

Blue Star Regiment Instrumental Music Association
Booster Meeting
September 9, 2010

Kathy Barth, President, called the meeting to order at 7:08. She explained that the purpose of BSRIMA is to support our students in the music and dance programs of the BSR.

Committee Reports

Concessions The schedule for home football game staffing was distributed. Edna Ozmun requested that parents sign up to work. Parents are assigned by band section, but if you cannot work your assigned game and would like to work another it can be easily arranged.

Scrip Wendy Hefner explained the Scrip (gift card) fundraiser. You buy a gift card and get full amount you paid for, but the company contributes a percentage to the BSR. She is available at 2nd Saturday Recycling Mornings and Thursday Evening Rehearsals for Scrip purchase. Check the website for list of participating merchants and her contact information. Feel free to call or e-mail her with questions or special requests.

Booster Gear Jennifer Noyes has made our first order. The second order will be submitted October 1st and be ready for Homecoming. A BSRIMA tradition is the 'Wall of Gold' created by the parents wearing gold in the stand during competitions. An e-mail will be sent to parents with the order form attached. Please return to Jennifer, not Kathy.

Recycling Program Jim Fletcher explained how the recycling program is operated. The assigned band section meets at 7:45 on the 2nd Saturday of the month and works unpacking the cars and weighing the contributions until 11:15 AM. The assignments can be found on the web page calendar. It's an easy and potentially profitable fundraiser, if we all contribute regularly.

Truck Crew Ross Yohon said that to get the band with all its equipment onto the field an additional 6-8 parents are needed. They assist the front ensemble with their instruments, moving them from the truck to the field and back. While loading and unloading the parents are available to assist the student truck crew and to provide support as needed for safety and show requirements. Our new truck driver, parent Michael O'Brien, was introduced. He will drive the tractor that pulls our 53' trailer to competitions and home football games (at M. L. King H.S.).

Chaperones Susanne Kulesa asked us to check our calendars for the completion schedule to see if we might be available to chaperone the BSR on one or more of the dates. The calendar can be found on our web site. Please let her know if you are available. Times are not yet firm because the show hosts have yet to determine the band line up, but do count on most of the afternoon and evening being spent with the band.

Raceway Alison Latimer passed out signups for working concessions at the Auto Club Speedway this September 25 and 26. This will be for a weekend of concerts. There will also be a NASCAR race October 8th to 10th where we will work a concession stand. These are great fundraisers and we have a reputation with the raceway of being well organized and accountable. It's hard work, but a lot of fun. If you can volunteer for a shift, a day, or the entire weekend, please let Alison know.

Sewing Amy Clayton said we are not yet sewing, but as soon as we know what is needed she will contact those who have volunteered.

BSR Director's Minute

Mr. Jackson joined us to share ideas and needs. Fundraising is necessary to insure a quality program with sufficient field staff, props, transportation, costumes, and flags. Progress towards a completed field show is slow when there are few staff members to work with our students.

Mr. Jackson has a 'This Week in the BSR' update on the web page and sends out an e-mail with the link. The calendar is updated when there are changes. Check the date to make sure you have the most recent version.

Needs

Staffing Several years ago we had 20 or so staff members working with our students on the field show. This year we have 4. When we raise sufficient funds we can consider hiring more staff.

Props This year's show would be enhanced with the use of props. We need money to buy the materials and volunteers to construct the props and move them on and off the field.

Maintenance We need to maintain the equipment we own: musical instruments, storage containers, uniforms, and the trailer.

Winter Competitions The auxiliary (color guard and dance team) and percussion (drum line and pit) sections compete during the winter indoor show season. There are costs associated with these activities that need to be planned for now.

Vice President We currently have no VP for fundraising. Please consider if you would like to work with your BSRIMA on this critically important task.

Upcoming Events

This weekend we have a car wash, the recycling drive and a bake sale. The recycling drive and car wash were publicized in the Press Enterprise!

Home Football Game	September 17 th	Concessions: Low Brass
Preview of Champions	September 25 th	Redlands
Raceway Concessions	September 25 th and 26 th	

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Clayton