

Baker County Band Boosters Monthly Meeting Minutes

Date: April 6, 2021 Time: 6:30 p.m.

Location: BCHS Band Room

I. Call to Order: 6:39 Time

II. Attendees : Elena Lowther, Robin Johnson, Andrew Lowther, Myles Moore, Clay Keel, Jennifer Luke, Becky Dietrick, Mike Scott, Jud Johnson, Meredith Ehrie, Renee Lyons, Kimberly Erwin, Michelle Williams, Chris Adams, LaSondra Miracle, and Liz Cobb

III. Reading of Minutes: deferred

IV. Reports of Officers, Fundraisers and Committees:

A. Treasurer Report (Robin Johnson)—reported a balance of approximately \$5,000.00

Country Federal: Checking Balance	\$ 2,351.47	Country Federal:Savings Balance	\$51.36
First Federal Checking	\$ 1,939.41	Cash Box	\$ 397.00
PayPal Balance	\$ 200.00	Amazon YTD Earnings	\$
Amazon Smile Program	\$		

Robin explained to members that we can earn money from Amazon Smile accounts dedicated to BCBB. She will find to a way to post the link so more band parents can help out in this way when they make their Amazon orders.

V. Old Business:

a. Agenda Item: Scholarships

Discussion:

College Scholarship: Seniors have still not applied for the \$750 college scholarship, so there was some discussion about extending the deadline again. Elena and Robin clarified that students who were applying to both colleges and trade schools were eligible. Also, students of board members are eligible since a separate group is assigned to choose the recipients. If no student applies, the funds will be rolled over to the general fund. A motion was introduced by Robin to extend the deadline to April 30, 2021 for seniors to apply and for the requirements to be that the applicant must submit two letters of reference, a 500-word essay, and be able to verify that they volunteered for some BCBB fundraising events. The motion was seconded by Liz.

Summer Camp Scholarships: The summer music camp scholarship deadline is 4/18/21.

Action Item:

- ✓ Clay Keel and Myles Moore will announce the scholarship deadlines to their students.
- ✓ Myles will put links to summer band camps on the website

b. Agenda Item: Reimbursement

A pre-approved reimbursement of \$56.00 to Mike Scott for the fall T-shirt fundraiser will now be donated by Mike to the BCBB general fund.

c. Agenda Item: Fundraisers

1. Car Wash Fundraiser

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Robin and Elena asked that parents help out by volunteering to be at the 4/17 event and to bring car wash supplies. There will be concessions sold as well.

2. Ace Hardware Fundraiser

Action Item:

- ✓ Elena and Andrew will confirm some Saturday dates. They were unable to do so yet.

3. Picnic BBQ Plate Fundraiser

Discussion:

The date that we had set for this event would conflict with the band banquet date, so it was agreed that we would pursue this fundraiser in the fall.

Action Items:

- ✓ Elena and Robin will look at past fundraisers to research the number of plates to plan for
- ✓ Elena will reach out to the family to invite them to be members and to discuss the delay

4. Breakfast with Santa Fundraiser

Discussion:

Robin and Elena explained the Breakfast with Santa fundraiser to the group since there were multiple new attendees. The event is a community holiday event, and as such it was decided at the special committee meeting for this fundraiser to keep the plate prices down to \$5.00. Andrew secured a date on the district calendar for the event which will be December 11th. Robin and Elena made a request for new members to consider heading up this fundraiser with their help and support.

Action Item:

- ✓ Letters will be sent out to businesses for sponsorship of this event. Robin and Elena could use help with this task as it is the first step to get this fundraiser off the ground.

5. University of Florida Concession Stand Fundraiser

Discussion:

Becky reported that she received the necessary information on the fundraiser, and UF's requirements, one of which there would need to be a minimum of six workers from our group. There are many different options and incentives for this activity.

Action Item:

- ✓ Elena will look over the folder of information that Becky provided.

6. Prism Concert Bake Sale

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Jennifer will head up the effort and asked for volunteer bakers.

VI. New Business:

Agenda Item: Percussion Auxiliary Teacher

Myles reported that the drumline support person resigned. We are now faced with not having a drumline teacher which is not a good option for the band. This is a position that needs to be filled. The idea was discussed that there is a middle school teacher who might fit the bill, Forrest Elledge, who is a graduate of BCHS and former drum major and very experienced percussionist. Currently, Forrest holds the unpaid assistant band director position at BCMS. If we could offer him a stipend, we might be able to entice him to work with our percussion section for the coming year. Myles asked if BCBB would consider making a general donation to the band for Forrest's stipend. He originally asked for \$700 but after some points that Mike Scott made, the group decided to start with the offer of \$500. The group discussed dedicating one of the ACE Hardware fundraising Saturdays [preferably in early June] to be dedicated to the percussion section which would include the stipend for the percussion auxiliary teacher. Mike Scott motioned to approve this general donation to the band and Jennifer Luke seconded it.

Agenda Item: Potential Solo and Ensemble Middle School and High School Event to be held at BCHS

Discussion:

Myles reported that Principal Jacobs and Vice Principal Canon approved the idea to hold Solo and Ensemble for our district at BCHS February 2022. This is a potential major fundraising opportunity for our school music programs. Myles will now have to draft a letter to FBA to request that we be allowed to hold the event at BCHS. In his letter he will need to be able to suggest some enticements of which the group decided could be unique but sought-after concessions and a homecooked meal for FBA board members. Committees were suggested by Myles, and Elena organized committee chairpersons as follows:

Concession Stand: Andrew Lowther

Welcome Duties: Robin Johnson and Michelle Williams

Parking: Mike Scott

Student Volunteers: Liz Cobb

Cleaning: Kim Erwin

Home Cooked Meal for FBA Board: Jennifer Luke

Action Item:

- ✓ Myles requested committee chairpersons to think about ways they will be able to make the event welcoming and profitable.
- ✓ Myles will draft the letter and present it at the next FBA meeting.

VII. Announcements

No new announcements at this time.

A. Topics for next meeting

- Discuss and/or finalize plans for various fundraisers: ACE, BBQ plate, Breakfast with Santa, UF Concession Stand

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- Updates on scholarship applicants
 - Updates on Solo and Ensemble proposal to FBA
 - Updates on Percussion Teacher
- E. Move to Adjourn: Mike motioned; Jennifer seconded the motion to adjourn at 8:09 p.m.