

Hickory High School Bands



HBPA Meeting, April 11, 2018

Meeting commenced at 7:01 p.m. with 73 members in attendance.

The following reports were made:

Treasurer: Jeannet Barr filled in for Larry Weinstein and reported that expenses and dues for Winter Guard and Winter Percussion still are coming in and opened the floor for questions and stated that questions could also be directed to Larry. The two ensembles still have fundraising activities slated.

Fundraising: The Mattress Fundraiser is scheduled to take place on May 19th. Last year, this fundraiser raised \$8500. The floor was turned over to Clint with the Raleigh CFS Custom Fundraising Solutions who explained the details, opportunities and requirements for the mattress fundraiser at Hickory High School. Information was passed out for distribution and posting and electronic links via Facebook were discussed. Student and parent volunteers are needed the day of the sale. Clint fielded questions.

Raffle tickets were distributed following Spring Break and the award will be given at the May 22nd spring concert. Tickets are \$10 each and highlights of this year's raffle include if a student sells 10 tickets their name will be put into a drawing for \$500 gift card and for each additional set of 5 tickets, another ticket goes into that pot for the gift card. The prizes this year are \$2500, \$1500 and \$1000. Harris Teeter has a line account that can be linked to the HBPA but has to have a minimum dollar number prior to distribution of the donation. All are encouraged to link their VIC card to the HBPA – the code is 6555 and can be registered in the store.

President Report: Jeannet Barr reported that nominating committee has nominations for the Board positions as follows:

- President – Jon Steyers
- First Vice-President – Susan Moody
- Second Vice-President – Michelle Richardson
- Treasurer – Jeannet Barr
- Secretary – Mellissa Thomas

Directors Report: Miss Cox stated that there is a lot of schedule information on Charms now. April included the AIA Guard Competition last weekend and the upcoming Percussion WGI World Championships next week in Dayton. Fall Guard clinic starts on April 23rd. They gave a middle school performance last Tuesday to prospective incoming freshmen. 4/30 – 5/3 are the color guard auditions for fall. The schedule for percussion is freshman on May 8, 10, 15 and 17 and all percussion after that.

School instruments need to go the shop to be checked and returned to school. All instruments will be re-issued by the end of May. Shops include Music & Arts and Top Hat. The instruments need to be turned in by May 14th.

Drum Major auditions are scheduled for May 21 – 23. Spring concert is May 22 at 7:00 p.m. Graduation is scheduled for June 15 and all Symphonic Band and Wind Ensemble students who are not graduation are expected to perform. Hickory is the first school that day at the Ted Constant Center in Norfolk.

The Leadership forms are scheduled to come out by April 27th and returned by May 16th. Section leaders and captains have the opportunity to attend the 2-day Leadership Training hosted at Hickory High School this summer presented by Jeremy Spicer. Mr. Spicer has experience with SASI Leadership, Drum Corps and the BOA Summer Symposium. The training will be open to schools across Virginia and is scheduled for June 2nd and 3rd. Possible parent volunteers will be needed. Other opportunities this summer include the WCU Summer Symposium and the JMU Summer Camp.

Miss Cox outlined the upcoming schedule for the summer and fall marching season. Dates are posted on Charms. She thanked all for their cooperation and support this past season and announced that the next two year's shows are set and there will be a reveal for this fall's show soon. District Band Auditions will be held at Hickory High School again this year. She explained that out of state competitions this coming year are not feasible due to venue and schedule issues. Future trips, including spring and parade venues were discussed.

There is a meeting for incoming freshmen parents on 4/12/18. Miss Cox requested current band parents to let her know ways to increase volunteers and parental involvement and relay information to new parents. Please email her with suggestions. There are potentially 88 freshmen entering the band next year, bringing the total number of participants to well over 200 students.

There is a Winter Percussion Car Wash on May 12th. Due to parent attendance at the meeting tonight, HBPA was awarded \$250 by Clint with CFS.

The schedules are updated as information is available on the Charms calendars. If you need to register, please see the HBPA website, www.hhsbands.org for information. Information is also available on the Facebook page (HBPA—Hickory Band Parent Assoc.)

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.. Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Cagle
HBPA Secretary

**Contact information for the committee chairs is available on the www.HHSbands.org website in the parents/HBPA section.