

Paul G Blazer Band Parents Association
Minutes of Meeting, April 12, 2007

Meeting called to order by President Greg Jackson at 7:05 p.m.

Secretary's report presented. Motion to accept minutes as written made by Paul Nemeth; 2nd by Mark Loraditch.

Treasurer's report presented. Motion to accept report as given made by Mark Loraditch; 2nd by Paul Nemeth.

Old Business:

- Fundraiser Report; nothing to report at this time.
- Year End Banquet; Mr. Whelan will be sending a form home with the students listing the meal choices and the signup for guests who will be attending. The cost will be \$20.00 per guest. Reservations and money must be turned back in to Mr. Whelan by May 4.

New Business:

- Nominating Committee for Next Year's Officers; the committee contacted many people who are willing to help out next year, but they did not want to jump into the role of officer. The committee was able to get one person for each position willing to make the commitment: President, Samantha Bowen; Vice-President, Mark Loraditch; Secretary, Paula Carver. The names will be posted on the web site. According to the by-laws, when there is only one candidate for any office no vote count is necessary. "Election to the position will be by acclamation if there are no objections from the floor." Appointment to each position will be made at the May Booster meeting. The position of Treasurer is to be appointed by the elected officers and Mr. Whelan.
- Budget for Next Year; the proposed budget for next year will be presented for a vote at the May meeting.
- Next Year's Calendar; Mr. Whelan has a tentative calendar ready, but is waiting to confirm dates for competitions before he can finalize it.
- Winter Guard; this years Winter Guard placed 9th out of 16 teams. This was a great accomplishment for them since it was their first year of being together. Everyone is very proud of them!
- Gift Card; no drawing was held this month. Instead, two gift cards will be drawn at the May meeting.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, May 10 due to the Spring Concert that is scheduled for the second Tuesday of the month.

Director's Report:

- Chris is busy updating the handbook for next year. He wants to make things more specific than they are stated now. He also wants to state things more clearly on the website regarding the handbook. His goal for next year is to use more emailing for communication.

- There are tentatively 27 new members joining the band next year. The handbooks and sign up information will be given to eighth grade parents at the Verity Middle School band concert. Information will also be given to the parents about having background checks performed if they want to volunteer to help out. He wants to have the background checks done early so we don't run into the situation of time delays like we had this year.
- The practice area for Marching Band is still a concern. The new parking lot is unacceptable due to the parking issues and the design of the lot. The ideal spot for a practice area would be the teacher's parking lot. (Where the construction equipment is currently stored) Chris is going to approach school officials about clearing the area out and designating it as a place for the band to have marching practice.
- Blazer has not competed in the KMEA regional and state competitions for the last few years. Chris feels the band is now competitive enough to participate in these competitions next year and is working on getting them on the calendar.
- The uniforms are back from the cleaners and ready to be put back together. Chris hopes to have uniform fittings done in May before school lets out for the summer break. This will hopefully make things run smoother as practice season starts back up.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Terry S. Stark