

IHS Music Boosters Meeting

10-11-2012

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Attendees: Marcia Abbadini, Cathy & Don Krolkowski, Marie Nemeth, Chris Grande, Jim Halamek, Barb Mowrer, Diana Manocchio, Lina Soo, Mary Dolansky, Maureen Mroczynski, Terri Kula

Meeting called to order at 6:38. The agenda was distributed & is posted on website.

Meeting minutes were emailed to attendees and hard copies available.

Mary motioned to approve; Diana seconded; All approved.

Directors (Matt) –

- Drill Team Uniforms
 - In Spring, we voted to advance payment (at my recommendation) for new Drill Team uniforms in order to incur a 4% discount.
 - Our paperwork and sample uniform were submitted to our regional representative in March and we were given a 120-150 day window of completion.
 - Due to unknown circumstances, I believe that DeMoulin representative held the paperwork until May 15th at which time they began the 120-150 day countdown.
 - I have no proof that this occurred, nor do we have any legal documentation to prove when they received the drill team uniform sample back – it is all conjecture at this point.
 - Regardless, the completion date is slated for October 7-13th (150 days from May 15). Needless to say, this is unacceptable, but is the hand that we have been dealt.
 - The IHS Drill Team is prepared to repay a portion of their debt in some unknown denomination in the next few weeks.
- Fireball Run
 - I commend our students who “fairly professionally” endured bitter temperatures and hefty precipitation to support our fair city’s endeavor.
 - We received cookie trays from Maggie Osysko the day after the event in gratitude.
 - This was an “interesting” run morning, to be sure.
- Coupon Book Sales
 - Concluded yesterday. “All Around” coupon books were a hit; Entertainment Books not as much. This was expected due to other groups in the school and city selling the books; however, we have one family alone who purchases 100 books for their business, so it is worth our effort. In addition, we were ensured a 50% net profit structure, so continues to make fiscal sense to offer the book.
- Fruit Sale
 - A link is posted on the IHS Music Department Facebook page. (Please consider joining if you have not already.)
 - We are going with PeeJay’s fruit this year as a change due to a higher profit margin and, hopefully, a better ordering system that will ensure timely delivery.
 - Brochures will go out at the end of the month and fruit will be on sale through approximately Thanksgiving.
 - Our delivery date is slated to be the week before Christmas (December 17th).
 - Maps and routes will be provided to those who are interested in increasing their sales. In this way, we can canvas the entire city and increase profit for those who are interested in working for it. There will not be a dedicated day to canvas the city. Students are required

to work in pairs and go door-to-door with a parent should they desire to pursue a City of Independence route.

- Many students in the past did not assist with this fundraiser leaving large holes in the city un-canvassed. Hopefully, the website system, along with a motivated selling base, will alleviate this. We will have a “raffle”-type system based on seniority for those who desire routes.
- Cedar Point
 - We have more than 60 students attending this performance/celebratory experience.
 - We are not performing with another band this year although Northwood High School will be at C. P. that day as well.
 - Final details have been provided in writing (see attached).
 - We are taking 2 school buses and the school van for instruments in order to save the district money.
- Senior Night
 - Is this Friday (October 12)
 - As a change, we will be hosting our Senior Night festivities during halftime, as I have just received word that Newbury will not be bringing a band this year.
 - Senior parents should be on the home track at the start of halftime. We will recognize all seniors and their parents after the Drill Team feature (the third song).
 - FYI – this is our first debut of the Queen Show – Show III!
- Sounds of the Stadium
 - Sunday, October 28 – 3:00 p.m. – IHS Auditorium – Doors open at 2:30.
 - Please help promote this event. Students will be given flyers in the near future.
 - Admission is one canned food item or \$1.00 to benefit a local hunger center.
 - Anticipated concert length = 60 minutes.
 - Could use assistance collecting admission items at a table in the lobby at 2:30.
- Other
 - Holiday Concert in December is midweek (Thursday) due to an effort to stay out of holiday planning activities in the crazy month of December. Should we have bakery after the concert or just let people go home?

Discussion on bakery after concert and consensus was to just let people go home.

Correspondence (Marcia) – none

Treasurers' Report (Jim) –

- Jim distributed a written report. Everything is reconciled and current except Basketball concessions from last year are still being worked on.

Membership (Marie & Chris) –

- Incentive items: Umbrellas were poor quality – the hardware is very difficult to work. Marie is trying to work out a solution with Mark Massey. Everyone agrees that they are not worthy of distributing.
- Marie suggested that we revisit the incentives offered for the various tiers since about 25% of membership is being given back in merchandise.
 - For the record, the whole tier program was rolled out 3 years ago and prior to that it was a flat \$5 fee for membership. The incentive program was introduced to encourage increased revenues through membership fees.
 - It was also pointed out that, for people in the program for 5 years or with multiple kids, we cannot keep up with new incentives due to the small amount of members in each

tier and the cost to purchase and/or inventory items. The program will be revisited in the spring. New ideas are welcome.

Ways & Means (Marcia on behalf of Julie) -

- Holiday raffle tickets for uniform fund:
 - Julie has ticket printing set up with Digi-Com and they will be numbered. Don will mock up the art work.
 - Tickets 1 for \$5; 3/\$10 being sold from 10/28 to 12/13
 - Distribution will begin at Sounds of the Stadium.
 - All tickets to be returned (sold or unsold) by 12/13. Marcia drafted a letter to families to go in the envelope with tickets explaining what this fundraiser supports. Letter was passed around for comment.
 - Need a chairperson – Chris Grande volunteered.
- Holiday Fest at CC on 12/2– **We need a chairperson for this event**
 - Cathy & Marcia will reserve booths for Band and Vocal (each booth sells 2 food items)
 - Hot dogs, Nachos, Pop & Water
 - No Beach Blast for this year.
- Maureen is chairing the 2012 basketball tournament concessions starting this weekend.
 - This weekend is covered but sign-ups are available for every Sunday through 11/18. Shifts are 2 hours from 8:30am to 12:30pm. Help is also needed for set up at 7:30am. Need 4 students plus 1 parent per shift.
 - Wear band polo or Independence shirt while working.

Volunteers (Mary) –

- Need volunteers for Sounds of the Stadium (10/28) – 2 for ticket distribution and 2 for canned food donations and cash. Also a couple people to bake Butterbraid samples.
- Holiday Fest – need 3 to 4 people to start then 2 for remainder of the day
- Halftime is all set for the last game.

OLD BUSINESS

- Photo buttons complete.
- Thanks to Don for arranging tents with the City. He will send a thank you note to the Mayor on behalf of the Music Boosters.
- Thanks to all the families that hosted after the game band parties this year. It's nice to have the kids able to socialize after the game.

NEW BUSINESS

- PTO and 25 & Alive is sponsoring a bonfire Thursday night before the Cuyahoga Heights game. PTO asked if Music Boosters would purchase cups & hot chocolate. They are also having Rice Krispie treats and brownies. Mary motioned to approve purchase; Cathy seconded and all approved the motion.
- Should Vocal be invited to Sounds of the Stadium since raffle tickets are being distributed? Marcia will approach Meghan on how to handle that.

Motion to adjourn – Mary, Glenn seconded & everyone approved

Dates to Remember:

October 15 – Band fruit & Butterbraid sale

October 28 – Sounds of the Stadium IHS auditorium- 3pm

December 2 – Holiday Fest- Noon to 4pm

December 13 – Holiday Concert - 7pm

Music Booster Meeting Schedule

2012-2013 School Year

Date	Time	Location
November 14	6:30 pm	IHS Media Center
December 12	6:30 pm	Civic Center Atrium
January 9	6:30 pm	IHS Media Center
February 13	6:30 pm	IHS Media Center
March 13	6:30 pm	IHS Media Center
April 10	6:30 pm	IHS Media Center
May 1	6:30 pm	IHS Media Center