

## Band Parents Meeting January 26, 2009

Kathy Francica called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm. Chip Ledbetter is not with us tonight due to a back problem.

### **Kathy Francica, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President –**

The minutes are posted on the web site. Jay Simcox moved that we approve the minutes as posted. Tamara Adams seconded and the motion carried.

Kathy reminded everyone that there will be open positions on the board and committees for next year. Please begin to think about where you can help and if you could fill one of these positions. We will let you know which positions are open in the next month or so.

### **Bill Connell, Director –**

Mr. Connell thanked everyone for being here. All-State tryouts are this weekend. They will begin at 5pm on Friday at Sparkman High School. We should have a schedule of times before Friday. Next weekend, February 5-7, is Symphonic Band Camp. It begins after school Thursday, except for Concert Band which will come to school at 5:30pm. Sym I will be out of class all day on Friday. Sym II and Concert will rotate on Friday. Friday night the pot-luck dinner will be at 5:30pm. There will be a Student-Faculty recital on Friday at 6:30pm until about 8:15pm. Saturday we will begin at 8:30am with the final Concert beginning at 2pm. You are welcome to come and sit in and listen to rehearsals. On Saturday from 9-10am the clinicians will be available to talk to parents about music and college opportunities in the commons area. Dates for summer band camp are July 29-31 and Aug 3-7. We will get the summer schedule posted. At 6:30pm tomorrow there is a meeting with the counselors about schedules for next year.

### **Theo Vernon, Director –**

Mr. Vernon reported that the A Jazz recording session for tonight was cancelled due to illness. The makeup recording will be Wednesday evening and we will FedEx the recording out Thursday. The new projector and screen are installed. We still need a laptop with wireless capability. The new festival is in place of the District and State Competitions. ABDA, Alabama Band Directors Association, has created a new festival which will be at UAB on March 3-4. All three bands will perform on the 4<sup>th</sup>. Times are already posted on the web site ([www.abdasite.com](http://www.abdasite.com)). We did not hire anyone from Alabama this time for the festival. There are 19 groups performing. A Pre-ABDA concert will be held on February 19 at Grissom.

### **Kathy Francica, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President –**

Chaperones – Kandi Mair reported that they would have a chaperone sign up sheet for the ABDA on March 4 at the next meeting.

Uniforms – Patti Preston reported that help is needed with the concert uniforms. She is looking for a replacement for next year. You have lots of help, but need a little bit of flexibility in your schedule to come to school during the day. We have some uniforms that need altering now if you can help.

Hospitality – Becky Brown and Rachel Albritton requested help with breakfast and lunch for the Symphonic Camp. One or two people are needed on Friday to setup/serve breakfast and lunch. We need salty snacks and water for the kids. We need snacks and meals for the clinicians. There are signups for each the needs.

Banquet – Rich and Karen Cole reported that they have met with the senior leadership. They discussed roles and asked for a senior chairperson. The leadership is trying to decide on a theme and have a suggestion box for ideas. The arrangement of the senior tables was discussed. They are looking for artwork and discussed the presentation. The banquet is May 16 at the VBC North Hall.

**Roy Malone, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President –**

Newsletter – Kim Broyles is doing a wonderful job for us getting the newsletter together and out to everyone.

Historian – Kate Jobczynski reported that she has received only one senior before picture. Please get pictures to me at meetings, on CDs, in e-mails, etc.

Fruit Sales – Jeff Brewer thanked everyone for helping with the fruit sales. We are on track with last year's numbers. Send me an e-mail if you want to work. We will probably only do pre-orders for the March sale.

Vipers Coordinator – Sharon Hamilton requested that you let Mary Fountain know if you want to work at the VBC. There are lots of events in February.

**Alice Searcy and Penny Irelan, Treasurers –**

Alice presented the current budget. Check Charms to see what your balance is. I have been having problems with e-mails. We have the checkout book here for those who need a senior trip refund.

**Other –**

Kathy Francica reminded everyone that Scrip makes a great Valentine Day's gift. Don't forget the sign up sheets are up front. The pot-luck dinner is on Friday, February 6 at 5:30 pm.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:54pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Christy Kindred