**BBOB General Meeting**

**February 4, 2019**

**Call to Order**: 7:00 PM

**In Attendance**: Alan Posner, Scott Wolf, Susan Mashburn, Mary Spiegel, Jennifer Kadans, Jenny Thai-Tang, Wendy van Duijvenboode, Karl Knas, Leena Hosler, Jenny Mulville

**Welcome/ Approval of Minutes (Susan)**

* Motion made by Jennifer Kadans to approve minutes of the last BBOB meeting on December 3, 2018; seconded by Mary Spiegel; motion passed and minutes approved

**Band Director’s Report (Alan)**

* Attended the Michigan Music Conference two weeks ago
* Debbie Wogaman performed with the All State Symphony Orchestra as Principal Horn
* Five students have been selected for the District IV HS Honors Band
* Great showing at the MSBOA Solo and Ensemble Festival despite the terrible snow storm; only had a couple of scratched events; students that earned 1st Division ratings qualify for States
* MSBOA State Solo and Ensemble Festival will be on March 16 at South Lyon HS
* Due to scheduling conflict with Model UN and Robotics, many students with 1s in band are unable to attend States
* Working through some potential scheduling overlaps with other schools at Spring Arbor band camp
* Recommend parent chaperone shifts at band camp to be T-Th and Fri-Sun, if not staying the entire week
* Senior concerto auditions complete; will include 2 performances accompanied by band and 5 or 6 accompanied by orchestra
* Jazz band will perform at Theater Benefit on February 8
* Pre-Festival Concert will be on February 21
* B3 Symphony Band concert will be on Feb 27 featuring BHHS, Birmingham Groves and Seaholm, and Beverly Hills
* Will be taking paternity leave in early May; Paul DeRubeis and Bob Ambrose are each scheduled to take a week to cover Alan; will be back in time for Spring Band Concert on May 21
* Clinics with the Great Lakes Chamber Music Festival, utilizing the MCACA grant we were awarded, have been scheduled; invoice received for our matching portion of $1500; should follow up with district finance office to confirm receipt of grant funds

**Orchestra Director’s Report (Scott)**

* About 40 events will be going to MSBOA State Solo and Ensemble Festival
* According to student reflections that were submitted, about 90% of students responded that they found sectionals to be very helpful
* Thank you for collecting new uniform information; will speak with Adam Scher; will likely make the official request at the March Board of Education meeting
* BHSD is second to last in Oakland County for amount of music class time; will be making a presentation to a BHSD curriculum study group (?) to request daily music class in the middle schools
* This Friday will be a special after school clinic “Yoga for Musicians” with Dave Reed who has become a certified yoga instructor

**Treasurer’s Report (Jennifer)**

* Coordinated by Stephanie Spinale, Koeze Nut fundraiser completed in November with sales of approximately $6000, earning BBOB about $3000
* Over the last three years, Koeze sales have been on the decline ($14,000 to $10,000 to $6,000); should consider supplementing or replacing with other fundraisers
* Received a generous donation that helps cover 2 months of harp rental
* Regarding the instrument trailer that BBOB wishes to donate to the district, waiting for Brian Goby to inspect it; last communication was in November; Alan will send a follow up email to Brian and copy Jennifer
* Mary Buday will not be returning to coordinate marching band uniforms; need to recruit 2 new co-chairs; please send Alan a job description to send out to parents

**General Agenda**

* Need Alan’s help with final payments for band camp staff; contact Cheryl Mercier (?)
* Investigate running band camp payments through Hills account if it means that we would be protected under the BHSD insurance policy
* Alan has hired alum Andrew Doerr for drumline instruction at a rate of $20/hr, not to exceed $2000; this does not include time instructing at band camp
* Alan recommends that $2000 should be budgeted for colorguard instruction, to be split between the 2 instructors at their discretion; this does not include band camp
* February 2020 music trip to Hawaii: meeting with 2nd travel agent will be rescheduled; first travel agent came back with revised figure of $3271 (for 150-175 participants)/ $3199 (176-200)/ $3140 (200+)
* MSBOA Band and Orchestra Festival will be on March 8-9; chaired by Jenny Mulville along with Stephanie Spinale; directors will forward ensemble schedule and meal guidelines for adjudicators
* We will host about 12 ensembles for State Jazz Festival on Tuesday, March 26; will most likely run from about 3-10pm; need chairperson
* Alan looking into scheduling a meeting for 8th grade music parents
* Pre-festival jazz concert on March 14 after school to run tech; Dave Jensen from Royal Oak HS to work with the students
* 8th grade orchestra no longer coming to play with symphony orchestra; Scott will visit them at the middle school instead
* Volunteers needed to shadow this coming year to fill critical positions such at band camp chair, uniform chair, and future board

**New Business**

* Leena Hosler suggested that we try restaurant fundraisers where the restaurant agrees to give a portion of that day’s sales back for any tables that show the a pre-printed fundraiser flyer; BBOB held one this past year at the Rusty Bucket to coordinate with band camp form collection
* Consider writing an “ask” letter suggesting a minimum flat donation per family that would cover the entire year’s budget and not require additional fundraising like Koeze

**Adjournment** at 8:05pm

**Next Meeting: March 4, 2019**