

HBPA General Meeting, April 14, 2016

The meeting commenced at 7:00PM with a greeting from Robyn Hilbert, 1st Vice President.

The meeting was then lead by our directors, David Enloe, and Crystal Cox.

Ms. Cox discussed the success of Winter Guard this season. Last year's high placement, in their class, resulted in the Guard having to compete at a higher level this year. Despite the move in class, the Guard did very well, placing 7th overall in their competitions.

Fall Guard, Drum Major, and Percussion clinics start this week, and will last for two weeks.

Leadership applications, and Marching Band Commitment forms are online, and need to be completed online. Links for both documents are on the Facebook page.

Last month's minutes, stating the band would not play at graduation due to an administrative decision, were readdressed. The decision was one made by the directors and the administration based on several factors. These factors included no rehearsal time, difficulty getting students to commit on the first day of their summer vacation, the lack of adequate space/facilities, and uncertainty of instrumentation to perform well.

At any time, concerns regarding ANY band related issues are welcomed by the directors first. Following the "chain of command" usually eliminates the "middle man," and saves time. HBPA needs representation to shed light on the band and ALL the organization does to support the music programs at HHS. Suggestions/ideas may be sent to Paul Barr, the new Historian.

There will be NO JULY camp this year! Camp will begin in August, and there was a discussion requesting feedback on times, 7:30AM-4:00PM or 8:30AM-6:00PM. The consensus was to leave the decision up to the directors, basing their decision on what they felt worked best for the kids.

The directors discussed a few ideas they have for next year's marching season. The band will be traveling to compete, just not to a BOA competition. Their decision to not compete in BOA this year was based, and as always, on what is in the best interests of the students, and the longevity of the program. There is a possibility of a new state competition at Liberty University, as well as the Carolina Crown competition.

Raffle tickets have been distributed, and the sale is going well so far. Please ensure your son/daughter has picked up tickets, and returns the money with the ticket stubs containing contact information of the ticket holders. ALL money and tickets, sold or not sold, need to be returned no later than May 13th to the black box in the band room. Any questions may be addressed to Jeannet Barr.

Treasurer, Jeff Dooley, states based on current review of the budget that HBPA is in “good shape,” as long as the Spring Fundraiser, the raffle is successful.

The Band Banquet will be held on June 8th starting at 6:00PM with dinner, followed with awards and scholarships in the auditorium. Tickets will be for sale soon. See Susie Toothman if you are interested in helping with decorating, set-up, serving, and clean-up.

Scholarships for Seniors, and Underclassmen need to be postmarked by April 15, and winners will be announced at the Band Banquet in June. Any questions regarding the scholarships may be addressed to Wendee Long or Nancy Parrish.

Robyn Hilbert, 1st Vice President, lead the membership in the election of the new officers to serve on the HBPA Board for the 2016/2017 school year. Nominees were presented, and introduced themselves to members. The Nominees were as follows:

President, Jeanet Barr

1st Vice President, D’Lyn Hardy

2nd Vice President, Lain Lewis

Treasurer, Larry Weinstein

Secretary, Carolyn Cagle

Historian, Paul Barr

Floor nominee for 2nd Vice President, Jon Styers

Before voting began, Lain Lewis forfeited his nomination for 2nd Vice President to Jon Styers. This concluded the voting, resulting in a unanimous decision to accept the nominees and the floor nomination as the upcoming HBPA Board for the 2016-2017 school year.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00PM with a reminder that WE/HBPA support all programs, and WE are ONE big band!

Respectfully submitted,

Lorie Wilson

HBPA Secretary