

IHS Music Boosters Meeting
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Attendees: Marcia Abbadini, Cathy Krolikowski, Elizabeth Jaszczak, Eileen MacDowell, Glenn & Margaret Bierman, Nancy Flynn, Meghan Campbell, Anna Sarley, Julie Scotton, Teresa Stawicki, Teri Kula, Margaret & Glenn Bierman

Meeting called to order at ~7:35 The agenda was distributed and is posted on the website.

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

- Treasurer's Report -
 - Teresa generated a new report form, which broke out the money designated for uniforms (ex: Wing Night) and the portion for general budget. Hard copies were provided.
 - Halftime snack money was collected by Music Dept. Money has been reimbursed to Boosters account.
 - Past practice has been to maintain ~\$10,000 as an operating budget. We should consider this in next years planning along with any requests from the Music Dept.
 - Only outstanding item is the contribution toward a pavilion but there has been no news on the status of this project for some time.
 - The Expense/Request form for reimbursement of funds was approved and this will be posted on the website. Anyone purchasing supplies for an event should use this form when requesting reimbursement from Teresa.

- Correspondence - none

- Directors - Matt was out sick and Meghan at musical rehearsal

- Membership -
 - Teri would like to streamline the form - especially for handing out at band camp since it seemed people were overwhelmed by the length.
 - Suggestion was made to get the paperwork out earlier in the year - actually before the end of this year would be ideal. A letter explaining the various events is key also.
 - This year the information was distributed at the music handout meeting in June, again at band camp and in the packet that comes home with schedules (packet pick up).
 - Suggestion to have a Music Boosters tent and/or table set up at band camp. Especially since there is down time while kids are getting ready for rehearsal. Perhaps serve snacks or have a simple raffle to get people to come over and sign up. Be more visible and hospitable.

- Don K had suggested a banner for these type of events. Anna mentioned that next month, Roger Howard has a vendor coming in to demo/discuss equipment that the school would be able to print their own banners.
 - Another suggestion was to be sure we got membership forms to Matt to send out with his direct home mailing in late spring. Many people feel that sending anything with kids is unreliable at best.
 - Another question is how to engage parents of “vocal only” kids.
 - Another suggestion was to have a table set up at Music Awards night.
 - We need to consider incentives for tiered memberships this year. Probably not an incentive for additional shirts - leave open for new people? Have MANY clings left from this year.
 - These items need to be finalized at the April meeting to implement if we want to have available for the 5/10 awards night.
- Ways & Means -
 - Great committee work for a very successful Wing Night! Julie was approached by several people requesting that we make this an annual event and many also commented that they really enjoyed the evening.
 - There was a suggestion to try to use an Independence location and Julie asked if anyone had an idea for location to let her know. Cost needs to be less than \$15 for us to make a decent profit on a \$20 ticket (this year cost was \$12).
 - The committee is working on thank you letters to donors now.
 - There were a couple vendors that replied late so Julie may use those donations for a raffle at the musical. Julie also mentioned that it will be easier to approach vendors next year since we can talk about the success we had this year.
 - No new fundraising events are planned for this year.
- Old Business:
 - US Army Field Band - May 2; doors open 2pm, concert 3pm.
 - Lots of advertising out and tickets are going fast.
 - Matt has sign up sheet for 200 reserved tickets.
 - Doors open at 2pm for general admission seating. At 2:30 is a Q& A session for audience.
 - Concessions should be open by 2pm and for the 10 min intermission (not sure of time) and again at 4pm for exit.
 - Need to have at least several locations since intermission is very short.
 - Need to have very simple snacks all at a single price point. Suggestion was \$0.50 for small water and \$0.50 for snacks.
 - Margaret will set up a special meeting for volunteers after 4/17. Elizabeth, Marcia, Eileen and Nancy offered to help.
 - The Army band will be holding clinics with MS and HS kids on Monday 5/3. Kids will be split into working groups.

- Musical on 4/17 & 4/18 (Meghan arrived after rehearsal finished)
 - Ads are being sold - her assistant director has been making many calls.
 - Sell small waters & candy at intermission like we did for Fall musical last year? Also, we did sell flowers that people could purchase for performers. Both were more of a courtesy than a profit generator. Group consensus was to repeat these offerings. Teri offered to do flowers again and Cathy will purchase snacks. Teri will not do pre-sale flowers since there were very few orders last year.
 - Meghan would appreciate us providing ticket sellers.
 - Volunteers to staff: Sat night - Anna, Nancy, Eileen
Sun afternoon - Julie, Margaret, Cathy
 - Need people for tickets/raffle and concession/flowers
 - Meghan reported that the senior lunch was cancelled this month (they usually do a small performance at this lunch). Instead they are hoping to invite seniors to a dress rehearsal at the school during the day on Wed or Thurs. She has a message in with Kathleen Kapusta to work out details.
 - There are 45 cast members in the play.
- Vocal just finished a department fundraiser (candy and bulbs) because the enrollment for next year is way up and they will need to buy more uniforms. High enrollment attributed to Disney trip.
- Spaghetti dinner - see Treasurer report. No additional comments.
- Nominations -
 - Julie suggested 2 people - Marcia for president and Kathy Jones for Treasurer.
 - Cathy K is willing to stay on as secretary if no one else is nominated but will be happy to take a year off too.
 - Marcia nominated Nancy Flynn for Vice President
 - Maureen Mroczynski was mentioned as a possible officer - people that know her should invite her to meetings. She worked hard with Julie on Wing Night and also with costumes for the musical. Need to make her feel welcome & wanted!
 - Jaszczak's offered to manage Spaghetti dinner again in 2011.
 - Julie is willing to help with Ways & Means but would prefer not to be chairperson next year.
 - Will need a Volunteer chairperson to replace Margaret (Chris graduates this year).
 - Will need a person to coordinate football halftime refreshments.
- Disney trip - we need to decide next meeting how to manage helping kids defer some of the cost. Need to clearly communicate what opportunities are and what expectations are to earn credits.

- Julie offered to meet with Matt & Meghan to go over how this was done in previous Disney trip years.
- New Business -
 - Scholarship fund - we should consider if we are going to add this to our budget and how much money we should set aside to sponsor outside honors type music experiences. Be prepared to vote on this idea at the next meeting.
 - Ray Jermann is retiring. He has been very helpful to our organization and it was suggested that we give him a gift. Ideas floated included - music boosters polo, pass to any music event, dinner gift card.
 - Summer concert concessions - Mary Dolansky contacted Marcia to alert her to sign ups. Dates are 6/10, 7/1, 7/8, 7/15. Several people said that some concerts are much better attended than others. This was pretty easy to organize last year - had several volunteers bake and did lemonade and water. Consensus from meeting attendees was to try to book 7/15 as first choice and 6/10 as second choice. We are doing this as “community service/visibility” to draw support for uniform donations.
 - Dates coming up:
 - CVCC Honors band - 4/13
 - Musical “Into the Woods” 4/17 & 4/18
 - US Army Band concert 5/2
 - Music Awards 5/10
 - Next meeting - 15 min early in the Media Center to hear presentation on banner/poster equipment (invite from Roger Howard). Arrive at 7:15 on 4/28.

Motion to adjourn Marcia; seconded by Eileen