

**Vicksburg Band Parents Association
General Meeting Minutes
January 17, 2011**

Meeting called to order by Kelly at 7:03 p.m.

Approval of Minutes: Secretary not in attendance.

Treasurer's Report:

Director's Report: See attached for actual director's report.

- The lock-in will be held February 18th from 8 p.m. to 8 a.m. The middle school students will join in but will not stay all night. Parent volunteers are needed to chaperone this event.
- Band Camp will be held August 7th through the 13th. Looking at a new site in Jackson.
- Ben asked for feedback from parents about considering discontinuing SAA accounts. He explained that the job of the treasurer/assistant treasurer is becoming a full time job trying to keep 150 check books straight. He will take their input into consideration when deciding how to handle this.
- Nominations are being taken for President and fundraising coordinator.
 - Melissa Stiles volunteered to be nominated for President
 - Mandy Miller volunteered to be nominated for President

President's Report: (Given by Kelly Soekarmoen)

- The board accepted the resignation of Ann Pierluissi as President and Fundraiser coordinator effective December 5th.
- The board also accepted the resignation of Jennifer Grosskurth as co-chair of fundraising.
- The band brought in \$25 from restaurant night at Longbranch held in December and \$97.53 from Wings Etc.
- The Holiday concert was a success. We earned \$240 with the raffle. The slide show presentation and the sing-a-long were great additions to the "fun-ness" of the event, as well as our guest soloist! Thank you to the parents who participated in selling raffle tickets, purchasing raffle tickets, and gift cards for our photo fundraiser. Thank you **BrioLife Photography** for your generous donation.
- Thank you to all the chaperones, to Mr. Rosier, to our nurse, Miss Mahaney, and to our treasurer and assistant treasurer for all the work and energy they put in to managing our kids and the money on the trip to New Orleans. The schedule was tight and it took a concerted effort to keep everyone on track and focused during our long days. It wasn't just 117 kids. We were jostling around over 1700 other kids at times.

Vice President's Report: Kelly Soekarmoem

- Over 50 Friends of the Band letters had been sent out soliciting funds for our New Orleans trip/support for the bands. I am awaiting an update on the total number of responses from that campaign.
- Thank you notes have been sent out to donors as provided by the treasurer.
- The grant request sent out to the Vicksburg Foundation on behalf of the band for the New Orleans trip was denied at their December meeting.
A parent asked if I knew why we were denied the request. I explained that I was not given the correspondence that was sent in the mail, so I do not know the specifics and would hope to report at the next meeting. Didik Soekarmoem said that he could speak to the reason since he is on the Foundation, although he was not involved in this vote. He explained that the main reason for the denial was that our organization did not have 501c3 status.
- A date and time is needed to schedule an audit of the books with the treasurer. Nanci will contact Kelly to schedule this.
- The pop can collection is going very well at Hill's Pharmacy and in the band room. To date, we have collected \$76, with 2 more bags of pop cans to be returned.
- The Hill's Pharmacy Band Spiff program that ran from November 17th through December 31st netted \$38.74. The money earned will be distributed and reported at the February meeting. Thank you to our loyal band parents for supporting Vicksburg. We will offer this program again in the future.

Middle School Representative – Patty Stoll

- April 16th is the solo and ensemble at Sturgis.
- Festival is March 18th or 19th
- The spring fundraiser-trying to decide on possibly Gordon Fundraiser. Patty needs volunteers to assist in running/coordinating this fundraiser. Please contact Patty if interested in helping.

New Business:

- February 1st is the Think Pink Basketball game. The school has given us a fundraising opportunity to sell bracelets. Please see a board member after the meeting if you are willing to donate towards the purchase of supplies for this fundraiser.
- The February 6th restaurant night at Longbranch Saloon has been cancelled.
- It is time to start planning for our annual Jazz Dinner Dance held in April. If you are interested in being on the committee to help put this together please e-mail vp@vicksburgbands.org.

Next Vicksburg Band Parents Association meeting to be held on Monday, February 21 at 7:00 p.m. in the VHS Library.

Respectfully submitted,

Trischa Carr