

IHS Music Boosters Meeting

9/8/2010

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Attendees: Marcia Abbadini, Cathy & Don Krolikowski, Kathy Jones, Anna Sarley, Julie Scotton, Teri Kula, Eileen MacDowell, Elizabeth Jaszczak, Nancy Flynn, Maureen Mroczynski

Meeting called to order at 7:05. The agenda was distributed & is posted on website. Meeting minutes were emailed to attendees and hard copies available. Nancy motioned to approve; Anna seconded; All approved.

Special presentation:

Dave Laurenzi & Gerald Zelenka requested time at our meeting to present some information regarding the upcoming levy. See the document labeled "Levy notes".

Other notes that are not part of the document but were discussed:

- *Downsize will continue through attrition due to lower enrollment*
- *We are 1 of 12 schools with a levy on the ballot and 8 of those are asking for more money in their levy*
- *Education Jobs Bill - this is 1 time stimulus money and is ~22K for our district. This is approximately the cost of 1 special education aide.*
- *Race to the Top grant - this money comes through the state and in order to qualify, certain mandates must be met. This has been reviewed in depth and determined that implementing the mandated requirements will cost more than the grant would bring in.*
- *Campaign will start earlier due to absentee ballots.*

Directors Report – (Matt/Meghan - not present but reports through Marcia)

- Band - no updates at this time

VOCAL

- Candy sale orders are due this Friday, Sept. 10
- The cast list of Oklahoma! has been posted and the first rehearsal is this coming Monday, Sept. 13th at 6:30

Vocal calendar updates:

- Kiwanis performance Mon. Sept. 27th at 6 pm –Civic Center
- Kiwanis performance Mon. Dec. 13th at 6pm - Civic Center
- Lake Erie Monsters National Anthem Singing and Fundraiser Sat. Jan. 22nd game time 7:30. Ticket sales will start in Dec. and more details will follow in the coming months.
- Senior Citizens performance of Oklahoma! is Wed. Nov. 10th at 10 am. Seniors can purchase lunch in the cafeteria after the program. This is a free program for all senior citizens but they need to register with the Senior Citizens of Independence group so we have a count for the performance and for lunch.
- The musical dates and the senior citizens performance will be advertised in the Spotlight as is the fruit sale. These will also be on the City's board at the corner of

Brecksville and Selig (at least they should be, I need to e-mail Monica the details this week)

- The performance dates for Oklahoma! are Fri. Nov. 12th and Sat. Nov. 13th at 7 pm. Tickets are \$6 for students and \$9 for adults (that is a \$1 increase from the past I don't know how many years). Tickets can be purchased at the door but also may be purchased in advance starting on Nov. 1st. No reserved seating.
- THANK YOU to Marcia Abbadini, Mary Dolansky, Tracy Howard and Maureen Mroczynski for their help fitting (and altering) the vocal uniforms last week!!
- Per Glenn Bierman via email:
 - I talked to Tom Harlan. He had said that Megan was to have ordered the drawings today (Sept 7) and that it will be two weeks before they get here. So it will be two weeks or so before he will be needing help with the sets. Tom did mention that the new art teacher wants to be more involved so that might help with painting the sets.

Treasurer's Report (Kathy) – Report distributed.

- Money from ticket booth not finalized - will have that complete this week. Profits from pop/water and walking taco/shaved ice were better than last year (terrible weather last year).
- Uniform fund is being tracked separately from regular fund. First installment has been paid for pants.

Correspondence (Marcia) –

- Coach Jackson sent a thank you note for our hosting the hospitality at True Blue night. (Note - Marcia sent him an email to thank him for the idea)
 - Side note - Coach Jackson has the football team come to the bandstand after each game to sing the Alma Mater with band & cheerleaders (win or lose). Several people commented that this is a great addition to the program.

Membership (Teri) –

- Teri reported 36 members - seems low compared to last year. Money coming in seems ok for the low numbers. 4 or 5 members are faculty.
 - Cathy looked back to last year and we had 40 at the October meeting
- Working on spreadsheet for members. Anna has the list set up and asked if the group is okay with tracking by family and not individuals. Everyone agreed.
- Spreadsheet with membership info went to Mary & Joanie - there are a number of people who volunteered without becoming Booster members, which is still appreciated.
- Teri asked the group if anyone had ideas on why people are not joining and discussion followed.
 - Be sure that new volunteers are called for what they checked off. Several people commented that not calling will make people feel that there's a clique or that they are not needed
 - Friday night half time is the easiest way to bring people in
 - Our effort to get forms out early should continue

- Staffing at Open House is not worthwhile
- Have a membership table at the last IMS Band and Choir concerts to try to draw incoming 8th & 9th graders
- Provide a breakdown of where membership fees go – K. Jones offered to get something together and may need Don's help for graphic presentation. We can post on website and note in an email blast.

Way & Means (Julie) –

- Chipotle fundraiser (50% of proceeds on 9/17 3-6pm)
 - Flyers are ready. Roger Howard will get flyers to IMS and IPS for distribution. Kathleen Kapusta will distribute at seniors meeting. Posted on website; distribute at volleyball game; at Cleveland clinic location. Note: *Flyers cannot be distributed in Chipotle parking lot the night of the fundraiser.*
 - IHS cafeteria will be open for band families to eat before the game. Julie will set up pop & water to purchase there for \$1
 - All proceeds are for uniforms
 - Chipotle only allows 1 event per group per year
- Fall Fest
 - Signed up for walking taco (band) and Pop/water (Boosters)
 - Requested kitchen in pavilion - have tables, chairs, 5 coolers, electrical outlets reserved. Requested co-location but no guarantees.
 - Food is prepared & frozen (Sarley freezer).
 - Need to purchase two 5lb bags of shredded lettuce & 2 large cans of tomatoes (Restaurant Depot.)
 - Pop & water bought on sale last year - should we ask Drug Mart? Suggestion was to get pricing from them and if we can buy for less - then go with sale prices.
 - Paper supplies are in Booster closet - check that there's enough before the event (forks, napkins, gloves).
 - Eileen will run this event but Julie will work with her to get set up. Donna Belitz has called to volunteer. Mary & Joanie should start calling volunteers that checked "any" category.

Volunteers (Mary) –

- No report

Photo buttons (Marcia) –

- Buttons were complete for first game. Some confusion in Athletic Boosters booth with pick up. Perhaps have at picnic area next year (before the game up to halftime).
- Thanks to Michael, Marian and Maureen for taking this on - they look great!

Football Refreshments –

- New water jugs were purchased (3) and seemed to hold enough.

- Had leftover pizza from True Blue plus purchased from Angies - ordered 4 but they gave one free and used Blue Devils discount card on other 3.
- There was confusion with the other band - they misunderstood and went to concession stand. They came in small groups all the way up to the 2 minute warning which made clean up a bit challenging.
- Still have pizza and cookies leftover (frozen).

OLD BUSINESS

True Blue Event-

- Thanks to all who helped - good event
- Ran out of lemonade so plan more in future events
- Anna will check with PTO on what we owe and Kathy will reimburse them when an invoice is provided
- Check if PTO will sell us more lemonade for next game

Mavis Winkle/Trancemitter

- Looking for a date that will work - Mavis requested a Friday night home game from ~10pm - 12 am. (uniform fundraiser)

NEW BUSINESS

Wing Night prep (Julie & Kathy) –

- Venues being priced. Criteria is cost per person at \$20 with profit at \$5 to \$8. Also need open bar and space for 200 people. Looking in Independence first but can go back to Bleachers.
 - Elizabeth suggested Harry's
- People keep an eye out for bargains to use for baskets

Marching Band pants

- Issues with care & accountability - within 10 minutes of distribution there were pants on the floor
- Pants did arrive in time for first game.
- All should consider ideas for accountability - deposit? Plan to meet with Matt to discuss ideas. (points off, squad leaders, parent meeting)

MISCELLANEOUS:

- Company donors will be listed in Holiday/Spring concert programs (not an ad)
- Don had an offer from a local band to do a performance - ideas are welcome for venue that would work. Could parlay into a fundraiser of some sort?

Motion to adjourn - Kathy and second by Eileen