

**Band Boosters
Band Room, Brush High School
May 1, 2012**

Meeting was called to order at 7:30pm.

Minutes (Joan Farmer): Minutes from the April meeting were approved.

Treasurer (Mike Curran/Kevin Gilmour): Mike Curran officially stepped down and Kevin Gilmour was officially introduced as Treasurer. The checkbook balance is \$85,216.99. Motion was made to donate instruments and uniforms purchased by the Boosters to the South Euclid-Lyndhurst School District for insurance purposes. Motion carried. Motion was made to approve the 2011-2012 operating budget as the 2012-2013 budget. That motion was also carried.

Director (Kaylee Flynt): Concert is May 8. Wind Ensemble should report at 6pm; Symphonic Band at 6:15pm. Uniforms of seniors and/or of those students not marching in the Memorial Day Parade should be turned in after the May 8 concert. Refits will also occur after the May 8 concert. Commencement Band is established. Auditions for next years band placements will be held May 22 & 23. Music will be distributed this Friday. There was discussion of whether or not to hold a 50-50 raffle at the May 8 concert. It was decided to not have the raffle.

President (David Frey): The Arcettes have a new adviser for next year. He asked Kaylee to follow up with some Band Camp issues. He requested that 8 tables be set up in the lobby area for arrivals and that the cleaning crew not go onto the floors until after the students have left for breakfast. Band camp chaperones are still needed. Overnight chaperones need to be fingerprinted as soon as possible.

Uniforms (Elizabeth Heston): Uniforms have been ordered and will probably be in by the end of May. Refits will occur before or after the May 8 concert; there will be no refits on Memorial Day. May 8 will also be the uniform turn-in date for those Seniors not marching in the Memorial Day Parade. All other students will turn in their uniforms following the Parade. She'll need volunteers on Memorial Day for uniform turn in.

Chaperones (Scott Karn): Will need chaperones for the Memorial Day Parade and Band Camp. Overnight slots for Band Camp are filling in nicely. There is still a need for bus chaperones, room inspectors and truck drivers.

Website (Alex Heston): Migration of website from OfficeLive to Office 365 has been accomplished. Our domain name expires June 26, 2012 so he is exploring options to renew. A detailed report is attached to these minutes. There was some discussion of changing the domain name to SELBANDS.com, .org, or .net. Alex will look into availability.

Fundraising (Ann Brizee): Still exploring the possibility of doing a mulch fundraiser in late May.

Old Business:
None.

New Business:
There was much discussion of offering Band Camp scholarships. Motion was made and approved to provide four \$150 scholarships. Kaylee will draft a letter outlining eligibility criteria and distribute it to the Executive Board for comment. Scholarship awards will be made in late May.

Meeting Adjourned 8:15pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Joan Farmer

FROM ALEX HESTON

I purchased a thumb drive (flash drive) for the purpose of ensuring a backup of all files and to allow flexibility regarding which PC in the house I use. This was inexpensive and will be a donation (not requiring a receipt or reimbursement).

OfficeLive was officially discontinued as of April 30, 2012. Our website was moved to Office365 but not without a bit of effort and loss in functionality. We no longer have a functional report for tracking use, so I found a free webcounter and got it in place late in April. We should be able to resume tracking hits for May and beyond. One quirk of Office365 is that the code has been incorrectly written and the response to PDF hyperlinks is to offer for users to download it on their PC's rather than to open the files. Microsoft is aware of the bug, but has not indicated when they plan to address it.

Our domain registry will expire June 26, 2012 so I will need permission to spend the funds to renew www.brushbands.org. Currently, MelbourneIT is holding our domain for us. The cost to renew there is \$51.50 for 1 year and it is possible to renew for several years: 5 years at \$185.50 (\$37.10 per year).

Domain of America claims to have free webhosting for users registered with it. The cost to renew for 1 year there is \$35 and 5 years would be \$120 (\$24 per year). I don't know whether we are locked in to using MelbourneIT if we want to stay with Office365 (will investigate before taking action). It is not always straightforward to move a domain, but I've done it before and believe I can do it again. <http://www.droa.com/whinfo.asp>. I've used them before, but they do have some questionable practices such as sending emails when your domain name is expiring and not revealing they are the ones holding it when users renew the domain...and then have to spend time filling out the paperwork to transfer it: <http://www.ftc.gov/opa/2003/12/domainreg.shtm>

Our Office365 Trial service is free until September 3, 2012. After that it will cost \$6.00 per month. I have looked for free web hosting and believe that may be an option, but have not pursued it with any vigor. Quite likely, there would be software cost involved for writing and maintaining the web pages using a free host as web software is currently provided by Office365.

I propose to investigate these 10 hosting sites <http://www.hosting-review.com/?gclid=CO-woNH93a8CFeUEQAodTFkoCg> and put forth a recommendation no later than the June meeting. I am a little out of my comfort level here and if someone else wants to take on this task I'm fine with it. But, we have to have a plan in place so we can renew www.brushbands.org no later than June 27, 2012.