

Southington Band Backers

General Meeting

November 4, 2015

- i. The meeting was called to order at 7:36 pm by Erik Semmel.
- ii. Secretary's Report-A motion to accept the minutes of the previous meeting was made by Dan Ross, seconded by Stephanie Mitchell and approved by the entire membership.
- iii. Band Director's Report-Erik reported that Mrs. Ossias reminded everyone about the Veteran's Day concert on Tuesday November 10. Joanne had tickets to sell at the meeting and they are available at the door too. The ticket cost is a donation to the Fisher House. The band will be recognized with a proclamation at the December 10 BOE meeting. There is a Cogan Fair Sunday. The football playoff games are December 1, December 7 and December 12. The winter concert, for the entire music department, is December 21. The Thanksgiving Day game is away, so the band does not attend.
- iv. Corresponding Secretary-Tisha Semmel had nothing new to report. Michelle Pestillo is her shadow. We still have Nationals tickets, 18 bus seats remaining. The busses will leave at 3:30 pm, so plan accordingly.
- v. Treasurer's Report-Pat Brino reviewed the changes to the budget since the last meeting. Payments and points were used to collect uniform fees of \$989 and membership dues of \$4887. The pie sale brought in \$11,152.50, and the pies have not been paid for yet. We should end up close to budget on this. We sold a few more yard signs and we received the check for \$1345 from the mattress sale. The MOTK program guide netted \$38,412, which is well over budget. This is a job well done by all band backers! The show brought in about \$35,000 and we have paid out about \$6000 so far. There are still bills left, including concession, turf fee and police. We should have a better idea next month of how we did. There was about \$2600 brought in by merchandise, and that will end up in the black. We paid \$2460 for meal plan since last month and have collected \$10,260 for the banquet. On the expense side, Pat paid a bill for \$1300 for mallets/sticks. We paid our membership fee for US Bands for \$425, plus \$6650 to host MOTK. Erik has asked Mr. Stranieri to put \$3000 into his budget so that we can see if the BOE can help support our band league, investing in our future. The 3rd staff payment was made; there is one more remaining. We paid about \$800 for the band picnic and ice cream social. Uniform cleaning was \$1303 and truck rentals have been paid through the Cheshire competition. Under club operations, we paid \$230 for copier maintenance. Under "Various Event Ticket Sales" we funnel money for States and Nationals tickets and Nationals busses. We have already paid for the States tickets and the Nationals busses, and we still have to pay for Nationals tickets. We have been paying for meal plan each week. For banquet expenses, we paid \$635 for "The Coven" patches. Erik is working with US Bands on a State championship patch. It will cost another \$500-600, and we do not charge individually for it or the show patch.
- vi. Operations-Jon Lamkins was working on some equipment. Donna reported that she still needs at least 3 more propane tanks and Erik will send a band blast if necessary. Tim

McLaughlin reported that the schedule is tight for Saturday, so the trucks may have to leave at different times. If anyone is planning on driving down and would be willing to follow one of the trucks, let us know.

- vii. Student Administration-Diane Peccerillo reported that people that asked to use points for various tickets were able to do so. The accounts were invoiced for the Boston trip. 100% of the profit from pie sales went to the students (\$6.49/pie) and it will be the same for the butter braid/cookie dough. Barbara Roberts is Diane's shadow. Joanne reported that the team captains have collected pie orders, banquet payments and will be collecting butter braid/cookie dough orders. Pie pickup is Saturday November 21. Jon Cassan is Joanne's shadow.
- viii. Fundraising-Jen Semmel was absent, but Wendy McLaughlin explained pie pickup. She needs people to help separate pies around 8:15-8:30 that morning. There are 11 teams and it works well if 2 people work together to separate the pies by student. We sold 679 pies, over 100 more than last year.
- ix. Publicity-Eileen Kochol was absent, and Dave Pestillo is her shadow. There was a nice story in the Record-Journal this week about how all the area bands did at States. The reference to Hamlet, not Macbeth, is supposed to be corrected in the week's Observer. There should be a story about the Veteran's Day concert written by Dick Fortunato in The Citizen this Friday. The Fox 61 story by Sarah Cody will be filmed this Friday and be televised on Black Friday. Kids are encouraged to wear their BKMB gear! It started as a story about band supporting football, but now may include information about the State championship.
- x. Old Business-Raffle prizes can be brought the evening of the band banquet. Anyone that brings a prize will receive 5 free raffle tickets. You can bring wine or wine baskets, as long as an adult wins them. We received nice feedback from the Dartmouth director about our show. Mrs. Ossias heard nothing negative about MOTK. The Legacy membership is ongoing.
- xi. New Business-There is now 15 seats left on the Nationals bus. Erik is working on the State championship patches with US Bands. Erik asked Mrs. Ossias if the kids can work on a championship t-shirt and she was good with that idea. Dave Pestillo is the chair of the sub sales. He has 7 captains and needs one more. The subs will be \$7, with \$2 going to the student/sub sold. The sales are January 9/10 and January 16/17. The snow date is January 23/24 and individual sub sales end February 1. The next committee meeting is Wednesday, December 9. Paula Freeman stated that we aren't able to buy DVDs for States or Nationals this season due to additional copyright fees that bands would have to pay. The senior reflections, edited by Maria Huff, will be available via drop box again this year.
- xii. The next General meeting will be held on December 2, 2015 at 7:30 pm.
- xiii. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned after a motion from Dan Ross that was seconded by Donna Fagan and accepted by the entire membership.

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa Statkevich