

**Henry Clay Band Boosters
Parent Meeting
October 21, 2019**

IN ATTENDANCE: Jane Andrus, Allison Arnold, Cameron Beard, Suzonne Bunch, Mary Buzard, Delayna Care, M. Castlen, David Cohen, Susan Cohen, Ashley Critchley, Crissy Fiscus, Joe Goecke, Lisa Goecke, Gary Gray, Lisa Gray, Jeff Herrin, Becca Holder, Paula Howard, Jenn Krouse, Mary Kitts, Cheri Landers, Sheri Lawrence, Adrienne McKinney, Toni Miller, Jenny Minier, Jason Moseley, Julia Rockwood, Drew Slayton, Amy Sommer, Steve Stoltz, Amy Taylor, Kim Thompson, Sophie Wiatrowski

President Jenny Minier called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

Minutes -- Dana Moore moved to approve the minutes from the September 2019 meeting, and Mary Buzard seconded. Minutes passed by voice vote.

REPORTS:

BINGO – Jenny Minier reported that the license renewal came today. David Cohen: We are on track to file a quarterly report at the end of the month. He explained that income less payouts less expenses must be at least 40% of total revenue, and this quarter, we have done well and hit 50.43%. He then presented a \$12,500 check to HCBB. Applause!

WAYS & MEANS – Jenny Minier reminded parents that there's a Tolly Ho dinner and spirit night on November 5. Kim Thompson passed out reminder slips and noted that the band will receive 20% of the bill of any Tolly Ho diner who mentions HCMB. This lasts all day on November 5. She also reported that the Century fundraiser is complete; we will receive 50%, or a total of about \$4,000. The food orders will be coming in on Wednesday, October 23, and should be collected between 3-6:30pm.

COMMUNICATIONS – Adrienne McKinney reported that Rebecca will send out Indianapolis trip information and tricks and tips tomorrow.

HOSPITALITY – Mary Buzard went over the plans for Wednesday's end-of-season celebration. Food for the kids will be set up in the lobby after Pack the Parking Lot. Pizza and specially made cookies are all lined up, but more donations are still needed. Parents should plan to arrive around 6:30ish, if not earlier, to put up their posters.

Jenn Krouse reported that the food is all set for this weekend's competition in Indianapolis and detailed what each meal will be. Parents are welcome to join the band for lunch at Tin Roof around 1:30pm on Friday. Please sign up and pay before the end of tonight's meeting. Lunch for chaperones and drivers will be provided.

EQUIPMENT – Cameron Beard reported that the truck will be loaded Wednesday night for the middle school tour on Thursday and asked that underclass parents please help so that senior parents can enjoy the festivities that evening. 4-5 parents will also be needed to help unload the truck when it returns to HC on Thursday; after that, the trailer and box trucks will need to be reloaded again for Indy. He urged parents to bring as much of their kids' stuff (sleeping bags, etc.) as possible on Thursday at pick up, to be loaded into the truck.

UNIFORMS – Mary Kitts told parents that she will need help after the middle school tour, especially with re-zipping uniform bags following an airing-out period. In terms of concert wear, all new students have been measured, and the clothing is being put in order. Now is the time for other kids to be re-measured, if they think they need it.

CHAPERONES – Amy Sommer announced that chaperone slots are full for both the middle school tour and Indianapolis. We are good until next semester!

SPIRIT WEAR -- Paula Howard talked about the new wristbands, half of which have been sold, with 60 remaining for purchase. The wristbands can be collected, one for each year of a student's time in HCMB, or they can be used for trading at BOA competitions. Cost = \$2.00 per wristband. Also, in response to student demand, hoodies have been added to the store, and she is looking into hair bows. Personalized water bottles are now available too (with Mary Kitts doing the personalization).

Paula also reported that she's been looking into duffle bags with wheels, something big enough to hold clothing and bedding for overnights—around 36" long with wheels. Most vendors have been out of stock, so if anyone has other vendor ideas, please send them to Paula. After a quick poll, it seemed that \$50 is about the price point parents are willing to pay for a duffle.

STUDENT COUNCIL – Sophie Wiatrowski reported that the Band Council met and talked today about pushing to the end of marching band season. The council is making progress with the new, younger members, who are growing into their roles as representatives.

TREASURER – Ashley Critchley presented the statement through September (and noted that spirit wear is only up-to-date through August). She pointed out that hospitality is doing great with getting monetary donations, so those expenses have been fairly low. The next statement will include all the larger expenses for competition trips in October. Ashley also urged parents to begin discussing an upgrade to the band computer, which is running with software that is about 4 years too old. Brief discussion of what to do next. Jenny Minier asked if any parents had software expertise and might be able to help with updates. David Care agreed to help.

Mary Kitts asked about the statement of fee payments. Mr. Bayerle explained that he has been just a little bit busy lately, but in another week or so he'll have it updated.

NEW BUSINESS:

Jenny Minier: Amy Merritt has been nominated to be one of the freshman class representatives for HCBB. She agreed to serve. Jenny also asked for other nominations. She then moved to approve Amy Merritt as representative; Mary Buzard seconded the motion. Approved by voice vote. Also, sponsorship has fallen through cracks this year, and sponsors have not been getting everything they were promised. The problem is that this work is not really attached to a particular position within HCBB, so it's not clear who is responsible. We will need to figure this out for next year. Finally, the community performance was great. We also need to think about who should be in charge of organizing it next year, if HCBB does it again.

David Cohen submitted parents to a "memory test" to recall all the amazing, above-and-beyond work that Cameron Beard has performed for the band over the last four years, at all hours of the day and night. He then presented Cameron with a "road warrior medal," designed by Suzonne Bunch, which honors Cameron's work with equipment, trucks, and everything that entails. Much applause and appreciation for Cameron's dedication and hard work.

Steve Stoltz urged parents not to touch other peoples' stuff during truck loading and unloading over the next few days. Kids should load their own stuff, to prevent mix ups.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT –

MR. BAYERLE – Thanks to everyone who helped with community night. We had a great turnout—teachers came, as did lots of alumni as well as neighbors (it was publicized in the local neighborhood newsletter). People loved it.

MR. KITE – Completely blown away by community night. The turnout surpassed expectations. Band alumni used it as an occasion to get together and might do so on a yearly basis in the future. Former band directors from the 1980s/90s were there too. The band put on two really good runs, and he was proud of the kids' effort.

Mr. Kite urged parents to remind their kids that all grades have to be in by Thursday (10/24) for marching band. They should also avoid huge suitcases on the Indy trip (like some brought to Muncie)—and be on time! There's no time on the schedule for a snag.

Mr. Kite also discussed the itineraries for the middle school tour and Indianapolis trip. If HCMB is not a finalist in Indy, then the plan is to come straight home, rather than stay and watch, because the kids will have seen most of the bands anyway. In that case, they'd return by 9pm.

The Indianapolis Superregional will be pretty high caliber – it's the biggest one of the superregionals and almost as big as grand nationals. Realistically, a top 25 finish would be outstanding for HCMB. It'll be exciting, and a venue and performance the kids won't forget.

Concert/jazz events are coming on heels of marching band. There will be about one week of downtime in the middle before after-school rehearsals begin. A jazz musician from Florida is coming to do jazz clinics on November 5 – and all-state auditions are coming too.

Other new business:

Jenny Minier thanked the group for their kindness during her dad's recent illness and death, especially Dana Moore who took over so many additional responsibilities.

Paula Howard announced that spirit wear orders placed on October 10 will be handed out on Thursday. The next order is going in on November 3, and there will be more order at the end of November.

The meeting was adjourned by a motion from David Cohen, seconded by Delayna Care.

Respectfully Submitted,
Amy Taylor
Recording Secretary