

IHS Music Boosters Meeting

Attendees: Teri Kula, Anna Sarley, Marcia Abbadini, Patti Gaab, Eileen MacDowell, Matt Schatt, Rhonee Iula, Don & Cathy Krolkowski, Julie Scotton, Teresa Stawicki, Elizabeth Jaszczak

Meeting called to order at 8:03. Rhonee Iula filling in for president Elizabeth Jaszczak who was at another meeting until after 9pm.

Next meeting is being held on JUNE 17 at Jaszczak's residence. Menu request by the outgoing Membership Chairperson was Fettucini Alfredo.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Thank you card was passed around from a student who received assistance in paying for the Florida trip.
- Gunner tribute wrap up:
 - There are a number of T-shirts left from Gunner tribute. Discussion about selling these at the school bookstore. UPDATE – Don called the office and this type of activity is not allowed at the bookstore during school hours.
 - Suggested to set up to sell at Senior Awards night.
 - Cathy K offered to set this up but was not able to do it that night.
 - Sales price reduced to \$8 at next sale point.
 - Video – when Don receives a copy, he will put it on the web site and send out email.
 - Eric Sarley should be finished with the interview video soon and this will go to Mr. Gunlicks.
 - See attached Treasurer's report for details on expenses and donations.
 - Update on commissioned music – Matt has been in touch with composer and all is on track. \$3000 balance due in November.
 - See new business for discussion on premier performance of this music.
- Treasurer's Report
 - Teresa distributed the balance sheet and a scanned copy is attached to the email with these minutes.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Mr Schatt presented a proposal for performance of the commissioned work for Mr. Gunlicks. Each year, Case Western hosts a North East Ohio Wind Band Invitational. Typically this is limited to larger school districts but through M

Schatt's connections and offering to perform a premier composition, Independence has been invited for the January 2010 event. The performance is at Severance Hall on 1/24/10 at 2pm. We would perform for 45 min and then join the audience for the other bands.

- Cost to participate is \$500 and best effort to sell 300 tickets at \$10 each.
- Would require commitment for extra practice from students.
- Need to consider more formal attire for students (black pants, white shirts/tux shirts with ties for example)
- Probably a once in a lifetime offer for our school.
- May need to recruit some better than average 8th grade students and perhaps local alumni to bolster our numbers for full sound.
- Points of group discussion covered
 - Other financial commitments:
 - Teresa noted \$5500 total in payments coming due.
 - New uniforms are needed soon (2-5years) at a \$50-75,000 cost. Mr. Schatt noted that he has some plans to fund this and payment plans are an option.
 - Whether students and parents will be receptive to additional practices.
 - Conflicts with Holiday concert and OMEA preparation.
 - Ability to sell 300 tickets with a small community.
- Overall response shared was all this could be overcome!
- Marcia motioned to commit to the performance; Second by Cathy; All approved
- Mr Schatt also noted we will receive some recordings, plaques, photos,...
- Current enrollment for marching band:
 - 58 HS students (61 last year); 22 8th grade students; couple upperclassmen returning for total of ~90 students (about same as 2009)
 - Drill team at 14 (up from 2009)
 - Student officers: Joe Ciulla – President; Mallory Krolikowski – VP; Sarah Baran – Secretary; Nick Martin – Treasurer.
- Nominations for Music Booster officers:
 - Membership – Teri Kula nominated by Marcia
 - President – Elizabeth nominated by Marcia
 - Vice President – Marcia nominated by Julie
 - Secretary – Cathy nominated by Julie
 - Treasurer – Teresa nominated by Cathy
 - Ways & Means – Julie nominated by Marcia (**New position)
 - Parent volunteer coordinator (ex: half time snacks) – Patti nominated by Marcia (**New position)
 - Don motioned to accept the candidates; Eileen seconded; All approved
- Rhonee proposed we consider some changes at our next meeting:
 - Create a chairperson for major events (spag dinner, madrigal,...), partly to get more people involved in events without attending every meeting
 - Parent ambassador program

