

# Blythewood Middle School Orchestra Booster Club

## October 11, 2011 Meeting Minutes

### Welcome

- The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm.
- Stacey Dobyms welcomed everyone.

### Introductions

- Members present: Stacey Dobyms, Teri Stone (Secretary), Betsy and Jim Hunter (Co-Presidents), Liza Hunter, Beverly Samuels (Treasurer), Sergio and Katia Rodengen, Micheal and Karen Mattocks, Eleanor and Kristian Johnson, Sylvia and Adrianna Rogers.

### Treasurer's Report

- Transactions so far this year:
- 8758.25 balance
  - Receipts
    - \$7665.90 (Labor Day Run)
  - Disbursements
    - Total: \$5904.85
- Cash balance in orchestra account as of October 11, 2011 - \$10,519.30
- Upcoming needs: recorder, scanner, USB memory card reader

### Second Annual Labor Day Run Totals

Stacey Dobyms went over more specifics regarding the 2011 Labor Day Run:

#### Costs

- Award Fiddles \$160
- Certifying the Courses \$350
- Medals \$376.68
- Police Coverage \$525
- Student Shirts \$622.50
- Race Shirts \$1891
- Reimbursement \$437.43
- Towels \$454.75
- **Total Spent: \$4817.36**

#### Sponsorship

- Strictly Running \$4520.90
- Chichester Nationwide Ins. \$750
- Eagle Metals \$500
- Allison's Greenhouse \$150
- First Citizens \$100
- Cash/Checks (Registration) \$1580
- **Total Earned: \$7600.90**

**TOTAL PROFIT FROM RACE: \$2753.84**

Stacey Dobyms moved into a discussion over the cost vs. benefits of the Labor Day Run. Due to the loss of so many students to Muller Road, the cost (physical, mental, emotional) was tremendous. Many volunteers were not able to help.

The PTO has been approached about taking over this annual event.

The Booster Club is very supportive of Mrs. Dobyms relinquishing this event.

Jim Hunter asked about how much money we need to make as an orchestra. A vision/dream of new lockers/shelving would be about \$36,000. We discussed how nice and helpful it would be to have them. Also, we could have a construction team make them, but Wenger would be the best, most lasting shelves (hence the cost).

Talked about Stand up for a Stand--\$45 with a name plaque engraved. This is an ongoing fundraiser highlighted on the web-site.

A parent suggested a fee per student instead of having to sell things.

#### Future Fund-Raising Ideas

Mrs. Dobyms presented some ideas and opened the floor to discussion.

- Arts Themed Night with coffee/dessert (ticket fee)
- Restaurant card (like coupons on a card)
- Orchestrating a Brick (buy a brick to decorate on the orchestra room wall)
- Magnets are still being sold

#### WinterConcert Calendar: Thursday, Dec. 8

- Stacey Dobyms discussed the concert  
Will be asking parents for help with chaperoning
- Question was raised about charging tickets for the concert. Need to check on whether that's allowed.
- Also discussed having a "wish-list" available for parents to see
- All concert dates can be found online in the Parent Handbook, as well as on our Google Calendar.

#### Next Meeting Date

- Next Meeting Date: Tuesday, November 29 at 6:00 pm in the Orchestra Room (307).
- Meeting was adjourned at 6:45 pm.
- Minutes will be posted on the web-site