

Alumni Blue Band Association Board Meeting
Saturday, March 5, 2005
Blue Band Building

In attendance: Catherine Kaslusky, Bill Croissant, Larry Parko, Joe Rokita, Dr Bundy, Greg Bennett, Ben Heller and Helen Meyer.

Phone: Bill Trach, Bill Rote, Lee Shaw, and Judy Engle

Lee Shaw made a motion to approve the minutes from the previous meeting, and Bill Croissant seconded the motion. Minutes were approved as read.

Treasurers Report

Dr Bundy explained the budget report that Karen had drawn up and asked that Helen distribute the report to those who aren't at today's meeting. He discussed the break-downs as income, operating expenses, and wages. Dr Bundy also explained the "extras" in the packet that will go out. One is the Penn State Policies on reimbursements, the other was a summary on the ABBA Staff Assistant Naming Project.

Larry Parko moved to accept the Treasurer's report and Greg Bennett seconded.

Treasurer's report was approved. Catherine had asked that whoever does the treasurer's report, that they send a copy of the report out to each Board member, about a week or so in advance.

Old Business:

ABBA Room

Catherine had discussed that the Board would try to continue to raise money for the expense of the Staff assistant's office. Ben had suggested that there be a separate sheet maybe of a different color added into the newsletter so that members may send in a donation. It was suggested that an email list be set up so that the members can be sent a link to the commercial, etc. Joe Rokita brought it to the Board's attention, not to over utilize the emailings do to the fact that individuals would see it as just a nuisance and not pay attention to it. Catherine suggested that the Board "research" it further for ways to make it easier for people to contribute.

Scholarship

Catherine suggested that maybe there would be a way for the Board to insert a request for people to contribute to scholarships. Lee asked if there was a way to check into how much funds have been donated to the scholarships. Ben suggested that when we send out a solicitation, it would go out as a combination of donations.

New Business:

Membership

Catherine explained her “ABBA by the numbers” that she had drawn up to show how the Board could think of making an appeal for members to join. She asked for suggestions on how to recruit people that have not been members in a while. Greg suggested that maybe a yahoo group be set up for dues paying members to be able to keep in touch, but was reminded that we have that with the Website now and it isn’t being used that much. Something needs to be figured in to try to drive people to the website. Lee has suggested that they consider starting a development committee. Bill Trach explained that the recognition of a member is an important issue. It was suggested that someone on the Board maybe become a chair to this membership committee to answer some of the questions that would help build the membership. Judy Engle volunteered to be the chair and Lee Shaw, Greg Bennett and Larry Parko, agreed to be on this committee also. Catherine suggested that maybe the Board could create a Nominations committee, she volunteered to head this committee and Bill Croissant offered to help. Bill Croissant asked how many of current elected Blue Band officers could be contacted about being a Board member after they graduate.

Newsletter

Catherine asked that the Board create a committee to get ideas so that there would be information for the upcoming Fanfares. Joe and Catherine offered to help with this committee. It was discussed that there is a list of each quarterly newsletter requirements, on Helen’s computer, that could be used. Bill Trach added that we could check into John Black’s files for past articles on ABBA members. Dr Bundy informed the Board of the Blue Band winning the Lewis Sudler award and that we would like to add this article into the Apr/May/June newsletter to draw more interest, and he also suggested an article about the Wind Ensemble going to Italy.

Homecoming 2005

Catherine asked that someone on the Board contact Bill Rubert and find out more information about the “block of rooms” for this years homecoming. Dr Bundy told the Board that the presentation of the Lewis Sudler award would be done during Homecoming this year.

Deceased members

Catherine had asked about sending a card to the deceased member’s family and it was discussed that this should be done by the office, (ABBA secretary) because they are the ones who get notified and it would be much easier. Lee remembered that there was a donation years ago to remember these people, but could not recall details about it. (Please refer to ABBA Board Minutes 04/02 for an explanation)

Blue Band Update

Dr Bundy gave news to the Board about the appointment of Greg Drane as an assistant to the Blue Band Director. He also explained about the Wind Ensemble going to Italy.

Additions

Greg Bennett issued a request on maybe having more playing opportunities for the ABBA members. Dr Bundy suggested that maybe after a game there would be a reception of some kind for the alums to get together and meet the current Blue Band. Bill Rote asked about Arts Festival and also about class reunions. Blue White weekend would be a great way to get these together. Also this will help the current Blue Band members to get to know the current members of ABBA. Catherine suggested that someone come to Blue White this year and find suggestions for next year. Ben Heller offered to being a scout for this game. Maybe post an announcement for this year so that some alums may be able to attend this year's Blue White. Post on both websites. And also send an email out for this event. Ben Heller offered to send this email out for alums.

Next Meeting

Catherine will check her schedule for the spring and contact each member about setting up a conference call.

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