

## IHS Music Boosters Meeting

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Attendees: Marcia Abbadini, Cathy & Don Krolikowski, Elizabeth & Michael Jaszczak, Eileen MacDowell, Glenn & Margaret Bierman, Nancy Flynn, Matt Schatt, Meghan Campbell,

Meeting called to order at ~6:45. The agenda is attached to the email with minutes.

Meeting minutes from January were emailed and hard copies available. Marcia motioned to approve; Eileen seconded; All approved.

- Treasurer's Report -
  - No changes since last month
- Correspondence -
  - Thank you letter from Mr. Gunlicks to Boosters and another to the students. Letter is posted on the website.
- Vocal Director report (Meghan)
  - Money is collected for Monsters game (next Wed). Students will have a quick trip to Tower City while waiting for buses to pick up.
  - First rehearsal for Spring musical is this evening.
  - A call was received at the Music dept for spaghetti dinner tickets but no return phone number was provided. Tickets will be sold at the door anyway.
- Band Director report (Matt)
  - Have about 3 hours worth of music planned for the spaghetti dinner. Due to cancellation of OMEA, most solos will be performed. Propose a new location for performers near concession stand. Allows for moving larger instruments from band room and less interference with traffic flow. Will also try to place a temporary low "stage". Group agreed this was a good plan.
  - Large group contest - still no decision although Friday 3/5 was requested.
  - Continued work on updating handbook. One major change is a more comprehensive outline of expectations and more structure for the awards ceremony in May.
  - CVC Honor band on Tues 4/13. 8 students selected.
  - Matt requested that the Boosters begin thinking about how they will provide assistance for next year's FLA trip. In particular, how requests for financial aid will be handled.
    - Eligibility? Criteria for selection spelled out.
    - Fundraising contribution - certain events; all events 75%-25% split ...
  - Looking to the future: Should the Boosters sponsor a scholarship for students that participate in Honors-type ensembles. Consider how this could be structured.
  - Severance CD's are in and money is due now.
  - Matt expressed his thanks to the Boosters group for the great support through this year and recognizes the level of effort put in by parents.
- Membership Report (Teri) - No updates.

- Way & Means Report (Julie):
  - Beach Blast set for Sun 3/7, Volunteer hours from 12-2 and 2-4. Selling cavatelli & meatballs, hot dogs, water & pop.
  - Wing night fundraiser at Bleachers on Ridge Rd. Sat., 3/20. Cost is \$20 and we get \$8.
    - Numbered tickets for people to sell or return by 3/12.
    - Committee working on donations for basket auction and sideboards.
    - Don created table tents for advertising at spaghetti dinner. Also a voucher for a “special drawing” will be distributed to encourage attendance.
  
- Volunteers (Margaret):
  - Elizabeth thanked to Margaret for all her hard work on scheduling people!
  - Margaret thanked Mr. Schatt for getting a couple band kids to volunteer. (Rachel Hollingsworth and Brandon Niro were mentioned).
  - Still short a couple people on clean up.
  - Email reminder went out today reminding volunteers of their shift.
  - Special note of thanks to Yvonne Puening for helping even though she doesn’t have a student in the current program.
  
- Spaghetti dinner (Elizabeth & Michael):
  - Make notes this year on anything we should do different.
  - Should we put reminders on tables to “listen” to performers? Mr. Schatt said the kids knew they were “background” music.
  - Discussion of best entrance - cafeteria doors create too much draft; parking difficult to come in front; field house is a long walk. Mr. Schatt suggested doors by library hall - everyone agreed this is the best idea.
  - Pretty well set except neglected to schedule dedicated cookie bakers. Plan to bake chocolate chip cookies again (Pillsbury tubs).
  - Stawickis shopped at Restaurant Depot today; Jaszczaks going to Sams on Friday.
  - Orlando bakery is DONATING breadsticks this year. We will post a sign thanking them and include a thank you in Spring concert program and on website.
  - Leftover sauce will be bagged and sold at the end of dinner.
  - Expenses should be lower this year due to large inventory of items in storage room.
  - Tickets paid for and accounted for today are 288. Tickets are in 1 piece so we will know what numbers were used at the event.
  - Ray Martin, Jerry Narduzzi & Joe Kanyok are handling the 50/50 raffle.
  
- Acme receipts - We are \$250 short of minimum and deadline is 2/28

OLD BUSINESS:

- Uniforms
  - No real progress made due to all the other events.
  - Meeting with Junior class (~10 kids) narrowed down to 3 designs and they are very different in style.
    - Next step is to meet with parent committee then present proposal to Mr. Howard
  - Matt suggested we may be more successful in requesting donations with a tangible produce (a uniform design).

- Ideas for donations: board meeting, local businesses, one more fundraiser this year. The IMS band did a raffle last year - \$600 in products brought in ~\$5000. Kids just had to sell \$1 tickets.
- Project more likely to work with a “phase in” plan (see attached document).
- Probable to get pants ordered this summer - washable style. (Note - these are not to be taken home – they will be laundered at school)
- Vice President (Marcia)
  - *Trancemitter* placed third of 65 bands at House of Blues rock off. Incredible experience for the kids.
    - Received a proclamation from the mayor on 2/9. Both city & school have been very supportive.
    - Suggestion to put on website and send pictures to yearbook staff.
  - Propose Nominations committee for next year.
    - Email to solicit nominations.
    - Bylaws state committee to include 2 from general members and 1 from executive committee. Glenn Bierman and Elizabeth volunteered. The third person will be the webmaster (Don) and people can submit on line.
    - Slate to be presented at March meeting. Elizabeth requested that we please find someone to fill President role for next year.
    - Vote to elect in April and transition in May.
    - From bylaws - need President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer for 1 year term or until succeeded by newly elected.
    - Committee chairs for: Volunteer, Membership, Ways & Means.
- New Business
  - Margaret is a member of the Independence Cultural Arts and was approached regarding a fundraising opportunity for the Music Boosters. Cultural Arts and Kiwanis have arranged to host the US Army Field Band and Chorus at IHS auditorium on Sunday 5/2 from 3-5pm. This is a very big community event. It is a free program and it is very structured and formal. Details can be obtained from Margaret.
    - Nada Vencl Montgomery is coordinating event. Proposal was to offer Music Boosters the concessions and in return we donate \$250 or 10% of proceeds, whichever is LESS, to offset cost of advertising.
    - Doors open at 2pm and there is a pre-concert presentation at 2:30.
    - They are open to any form of fundraising we want to run - 50/50 raffle, Chinese raffle, concession stand. There is only a 15 min intermission so concessions should be limited in selection and “light”.
    - Field House has a volleyball tournament so parking will be a nightmare.
    - Our concession must be clearly labeled “IHS”.
    - Margaret also mentioned there is an opportunity for the Army to come and do clinics at the school on Monday 5/3.
    - All were in favor of hosting and these funds will go to uniforms.
      - Consider doing a display with old uniform and new design
      - Michael came up with a clever slogan, which the secretary neglected to record and now cannot recall.
- Website (Don) - No update. Continue to email Don any content to post.

**Next meeting 3/31 @ 7:30 @ Room 113.**

Motion to adjourn @ 8:35 - by Glen; second by Michael.