

IHS Music Boosters Meeting

Attendees: Teri Kula, Anna Sarley, Marcia Abbadini, Meghan Campbell, Matt Schatt, Don & Cathy Krolkowski, Teresa Stawicki, Elizabeth Jaszczak, Eileen MacDowell, Glenn & Margaret Bierman

Meeting called to order at ~7:15. The agenda is attached to the email with minutes. Note - Next meeting is 9/30 at the IHS Media Center at 7:30. A schedule of meetings for the rest of the year is found at the bottom of the agenda.

- Meeting minutes from July were emailed and hard copies available. Eileen motioned to approve; Anna seconded; All approved.
- Band Directors Report (Matt):
 - Working with both Kids and parents has been great so far.
 - Band camp - went well except for very disappointing rain on Wed parent night. Seemed that the kids were at a “low” and wasn’t the best performance practice.
 - Picture day the following Monday experienced a scheduling error by the school. Matt contacted a private photographer but found later that he cannot sell the group photo due to a contract in place with Farro. The school is working to reschedule a time for individual photos - most likely 9/4 (south Range home game). Scheduling during Wed practice is not an option.
 - Matt would like to hear any comments about the new direction from kids and parents - positive or negative. He said it has been very quiet.
 - Matt is starting to increase accountability for students being on time and expecting a more professional attitude. Let him know if there is any feedback on this.
 - Friday 8/28 is the first game - away at Streetsboro.
 - First home game is South Range and likely the biggest band we will see (150-175 kids). Our band is at 96.
 - Matt will contact opposing team band director early each week to get a count for halftime snacks.
 - Open house: Wed 9/2. Request Boosters to set up a table since band is rehearsing at this time. Meghan will be in the choir room.
 - Candy sale begins 9/4 for 1.5 weeks with early October delivery.
 - St. Michaels invited IHS band to play at the Feast Day Festival on 10/4. This will be voluntary for students so Matt asked that we encourage participation. Drill team is invited also. This would be a big step towards recruiting at that school since relations have been distant in the past.
 - Matt will probably miss or be late for the next 2 months meetings due to band practice and he requested the Boosters brainstorm 2 items: Campaign for new band uniforms and Severance Hall concert attire. Handouts with ideas were provided and additional copies are available for next meeting.
 - Severance Hall performance update:
 - Seven pieces including premier piece written for Mr. Gunlicks.
 - School is paying the \$500 entrance fee, which covers: full group photo on stage, recording of performance and 8 box seats. Matt recommended the seats go to Roger Howard (2), Dave Laurenzi (2) and Ken Gunlicks (4). All meeting attendees agreed.

- Concert attire needs to be determined - band uniforms are NOT appropriate for this venue. Matt recommended we brainstorm at next 2 meetings then “try out” the attire for concert band Holiday performance. He distributed a brochure with some ideas and pricing to consider.
 - Uniforms - current are 1994 vintage and standard life is ~15 years.
 - Handout for proposal on how to fundraise and organize a “campaign” for new uniforms.
 - Purchase only what is needed and “add” a few each year -especially since attendance for next several years is in declining pattern.
 - Matt is working with other area directors for ideas.
 - NOTE: If money comes from Boosters, they will require 50% down but if from school board - terms are net 30 so makes sense to transfer funds for purchase.
 - Some schools “sell” old uniforms to alumni as fundraiser - as a uniform or as pillows or other modifications. Sometimes staff will purchase too.
 - Keep fundraising efforts very visible,
 - Be wary of levy campaign coming in conflict with this effort.
- Vocal Director’s report (Meghan):
 - Meghan has not officially started working yet and said she has more questions than comments at this time.
 - First item is that Vocal will be performing at the Kiwanis officer installation on 9/28.
 - Questions about:
 - Uniforms - fitting, accessories,...;
 - Officers? Not in the past but a good idea - maybe seniors to start
- Membership Report (Teri):
 - 5 membership forms turned in
 - Forms will be in packets.
 - Passed out forms and obtained emails at band camp parents night. Don has all new names on email distribution.
 - Discussion on how to handle shirt orders included in tiered membership - first need to finalize logo for shirt.
 - A new design was submitted by Don - script lettering with a music note in addition to the previous logo that was similar to other Booster groups with the Blue Devil. Group agreed the logo without the devil was preferred. Eileen made motion to accept script design, Marcia seconded and all approved.
 - Don will coordinate with Mark Massey on shirt art. Group all agreed on embroidered polo shirts rather than screened Tshirts.
 - Don will also contact Cheryl O’Brien on “I’m with the band” shirts.
 - Will finalize shirt order at next meeting - deadline needed to get the shirts and clings out to members in a timely manner.
 - Membership forms will be available at a table in the cafeteria at Open House. Ask Roger to announce that the vocal and band rooms are staffed since in the past band and vocal were a “free” period since Mr Gunlicks was on the field practicing with band.
- Ways & Means Report (Julie):
 - Julie was unable to attend but asked if someone would volunteer to sign up for a booth at Fall Fest - Anna will coordinate with Julie on this.
 - Note-this is not a big fundraiser but good for visibility.

- Jankas are storing 13 cases of water left over from Homedays (12 ea). These can be used at Fall Fest if we get this option for our booth.

***** *Once again there was a sidebar discussion about getting some students to perform at some of these events for visibility and spirit. Matt mentioned that he will be setting up a coordinated pep band that could be available for this type of event. Last year was a valiant effort for a student lead group but really requires admin to be successful.* *****

- Holiday Fest will be next event.
- Still need to sell Gunner Tshirts - all ideas welcome. Anything is profit at this point and there are ~40 shirts remaining.
- Volunteers Report (Patti):
 - Patti was unable to attend but asked for details from last year on halftime hospitality directions. Elizabeth provided a copy given to her several years ago that has worked well. Additional copies are available at next meeting.
 - Reminder that band fees included \$10 per student to pay for this effort so Theresa will coordinate money with Matt. No one will be bringing snacks - everything will be purchased in advance.
 - Matt will get a headcount for each home game.
 - Note- have served pizza every year at Homecoming game.
 - Patti will be out of commission in October/November so contact her ASAP for any needs during this time.
- Vice President Report (Marcia):
 - Photo for buttons were done on the Monday picture day. Thanks to Michael Jaszczak and Marian Martin!
 - Buttons should be available first or second home game. Everyone has paid except for 2 orders (Total = \$115).
 - Mission Statement for Music Boosters - recommended that a subcommittee form to draft a statement. Don, Marcia and Matt will come to next meeting with a recommendation.
 - Fundraiser opportunity-Mavis Winkles 8/29 with 20% back to band with flyer. Local kids performing 7-9pm(Trancemitter). Organized by Ron Latare.
- President Report (Elizabeth):
 - City on bus for Fairport game on 10/2 approved.
 - Start with small bus (24) and move up if we sell out.
 - Include Quizno dinner and game ticket.
 - Need city waiver ahead of date - can update by phone.
 - Don will contact Cheryl about cost for meal.
 - Coordinate dinner time so kids can eat with families too.
 - Request for storage location & “property manager” role to keep track of inventory (paper plates, cups, signs, etc).
 - Matt & Elizabeth will meet tomorrow to check out.
- Items deferred to next meeting:
 - Creating a canvas banner to use at all events.
 - Madrigal dinner.

- Acme receipts - not available yet but Cathy will watch for and manage for this year again.

Motion to adjourn Theresa; second by Cathy

Meetings for 2009-2010 school year to continue following PTO - IHS Media Center at 7:30 on the last Wed of every month. Next meeting 9/30.