

**Henry Clay Band Boosters
Parent Meeting
November 18, 2019**

IN ATTENDANCE: Allison Arnold, Mary Buzard, Delayna Care, David Cohen, Susan Cohen, Ashley Critchley, Paula Howard, Mary Kitts, Jenn Krouse, Jenny Minier, Jason Moseley, Julia Rockwood, Rebecca Scott, Drew Slayton, Amy Sommer, Steve Stoltz, Amy Taylor, Kim Thompson, Sophie Wiatrowski

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

Minutes from the October 2019 Meeting: Amy Sommer moved to approve the minutes, and Mary Buzard seconded. Approved by a voice vote.

REPORTS:

BINGO – David Cohen thanked parents who have jumped in to assist after marching band season. He presented a check for the \$10,000 earned last month and reported that the Department of Charitable Gaming is moving to Frankfort. Rebecca Scott: We are *desperate* to get more volunteers on the paper side. Please ask friends/acquaintances and encourage others to get trained. We also still need callers. In addition, Michelle Hash can no longer serve as volunteer coordinator – we need someone to take over this job, which mainly involves emailing out two reminders per week.

WAYS & MEANS – Kim Thompson: The band did pretty well with the Century Resources fundraiser. (Ashley Critchley reported that we pulled in a \$4229.04 profit from this fundraiser.) Kim also noted that tomorrow (11/20) is Panera Spirit Night from 4-8pm. 20% of proceeds from orders will be given to the band, and this includes online orders. Must take a flyer and show it that night in order to have your order counted for the band.

COMMUNICATIONS – Rebecca Scott: New website is coming!

HOSPITALITY – Mary Buzard: Snacks and hot chocolate will be provided for the stadium-seating removal in December. Julia Rockwood: Cookies, punch, and water will be served at the Winter Concert. An email will be coming in a week or so seeking contributions.

SEAT REMOVAL -- Drew Slayton: Seat removal at Kroger Field will take place December 14, 11am-3:30pm. More details coming soon. We will lose some kids that day to all-state auditions. And this year we'll be doing away with teams – just “all hands on deck” this time. Ashley Critchley reported that she deposited \$3,173.59 earned from the seat installation last summer.

UNIFORMS – Mary Kitts: Everything ordered should be in this week--she will send out a message seeking help when that happens. Students who have been measured for new sizes will not receive anything new to wear until they return their old outfits.

SPIRIT WEAR -- Paula Howard: Blue water bottles went out of stock after orders were submitted, but black ones are in stock. Blue will be available again after the new year. Long-sleeve t-shirts are available on the website and will only be offered during this order cycle. Ornaments are ready to be picked up today, and she will be at HC on Wednesday, 4:45-6:15pm, to distribute ornaments and other orders submitted by 11/3. The next order deadline is 12/6.

STUDENT COUNCIL – Sophie Wiatrowski: Seniors seemed sad today, maybe because of college applications. Go home and help your kids! Band Olympics will take place on December 13 after school. Parents agreed to help with buy-a-pie again this year. Julia Rockwood will send out an email to parents about this.

TREASURER’S REPORT – Ashley Critchley distributed the financial statement through October and noted there are lots of changes on this latest statement thanks to October marching band events. Kroger and Amazon deposits have not been added but will appear next month. Some discussion of the difficulty of entering spirit wear into the statement, especially now that magnets are included. SnapRaise resulted in a \$10,802.90 deposit, including additional donations that were not part of SnapRaise. Discussion of whether these separate donations should be listed as part of SnapRaise – for now, they’ve been folded in together. The \$2000 from people who pre-paid is not yet listed on the statement.

Ashley also clarified that the “private buses” listed are Miller buses (private school buses), and yes, transportation is one of the greatest expenses for marching band. Guard equipment costs still have not been accounted for on this statement.

Mr. Bayerle sent out current payment statements to families last week.

David Cohen moved to accept the treasurer’s report, and Delayna Care seconded. Report approved by voice vote.

NEW BUSINESS:

Paula Howard suggested that an alumni communications position be created – i.e. someone to send out announcements about performances to alumni and possibly pull them into fundraising. Discussion followed. Some parents noted that there has been such a position in the past, but it was not filled. There is also currently an alumni Facebook page. Some interest expressed in making alumni spirit wear available, as in the past.

DIRECTOR’S REPORT – Mr. Kite thanked parents for a great marching season. We’re in good shape for concert season, but we need to reach out to other parents, including non-marchers, to get involved. Need to brainstorm how to do this. Call people individually? Connect during

punch and cookies at winter concert? There are a lot of folks out there who could help make it possible to do new things (example: Shelby would like to do winter guard training).

--The Disney group seems to be dwindling. Travel plans are based on a certain number of participants, but now the number has fallen below two buses. And the smaller the group, the greater the cost for those attending. Some people have been taken off the list for not paying, while others are falling behind in their payments. Discussion of how website problems could be contributing (making it hard to keep up with payments). It would also help to get regular reminders and updates on current balances. Mr. Kite will follow up on these issues. Also, it's not too late for students to join the trip – it might help to publicize it at the Winter Concert, etc.

Kim Thompson: CKYO includes QR codes in concert programs and encourages parents to give \$5 on the spot. Suggested HCBB consider something similar.

--There will be a “red book” training this spring for band booster groups (i.e. compliance with rules). Fayette County is cracking down on booster clubs. Mr. Kite knows the rules, but officers of HCBB should go to the training. He will pass on this information when he gets it.

--All-state concert first round auditions are tomorrow (11/20) at George Rogers Clark MS. Students can still pre-register in the morning with a \$5 cash payment at the door. Note: the second round of auditions will be in Elizabethtown on the day of stadium seating removal (12/14). All-state jazz auditions will be on December 7 in Louisville.

--A budget meeting will need to be held in January with some members of the HCBB. Mr. Kite explained that new band member orientation will be in January this year, not April, so forms will need to be updated sooner (and this is difficult to do without a budget in place).

--Please remind your kids to do their assignments! Only 50% have kept up in some classes, and some are far behind.

--Discussion of how to connect Bingo supervisors with team captains via text/group chats. Sophie Wiatrowski offered to add the supervisors' numbers to the team captain chat.

--Ice World props have not been sold yet -- still for sale.

--Mr. Bayerle is meeting with student Bingo team leaders on Thursday to sort out confusion with Bingo teams and communication. He's confident that problems can be smoothed out.

--The winter concert will be on 12/10, and on 12/12 the jazz band will play at the VA hospital.

--Jazz students recently had a fantastic clinic with a jazz specialist from Florida. This is one example of how Mr. Kite is working to identify people with special skills and to see what the program can learn from them. He will keep looking for similar opportunities.

The meeting was adjourned by a motion from Mary Buzard, seconded by Susan Cohen.

Respectfully Submitted,
Amy Taylor
Recording Secretary