

**Henry Clay Band Boosters
Parent Meeting
December 14, 2020**

IN ATTENDANCE (via Zoom):

Jeff Bayerle, Suzonne Bunch, Mary Buzard, Lora Carpenter, Susan Cohen, Missy DeLong, Amy DiLorenzo, Ashley Gann, Lisa Gray, Paula Howard, Bill Kite, Mary Kitts, Adrienne McKinney, Jenny Minier, Dana Moore, Ginny Price, Julia Rockwood, Rebecca Scott, Robert Scott, Ashley Smith, Amy Taylor, Ann Taylor, Phoebe Tripure

President Dana Moore called the meeting to order at 7:04pm

MINUTES – Mary Buzard moved to approve the minutes from the November 2020 meeting, and Ashley Smith seconded. Minutes approved by raised hands.

TREASURER’S REPORT – Ashley Smith reported that she has received everything needed to create the budget and is now working to input categories by hand. The accounts are doing okay since the band has not spent much this year, and there is still \$100K+ in the savings account as back-up. VP Lisa Gray will be granted access to the accounts and reports by the end of December. Recent deposits: The band received a donation from a parent, which was wonderful and helpful, as well as \$68 from Amazon Smiles.

REPORTS:

BINGO – Rebecca Scott announced that due to the time constraints of her new job, she will be stepping down as bingo chair and would love someone else to step up. She is ready to train a new chair and won’t leave the program in the lurch! If you have any questions about this, please let Rebecca know. Susan Cohen will cover the bingo chair duties temporarily.

Dana Moore gave a big thank you to Rebecca on behalf of the band for all she has done with bingo over the years. She also thanked Susan for being willing to fill in.

Dana added that bingo will remain closed through December, thanks to COVID. The plan is to attempt a reopening on January 2. She recently contacted DCG about escrow-ing the gaming license and learned that we do not need to do that if we’re only shutting down for two more weeks. But, if the closure extends later into January, we should put it in escrow—and it will only cost \$25 to pull it back out again.

Rebecca Scott thanked Dana, as well as Susan and David Cohen, for everything they have been doing to keep bingo running this year.

Susan Cohen reported on the survey of parents, re: bingo. 21 people responded. Half said they thought we should reopen in January, the other half said after February. Susan thinks we will have enough volunteers to restart in January. The respondents were also split in half about whether to let the kids back into the bingo hall. This would only happen at the directors' discretion, and if we do allow them to return, the kids would sit and sell pulltabs at tables like the adults have been doing. They would not circulate on the floor.

WAYS AND MEANS – Dana Moore reported on behalf of Paula Howard (who was present via phone). The next spirit event will be with Mondelli's bakery (Park Hills Shopping Center). Families can begin submitting orders for bakery goods now and then pick them up on December 22. Just be sure to mention Henry Clay band—we will receive 10% of the proceeds.

COMMUNICATIONS – Adrienne McKinney reported that she's working on the new website and has been coordinating with Paula Howard to get store items populated into the website.

UNIFORMS— Mary Kitts: Ashley Smith is taking a check to the cleaners tomorrow to pay for the uniform cleaning. This means Mary will need help getting the uniforms picked up and then sorted back at the school. She will arrange with Bill Kite to have school open sometime on Thursday (12/17) for sorting uniforms—watch for an email seeking parental help with this.

SPIRIT WEAR – Dana Moore, on behalf of Paula Howard: Since Paula will be a senior parent next year, it would be helpful to get a new parent volunteer to take over spirit wear who can train next year with Paula. Interested parents should them know.

STUDENT COUNCIL -- Phoebe Tripure: Make sure you are wishing your students good luck on their finals this week! The band council is hosting a post-finals movie night on Friday (12/18) at 6:30pm. Please make sure your children are not stressed -- most of the band council said that horror and thriller movies are their favorite genre during check-in today!

Dana Moore encouraged Phoebe to share some good news. Phoebe: She and Hayden Moore were accepted into the Christian Scholars Program at Georgetown College. (Applause!)

NEW BUSINESS:

DIRECTORS' REPORTS –

MR. BAYERLE – Thank you to everyone here for keeping everything running this year.

Please encourage the kids to make the most of the online situation and to continue engaging with their classes. Some seem to be pulling back on their participation and echoing some of the negativity out there about online schooling. Mr. Bayerle emphasized that this is the future – there will be more online schooling in the years to come. The kids need to keep their attitude

positive. Let's have them all start in January with a fresh, positive attitude, and let's push the kids in a positive direction.

MR. KITE – Agreed with Mr. Bayerle on this last point. They appreciate any positivity! He talked to the band council today about setting an example for the rest of the students.

Finals have been either live or recorded (student choice), and students are doing a great job with this. A lot of good is happening in the band classes, though it has been a struggle this semester. . . like herding cats. Right now they're just trying to keep the kids together and move them into the next semester.

The all-state band experience this year was weird. Auditions were virtual, with no sight-reading or scales, which usually helps our program's chances. Not as many kids auditioned as usual, but out of the 10-11 who auditioned, four were accepted. Two were top 5 in the state on their instruments. All of those selected will have some kind of virtual all-state experience this winter.

Following up on bingo & fundraising: We've saved in some areas and do have some money in reserve, so we're on the edge of making it this year. He's hoping everything will be okay by next summer, since we have a great show in place for next year. Other band programs, though, aren't even sure how they will function financially in the next couple years--whether they can travel, etc. Mr. Kite's concern is maintaining parental involvement and pulling in new parents to make sure there are enough to keep everything going from year to year.

Suzonne Bunch moved to adjourn the meeting, and Rebecca Scott seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 7:45pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Amy Taylor
Recording Secretary