Minutes for Baker County Band Boosters Meeting

**Call to Order**

A meeting of the Baker County Band Boosters was held on May 3, 2022, in the BCHS band room. It began at 6:40 p.m. and was presided over by Elena Lowther.

**Attendees**

Elena Lowther, Robin Johnson, Andrew Lowther, Liz Cobb, Mike Scott, Becky Dietrich, Jennifer Luke, Robert Luke, Stacey Dopson, Jud Johnson, Myles Moore, Justin Burnham, and Clay Keel

**Treasurer’s Report:** Treasurer Robin Johnson reported the following bank balances:

TRU-FI: $ 5,530.14 [checking] and $57.47 [savings]

First Federal: $4,837.28

PayPal: $200

Cash Box: $200

Amazon earnings: $33.63

Outstanding Expenses not yet paid at the time of the meeting: $1,250 in summer camp and senior scholarships; and $1,500 to Color Guard for winter guard start-up

Approximately $2,000 needs to be kept in order to move forward into the next academic year

**General Business**

1. Elena began the meeting by discussing the boosters’ part in planning and contributing towards the end-of-the year trip. It was a hefty endeavor involving the securing of buses, hotel accommodations, Universal Studio tickets, Hard Rock Café meal, t-shirts, and Friday morning’s send-off breakfast. It was agreed that, for the most part, the trip was a resounding success. However, there were a few problems especially in terms of chaperones’ perception of their role. Robin shared a specific problem, but there were others as well. The group decided that it would be important to accept chaperones with whom the group is familiar and to take great care in assigning chaperones and forming the student groups. It was also advised by Mike to establish clearer guidelines for trip fundraisers so money earned specifically for the trip is used accordingly.
2. The next part of the meeting consisted of Myles presenting a rationale and explanation for why we pay money for professionally composed marching shows. He made the following points:
3. High school marching bands follow the guidelines of Drum Corps International
4. It is expected that shows incorporate dance and props for the “General Effect” category of rating
5. To meet the expectations there is technology that aids in creating these elements along with matching it to the selection of the music and theme. As Myles does not have experience or credentials in this very involved composition task, he does not feel qualified to create the band’s show on his own.
6. He went on to explain the special relationship he has developed with Professor Creswell who gives our band a significant discount on the shows he has written for us. He also volunteers his time to work with the band several times each season offering invaluable feedback.
7. Towards the end of the presentation, Myles shared the results of a poll he sent to band students that shows that the majority of students wanted to continue receiving the shows in the same way as has been established these last few seasons.
8. The boosters received the presentation in a positive light and expressed their gratitude for the detailed and professional explanation for why we pay someone more qualified to write our shows.
9. Becky made a motion to set aside $3,500 for next year’s marching show; $1,000 for the middle school banquet; $400 for the high school banquet; and $600 for middle school books; Mike seconded it.
10. The last part of the meeting was devoted to electing officers for the 2022-2023 year.

Following is a list of the offices that were voted on:

President: Jennifer Luke (Motion by Robin and seconded by Becky)

Vice President I: Andrew Lowther (currently serving out term)

Vice President II: Mike Scott (currently serving out terms)

Secretary: Janet Lane (Motion by Liz and seconded by Stacey)

Treasurer: Amy Kreutz (Motion by Becky and seconded by Stacey)

Auxiliary Liaison: Stacey Dopson

The travel chair position is still vacant as are some other more specific offices.

**New Business**

There was no new business discussed.

**Announcement**

There were no new announcements made.

**Action Items**

Members can come prepared to the June meeting to discuss future end-of-year trips.

**Adjournment**

The motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Becky and seconded by Jennifer. The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.