AHS BBBC Meeting

Friday, August 21, 2015

Meeting located at AHS band hall. 113 were in attendance. The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm. Sharon Shepstone motioned to start the meeting and Asha Vaidya 2nd the motion.

**Band Camp**

Summer Rehearsals - We have completed 3 weeks of band camp. Half the show has been learned. Mr. Chreste and Rory encouraged the parents to come and watch rehearsals at the end of practice to see entire show.

Mr. Chreste shared the following:

Freshman parents acknowledged at meeting. Freshman class is the largest class in several years. More freshman than juniors and seniors combined. Next year the freshman class will not be as big. It is important that students take care of themselves for practice by eating properly. Must eat at lunch and drink plenty of water before practice each day. Crossfit was taught to get the students conditioned for marching season. Students are learning songs to play in the stands. Show is “Americanish.” We have new speakers for band to be louder. Attendance - Attendance is important and students will receive grades for participation. Grades are given with participation and music participation. Attendance is crucial for band. If student is absent please submit absence request.

Website - There is a band website with band information and calendar. We also have a Facebook page for parents and for students.

Smart Music - Smart Music is a tool used to evaluate, monitor, and practice music. There will be weekly assignments for music for wind instruments. The assignments will come from marching season music and fundamentals.

**Upcoming Schedule**

Schedule will be changing during school. 1st football game will be next Friday. Everyone is encouraged to come to the games. 1st contest will be in Friendswood on September 26. It will be a long day 6 am – 1 am. Band will be playing two times at 10:30 am and then finals will start at 5:30. We project to be playing around 9 pm to perform finals. The Mercer practice on Friday, September 25 might be cancelled because the band is scheduled to march in the Fort Bend County parade. The kids enjoy performing. They have spent at band camp as much as an entire year in band class. Mr. Chreste would like to have parent participation at games and contest for support.

October – There will be 5 football games, 4 contests, and Fort Bend Band Night.

Question - about Halloween and if students will be at contest that day.

Answer – Mr. Chreste shared yes band will be and they will do something special for kids.

**Financial Summary/Budget**

Band fees a little higher than last year. The primary reason was due to higher marching contest cost and props for this season. Fees for returning students are lower due to reusing the dry fit shirts and shorts. Other bands pay fees of $800.

Expenses were shared on bar graph and pie graph for where BBBC money goes.

Fundraising – 57%

Fees – 43%

Rockathon collected $12,000 so far. We are still collecting money.

Question was asked about what happened to the $1,500 to water bottles collected for last year? The answer was the money was not collected last year for the water bottles since they did not get them. Another question if there was a discount if a parent paid the full amount of band fees. The answer was no.

Booster Club Board/Committees

Chart of Executive committees and standing committee chairpersons was shared. We are in need of a treasure elect. Michelle Taylor was introduced as new secretary.

**Props**

Props will be used for contest, but not all the football games. The props will be transported by box truck. Students will be moving on and off the field. A flag pole with flag may be added. We will need parent volunteers to help with loading and unloading and setup/tear down of props.

Question was asked what happens if fundraising money was not all raised. Budget is already set up. If we do not raise enough money then money will be cut later in the year.

**Spring Trip**

The spring trip is scheduled for Thursday, March 31-Sunday, April 3. South Padre or Corpus Christi will be picked. The price will be from $350-$450 range.

Discussion from Mr. Chreste:

There will be a performance by band with parents this evening.

Fundraiser sponsorships discussed. We are trying to improve what we can offer. There is not a lot of businesses around AHS.

Frozen treat will be given by AHS band sponsor Barbara Marlin after the parent march. Mrs. Marlin, a real estate agent, shared she was a former AHS parent who supported the band and believes it is a wonderful program. She will also be giving students thumb drives.

If rain gets on brass it won’t damage, but if rain or water gets on woodwinds it could damage instruments. Mr. Chreste will take care of students and instruments in case of rain. We will still have band practice. We can go inside. Students will get their best grades during marching season. Students learn how to manage time. There is usually a spike in failures in the spring. Parents are needed to encourage good habits during the spring.

Question was asked about who are the heads of the three main committess.

Sharon Shepstone – tailgate

Kim Sutton – chaperones

Scot Keimig – equipment

Asha Vaidya motioned to adjorn the meeting.

Sharon Shepstone 2nd the motion.

Meeting ended at 7:53 pm.

Michelle Taylor

Recording Secretary