

**Braves Marching Band Association**  
**General Meeting - August 22, 2017**  
**7:00 p.m.**

**President - Barb Bonini**

- Welcome!
- BMBA supports the band in any way possible, such as raising money, promoting membership and physically assisting when needed.

**Road Crew - Nathan Busker**

- Responsible for loading and unloading instruments and equipment on/off truck and setting up for half-time show.
- Volunteers are needed, especially setting up field for half-time show.
- Will send volunteer information to parents.
- Could also use additional drivers.

**President - Barb Bonini**

- Introduced BMBA Board - Michelle Quigley - VP, Mary Loprete - Secretary, Heather Lorenzo - Treasurer
- Feel free to email Barb if you have any questions.

**Vice President - Michelle Quigley**

- Everyone should be receiving REMIND messages. Let Michelle or Barb know if you are not receiving them

**Secretary - Mary Loprete**

- Will try to get the minutes completed in a few days after the meetings. They will be emailed and posted to the website.

**Treasurer - Heather Lorenzo**

- \$4,275 in account.
- Made \$400 on Oakland Carnival. This is less than other years - may be due to the rain this year or that the date was conflicting with other events.

**Band Director - Gordon Fisher**

- Your kids have been awesome this week!
- Will have the first song on the field done.
- There are a total of 4 songs.
- The Pot Luck Dinner and Marching Band show will be this Friday.
- Thank you to all the parents that have been helping.
- Thank you for your patience with the issue of viewing the solar eclipse on Monday.
- There may be a few calendar changes due to Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. Will email if there are changes.
- **Upcoming trips:**
  - Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup> - All day - Allentown, PA. Collegiate Marching Band Festival and dinner afterwards.
  - Saturday, October 28<sup>th</sup> - TBA. (pending BOE approval)

- No field props this year. Heavy percussion - 6 band members in the pit.
- Band members will need marching band shoes and black socks. Shoe order form was emailed.
- Met the new Principal. He's very nice and supportive of the band. He was invited to attend the performance and dinner on Friday.
- **Note:** Barb has a size 8 pair of shoes and Michelle has a size 10.5 is someone needs them.

#### **Quartermaster - Colleen Dente**

- All Students get fitted with pants, jacket, and hat. Everything is stored in the band closet in alphabetical order.
- They will also receive a band t-shirt. They usually wear it on Friday to school and under their band uniform at games.
- The Color Guards will be fitted once their uniforms come in.
- **Color Guards will need nude under tops this year.**

#### **Fundraising - Nancy Pozarycki, Sue Boyce, and Barbara Murray**

- Thank you to all who helped with the Oakland Carnival.
- Need help selling items at the 4 home games. (cow bells, clip-on flashlights, hats) Arrive at 5:30 pm. Sell prior to game and clean up by half-time. Trying to get more head bands to sell.
- Looking to sell items at the IHHS Open House.
- Let us know if you have any fundraising ideas.

#### **Hospitality - Rosemarie Gardner and Tricia Juliano**

- Have been providing dinner for the band members this week.
- A Sign-up Genius has been emailed for Friday's Pot Luck Dinner. Can drop off at loading dock since the front door is locked after hours. Instructions will be emailed.
- There will be a Sign-up Genius for the half-time snacks. Can drop off at band room for away games. Snacks can be cheese and crackers,
- Awards Dinner - November 16<sup>th</sup> at Portobello's in Oakland. Evite will go out when it gets closer to the date.

#### **Membership - Seema Bhatia**

- We have 54 members!

#### **Webpage - Gina Mayer-Costa**

- The web page has been updated.
- Will post minutes.
- Some You Tube links are not working. Will address this.

#### **President - Barb Bonini**

- **Voluntary** band dues - \$20 per family.
- The Marching Band is part of the PAA (Performing Arts Association). Barb is selling \$20 Oakland Shop-Rite merchant cards as a fundraiser for the PAA.

**The next BMBA meeting is September 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:30-8:30-IHHS Library**