

Ann Beach opened the meeting at 7:02.

Budget: The first item was the proposed budget from the officers meeting. Ann explained the purpose of presenting the budget was to get input from parents. The budget had been mailed to everyone. On April 11th the officers will finalize the budget and present it to the board for approval.

According to Ann, there was no formal budget in the past. Parents were billed for 1/3 of audition fees and medals and the band paid the rest through fund raisers and performance pay. A \$35 fee has since been implemented to eliminate billing for medals and auditions.

Ann explained the proposed budget (see last page). All students will be billed for items in section A (if they participate), items in section B will be covered by an annual fee, and items in section C may be paid for with fundraisers. As stated at the bottom of the budget, band students will pay about \$175 per year including the band fee and costs for auditions. This is based on 23 students. The band fee can be broken into installments. Ann mentioned that costs would decrease as the band size increased because many of the administration costs would remain constant.

The proposed cost to families is significantly less than other homeschool bands. Ann showed the Midland's website. They charge \$425 for beginning band and \$475 for clinic/concert band. This fee does not include lessons. <http://www.midlandsband.org/index-3.php>

The officers recommended that band members be responsible for arranging their own transportation and lodging for out-of-town opportunities. This is because of chaperoning issues. They encourage band members to room together, but the band will not make or help pay for the arrangements.

Debbie McFall mentioned that the increased fee would be very expensive for those with multiple children in band. Celia Acevedo mentioned that it is common for organizations to give a discount for multiple children. John Beach asked why some band members should pay more because some families have several children in band.

This led to a discussion of fund raisers. Ann mentioned that the band was looking to put the responsibility of paying for band on the families. If families want to raise money to pay for an event they will be encouraged to do so. Chris McKeel mentioned that the band may want to control the fundraising that occurs using the band's name. The Vice President could arrange a fund raiser for each clinic and possibly one in the fall to help offset the band fee. Those who participate will be credited with the money earned. A booster club was mentioned as a possible way of getting more band families involved in fundraising.

Barb Rollins asked if the band could pay for a meal at All-state and Regional so the members that attend could feel like a band. Debbie McFall asked if the band could pay for the All-state Plaque.

Recruitment: Ann asked anyone with homeschool contacts to please promote the band. Chris McKeel has sent an email to the Homeschooling in Aiken group promoting the band and will be inviting them to the Band Concert at Hopeland Gardens. Barb has students playing for 6th graders at South Aiken Christian and Adelphi. Celia suggested having students play for the younger grades to get them inspired. Barb mentioned a concern for overburdening the band members.

Fundraising: Fundraising will continue this year as normal with all proceeds going to the band.

- * Collect Aluminum cans and bring them to the Rollins home the week of S&E Recitals.
- * Yard Sale at O'dell Weeks will be held June 11th. We are reserving 3 tables. Plan to clean out your house and contribute things.

Barb's Notes:

The scholarship fund has \$11,000 and there are no seniors this year to receive a scholarship. She wanted to know if she should take \$1,000 out for safekeeping until next year in case the market drops. There is one senior next year. To qualify for the scholarship, a student must do something in music their first year of college.

Barb gave out a calendar for the next two months. Some of the things she highlighted:

- * On April 13th the 2:30 rehearsal will only be for those playing at Special Olympics.
- * April 15th Special Olympics.
- * April 13th Republican Convention--they will pay for the performance.
- * Solo and Ensemble Recital will be April 24th, 25th, and 28th. Please sign up for a time on Googledocs.
- * April 27th is the date of the combined rehearsal.
- * May 6th and 7th is Solo and Ensemble.
- * May 12 Concert at Hopeland Gardens--all latin music and David and Tierra Timmerman will dance the Chacha, Rhumba, and Tango.
- * May 14 is Da Capo.

Fourth quarter requirements have been sent to everyone via email and are posted in the band room.

Summer Music Camps:

There is a discount for those who made Region/All State.

The person who gets the most points will get a scholarship to Augusta State Clinic.

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Barb also mentioned that she ranks students based on where they are in their books and nominates accordingly. Those who practice the most and therefore progress more rapidly will get more nominations.

Don't forget that summer lessons are important to keep kids practicing.

Meeting Adjourned.

Proposed Annual AAA Band Budget

A. Individual Students' costs: (depends on participation)

Audition registration fees for County, Region and All-State-\$10.00

Clinic fees

- All-County Band Clinic-\$15.00
- optional, pizza-\$5.00
- optional, t-shirt-\$10.00
- Region Band Clinic-\$8.00
- All-State Band Clinic-\$10.00
- DaCapo Band Clinic-\$15.00 (includes medal & t-shirt, not optional)

Solo & Ensemble fees

- Solo-\$6.00
- Ensemble-\$3.00
- Theory-\$2.00
- optional,solo accompaniment-\$20.00

B. Budgeted Administration costs: (\$2679)

- Band director's Smart Music subscription-\$130.00
- Band director's Music Educators National Convention-(\$150/\$180 registration fee + 4 nights lodging)-500.00 + \$150.00
- Band director's SC Music Educators Association membership-\$104.00
- Printing and copying music-\$400.00
- Calling Post communications-\$20.00
- Computer repairs, software, and replacement-\$100.00
- Facility rentals-\$500.00
- Guest Clinicians-\$200.00
- Parade Floats (Registration and Supplies)-\$75.00
- Barb's expenses for All-State (gas & lodging)-\$300.00
- Paper Products-\$100.00
- Food-\$100.00

C. Achievement Awards: (\$200 + All-State & Region Meal)

- Students' Medals-\$175.00
- Student cash awards (motivational programs)-\$25.00
- Fund a meal for the students who participate in All-State/Region-? _____

The band will no longer subsidize the cost of out-of-town opportunities.

Lodging for All-State Clinic

USC Band Clinic fees & lodging

All out-of-town opportunities

(Students and families participating in these events may initiate fundraisers to help offset their costs.)

~\$175 annually per student not including All-State & Region Meal. Based on 23 students.