procedures
 - f. Welcome Center
 - f. Parent and Student volunteers
6. The group listed aspects of S & E that could be improved:
 - a. More lighting is needed in the parking areas, around the school, and in the concessions area
 - b. Avoid parking in the dirt if there are other spaces available
 - c. Make sure the sign-in process works better, i.e., students have their i.d. #'s

- d. Encourage band directors to have their students attend S & E, even though it might be a long drive for some groups
 - e. Ask administration to see if locker rooms can be spruced up
 - f. The Concessions Committee should plan early; try to get equipment to the high school as early as Wednesday; make some food at home and bring it to the high school Friday warm and ready to go; provide an extra warmer so two warming pans can be filled with fries; consider having two grills going and two fryers going; plan for breakfast items on Saturday morning; make sure the card reader will work
7. Alane Clardy asked the group for help with fundraising ideas to start up a Winter Guard. She estimates it would take about \$5,000 to start up which would include paying dues to the governing Winter Guard organization, equipment costs, including an indoor mat which would run upwards of \$2,000. The group recommended an Ace Hardware fundraiser, A colorguard night at Dairy Queen, and some cut of the fair booth. A motion was made by Becky and seconded by Amy for BCBB to grant the color guard \$1,500 as a start-up fundraiser. The group voted in favor of granting this amount.
8. Several scenarios were discussed for the end-of-the year trip. After MPA on March 5th, more will be known about how to proceed. Following are some possible trip plans
- a. If the band makes State at MPA, we would normally then go to the event but this year it falls on dates during spring break. The band could attend "Central State," and then go onto Universal from there.
 - b. If the band does not make state, the requirement set forth by administration is that the band plays at the venue. If the band wanted to get approved to play at Universal, for example, it could take close to two months which makes this option less viable. We are running out of time.
 - c. Other possibilities were mentioned such as attending a clinic at UCF or UF where the band played and afterwards went on to Universal. These would have to be approved by administration and/or the school board.
10. A number of **board positions will be coming open** this spring. We encourage band parents who can donate their time to this needed endeavor to please consider taking on a position. The details of the openings and duties will be discussed at the

Announcement

No new announcements were made as the meeting was almost solely dedicated to planning the solo and ensemble event.

Action Items

1. Mr. Moore will let students know the BCBB scholarship is now \$1,000
2. Mr. Moore will mention to the administration the poor conditions of the women's restroom
3. Once the MPA status is obtained, the end of the year trip will need to be planned
4. Parents should consider accepting a board position as several will be opening up in May

Adjournment

The motion to adjourn the meeting **was made by and seconded by**. The meeting **adjourned at ??**