

HARPER BAND BOOSTERS

Meeting Minutes

October 24, 2006

- I. 7:10 pm -- Call to Order – Welcome, Introductions, sign up sheet provided
- II. Approved Minutes of September 26, 2006 meeting.
- III. Band Director's Report – Mr. DuPertuis and Mr. Quick were present.
 - a. Discussion items:
 - i. Discussed the option of adding the purchase of a tuba to the existing list of instruments submitted for purchase by the Band Boosters. The group decided to return to the original list of prioritized instruments for purchase that lists the baritone horn as the top priority.
 - ii. Discussed the budget line item for new sheet music and the group decided, after input from the band directors to set the amount at \$900, until finalization of the entire budget at the next Band Booster meeting.
 - iii. Field trip to Davis High School IPAB is scheduled for November 13th from 1:15 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. This is a voluntary field trip for the 8th and 9th graders to attend the dress rehearsal for the Davis High School Symphonic Band presentation of "I Got Gershwin". Students choosing not to attend the field trip will go to their regular afternoon classes. These students will not have their grade affected by choosing not to attend. Seventh graders will not go on this field trip. Permission slips were sent home today and must be returned by Friday, October 27th. Students are required to provide their own transportation (bike, walk, bus, carpool) to the high school. They need to arrive by 1:40 p.m. Carpools will be identified informally by Debbie Finley; additional parent volunteers are needed to work as door monitors and managers to ensure students remain in their theater seats and practice appropriate audience behaviors.
 - b. Causeway Youth Band Festival with Peter Nowlen, (UCD), Robert Halseth (CSUS) and guest conductor and composer Frank Tichelli, November, 12th, 17th and 18th.
 - i. There were 168 8th and 9th grade students nominated by their band directors in the region to participate in this festival. This had to be pared down to 100 musicians, by the organizers of the festival, which allocated 10-11 students per school. Of the 33 advanced band students from Harper that expressed interest in participating 11 were chosen. **The**

practice dates and times are: Sunday, November 12, 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. at CSUS, and Friday, November 17, 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Saturday, November 18 from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. the students will be involved in clinics, adjudications, sectionals, rehearsals and the closing concert on the Mondavi Jackson Hall stage at 7:30 p.m.

- ii. It was suggested that parents of the participating students should be contacted via email from Mr. DuPertuis to set a time to discuss the potential need for parental involvement, support and supervision during the festival.
- c. Winter Concert with Harper Bands and Chorus, Tuesday, December 4th, Davis High School, IPAB
- i. Advanced Band students are to arrive at **4 p.m.** and bring formal concert attire
 - ii. **4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.** students will rehearse
 - iii. **5:45 p.m. to 6:15 p.m.** students will eat and relax together
 - iv. **6:15 p.m. to 6:45 p.m.** students will change into concert attire
 - v. **6:45 p.m.** students will gather in assigned areas: chorus on stage, 7th graders in the green room back stage, 8th and 9th graders in assigned seating in the theater. Seating will be rotated in the order of performers.
 - vi. **The order of performers will be:** 1.) Chorus, 2.) 7th grade Concert Band, and 3.) 8th and 9th grades Advanced Band.
 - vii. Booster Parents will organize a dinner meal for the students.
 - viii. The band directors and specific student helpers will move instruments from Harper to Davis High.
- d. Davis 2nd Annual Adjudicated Junior High Bands Festival, Saturday, March 24th
- i. This year there will be 7 bands and 6 orchestras participating, including three orchestra groups from Napa and possibly the Davis All City Band comprised of Davis elementary schools students.
 - ii. The venue will be expanded to both the IPAB and the Veteran's Memorial Theater that will not require a usage fee.
 - iii. The goal of this festival, according to the Harper band directors, is to provide a "true festival experience for the students that allows them to receive comments and feedback from judges".
 - iv. Money-making opportunities identified: expanding the concessions to include on-site BBQ food (hot-dogs, hamburgers etc.), popcorn maker, pizza ordered throughout the day, desserts etc., onsite professional photographer providing for-purchase photos, professional CD recording to be marketed to participant's families.

- v. A meeting will be set for the band directors, band booster presidents and coordinating volunteers in November to begin planning.

IV. Treasurer's Report

- a. The Treasurer provided updates on the revenues from the Direct Donation Drive, Nugget Scrip, and Papa Murphy's pizza, as well as updates on the expenses for the last month. (Treasurer's report available upon request.)
- b. Papa Murphy's Pizza fundraising night should be considered for elimination as there seems to be decreased interest from Harper families in buying pizzas on the designated Tuesday night. Papa Murphy's is interested in changing the night to the last Tuesday of the month or finding another group that may provide more customers' on the specific fundraising night.
- c. Allocation of funds was reviewed in several line items:
 - i. Sheet music purchases for 2006-07
 - ii. Instrument purchases
 - iii. Judges fees for the music festival
 - iv. Instrument repair
 - v. DHS Chimes fund reserve (which will now be known as DHS Stage Percussion fund reserve)
 - vi. Carryover funds
- d. There was discussion about utilizing current available funds to purchase a baritone horn so that a current 7th grader could use this instrument. The band directors will provide an updated cost for this instrument to the Band Boosters by e-mail for discussion and the Band Boosters will vote on the possible purchase of this instrument at the next meeting.
- e. A draft budget was moved/seconded for review and discussion, (with changes, if needed), to be voted on at the next Band Booster meeting.

VI. Next Meeting Date

- a. The next meeting was set for November 28th at 7 p.m. in the Harper Music Room
- b. The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Cliva Mee, Co-Vice President