

Hanford Music Association

Meeting Minutes

December 7, 2010

Call to Order: 7:03 pm by Ruth Ann Hickey

Attendance: Ruth Ann Hickey, Diana Hatchell, John Neath, Kevin Swisher, Evah Ann Powelson, Catherine Laws, Donald Salyer, Lori Wasner, Kathy Mehlenbacher, Liz Carter, Holly McTighe, Jane LePage

Minutes: the November minutes were approved without review as they had been e-mailed to members and were on the website.

Treasurer's Report: John Neath

- the current balance is \$23,900
- HMA is behind on anticipated revenue
- so far, the Beef Raffle has brought in about \$1000; \$500 for students and \$500 for HMA

Fundraising: Ruth Ann Hickey. Students have raised \$4550 for their individual ASB accounts so far this year. Funds from the Beef Raffle have not yet been included.

Poinsettia Sales: Holly McTighe

- 386 plants were sold with \$1149 going into students' accounts.

Beef Raffle: Ruth Ann Hickey

- Drawing will be held at the concert on Dec.9

Pasta Dinner: Ruth Ann Hickey for Tracy Lofton

- will be held Saturday, Feb. 12 between the matinee and evening musical performances. HMA is also in charge of concessions at both performances that day.
- Winco will not commit to sole sponsorship. A letter has been sent to see how much they will contribute. Other sponsors will be needed.

Swing Dance: Lori Wasner and Holly McTighe

- Friday, May 20 in the HHS Commons from 7:00 to 11:00 pm.
- Enterprise Jazz Band will participate.

Drums Along the Columbia: Kevin Swisher

- DCI will now be an every other year event in the Tri-Cities. There will be no local show this summer, it will be held in Spokane.
- Last year's show lost money. Hanford was the only school to make a profit.
- Lori Wasner will check to see if Hanford will receive any more funds from the last show.
- Kevin suggested that HMA bring in a large event in the years that will not have a DCI show.
- next year, the Victor Wooten Band including Derico Watson will be touring the Northwest.
- Chris Newbury will contact Derico Watson about the possibility of a stop in Richland on their tour. Concert would be in RHS auditorium.

Marching Band Trailer: Evah Ann Powelson

- the group is still researching options and has differing opinions
- one option is a "Kentucky Mover" semi trailer such as moving companies use. Cost would be around \$8000. More fact finding will be done to see if a company may donate a used one for the tax benefit.
- the group will also check with RHS about the arrangements they have for a driver.
- the two current band trailers would be sold to help finance the larger trailer.

- Richland Education Foundation grant – HMA could apply for funds to support the trailer, but it was felt that the REF grants are geared more for educational needs rather than equipment.

Marching Band Tower: Kevin Swisher

- he has contacted Mid Columbia Engineering about fabricating a tower similar to the ones available online.
- he is awaiting a quote for engineering and fabricating a suitable structure.

New Business:

ASB fees – statements will be sent out this week.

Barnes & Noble Gift Wrapping Fundraiser: December 16 to 18 and December 22.

- B&N provides materials. Adults and students work in shifts for donations.
- Half of proceeds will go to HMA and ½ to students' ASB accounts. Adults working on behalf of students will earn funds for their students' accounts.
- Every family can sign up for one time slot until all requests are met, and then additional times can be assigned. Contact Ruth Ann Hickey to sign up.

Jazz Bands: Kevin Swisher

- he would like to split Jazz 2 into two bands based on students' ability and interest level. He hoped to teach each section part time with advanced students doing sectionals. The administration will not allow this situation.
- next semester there will be 83 students in the Jazz program which is easily enough for 4 bands.
- Hanford needs another zero hour Jazz band to accommodate students' schedules, but RSD will not hire a teacher to allow for smaller class sizes.
- the possibility of HMA hiring a teacher was discussed. This has been done in the past with some positive and some negative results.
- Kevin and Chris will speak with Amanda Schuster about teaching zero hour Jazz five days a week. She currently teaches in the Percussion class two times/week.

Uniforms - still need to be dry cleaned. Kevin may be able to arrange free cleaning.

Concert Dress Storage – dresses need to be stored over the summer. It was decided to obtain large plastic bins/cardboard boxes rather than purchasing a tall rack for hanging the dresses.

WMEA/MENC Honor Groups

- HHS/RSD will not provide any financial support for the 9 students selected
- a letter will be sent to ASB to see if any support is available

December Events:

12/9 -Holiday band performances at nursing homes and concert at HHS. Two trailer drivers are needed Thursday afternoon. One volunteer is needed to pick up dinner for the students at Wendy's (baked potatoes) and Kevin will pick up cakes at Costco for after the concert.

12/16 – Orchestra Concert

12/17 – Jazz 2 performs at Mid Columbia Mastersingers and CBJO concert at HHS. Tickets available through MCM and CBJO. HMA will handle concessions at the concert.

Directors Minute: Kevin Swisher.

- Winter percussion/guard will be held one day/week after school; no competitions.
- It was reported that Cindy McKay is in charge of promoting Escrip.

Next Meeting will be held January 4 at 7:00 pm in the Band Room.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm
Submitted by Diana Hatchell
HMA Secretary