	Black Hills Alliance for Music (BHAM) **Meeting Minutes** **January 6, 2026 | 6:30pm**	
Officers	**Parent Liaisons**	**Music Directors @ BHHS**
President - Sara Tang Treasurer - Joe Munro Secretary - Russell Rice	Band - Jolie Ramsey Choir - Kate Pearson Orchestra - Meg Kittle Concessions - Jolie Ramsey	Band - Andrew Landowski Choir - Paul Nakhla Orchestra - Joshua Friedlander **BHAM Home Page**

Attendee count: 11
Location: BHHS Band Room

Call to Order - Sara Tang

Minutes from 11/4/25 approved

BHAM Officer Reports

President - Sara Tang

- No updates

Treasurer - Joe Munro

- Have 40k in the certificate of deposit - will mature 8 mos from now
- Liquid cash of just over 19k
- Anticipate a couple hundred incoming w/ selloff of inventory surplus
- Anticipate some revenue from spring swing dance
- Estimate for new projector → 24k (only one vendor quote for now, and this quote is from the original vendor for the PAC equipment) - 16k for projector, and 8k for install
- R.e. trailer: No current repairs needed, but may need to start exploring trailer replacement

Secretary - Russell Rice

- BHAM website system and pages are updated
- Any necessary revision alerts and requests can be sent to russell.a.rice@gmail.com
- Russ to provide QR code for BHAM website system

Director Reports

- **Orchestra - Joshua Friedlander (JF)**
    - Friday, February 20 - Attend Seattle Symphony dress rehearsal (@ Benaroya Hall in Seattle)
    - Estimated cost of $25/ticket (includes entrance and transportation)
    - Desires 3-4 chaperones
    - Upcoming Feb 18 in PAC
    - Entry forms for band/orchestra solo/ensemble due by Jan 30

- **Choir - Paul Nakhla (PN)**
    - Dec 18 - winter/holiday choir concert - groups demonstrated good growth
    - Did some school assemblies and community caroling (Brookdale) - students enjoyed the off-campus visit
    - Jan 16 - MLK assembly and concert support @ Tumwater Hill
    - CMEA Vocal Solo/Ensemble - Sat Feb. 7
    - March is a busy month
        - District choir festival Tues, Mar 7 @ Washington Center
        - Choir concerts March 11 (TMS) and March 12 (BHHS)
        - CMEA HS choir festival March 19-20
        - CMEA MS choir festival March 26-27
    - Thursday, April 30 - Seattle Opera - any music kids to attend - they are performing “Carmen” - $15/student - buses anticipated to leave right after school - 40-45 students can go on one bus, and if we open to all and get more students, could get

SIDE NOTE: Buses to Seattle events
Joe Munro proposes BHAM covers cost of the first bus per event
Seconded: Sara Tang

- Friday, Feb 20 (Seattle Symphony @ Benaroya)
- Thurs, Apr 30 (Seattle Opera @ McCaw Hall)

- **Band - Andrew Landowski (AL)**
    - PLU Honor band Jan 8-9
    - Andrew Lando will excuse classes all day Frid

    - Parents/students responsible for transportation
    - Jan 15 = deposit due for Disneyland 2027
    - Jan 29 grades 5-12 concert - split show times
        - Needs help w/ both setup and tear down
    - Feb 9 = BHHS jazz night
    - Feb 10 (and possible 11th as well)
    - April 17 - Swing dance
        - OHS Commons is available, Sara pursuing proof of insurance
        - Michelle Withers will head up planning/coordination

RE Swing Dance Promotion

- Student Lexi Withers will mention swing dance event to the audiences @ winter and spring concerts

Concessions - Jolie Ramsey

- Leftover concessions from fall were offered to THS Rifle Team
- Revenue from surplus inventory = $240
- Surplus soda and candy can be sold at swing dance

Band Liaison - Jolie Ramsey

- Nothing new

Choir Liaison - Kate Pearson

- Nothing new

Orchestra Liaison - Meg Kittle

- Orchestra likely to need a new liaison next school year

Old Business

- Swing Dance
    - Would like to see folks have the opportunity to purchase tix online
    - Consideration for promotion/advertisement - need to start early and get to multiple channels
    - Idea to add pizza as a food item
    - Idea to “gamify” or create a contest around ticket sales

New Business

- Mentioned that community performance opportunities are valued

Other Business/Discussion

- Next meeting Tuesday, February 3 @ Black Hills HS band room