

IHS Music Boosters Meeting

4-13-2013

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Attendees: Marcia Abbadini, Cathy & Don Krolikowski, Jim Halamek, Diana Manocchio, Chris Grande, Meghan & Matt Schatt, Lina Soo, Barb Mowrer, Terri Kula, Maureen Mroczynski

Meeting called to order at 6:40. The agenda was distributed & is posted on website.

Meeting minutes were emailed to attendees and hard copies available.

Diana motioned to approve; Jim seconded; All approved.

Correspondence (Marcia) – none.

Treasurers' Report (Jim) –

- Jim distributed a report on the account status.
- Choreography fee paid for Disney performance.

Directors' Report –

Mrs. Schatt –Vocal

- Florida trip went well. Thanks to all the chaperones.
- The keyboard and accessories were greatly appreciated on the trip.

Mr. Schatt –Bands

Music Award Banquet

Issues:

- Not everyone brings food or enough food, as per explicit directions
- Low attendance (time commitment or by choice)
- Costly (time, money)

Brainstorming Other Solutions:

- Finger Pastries/Cookies AFTER Awards
- Ice Cream Social AFTER Awards (volunteers to scoop/dish out)
- Other?

CVC Honors Band – Thursday, April 18th at Painesville Harvey

- 8 students attending
- Students need a bag lunch and a ride home
- Concert at 7:00 p.m. for family and friends
- Request a \$90.00 check for student dinners

Alumni Band/Homecoming

- Received a request once again for an alumni band during Homecoming
- Due to the uncertainty of our October, will tentatively hold in 2014
- Event has been planned, just needs to be implemented when convenient

Memorial Day 2013

- Day's activities are uncertain at this time, stay tuned for more details from the city

Band Staff

- With the goal of providing better educational growth for all students, I would like to request \$1000 for a temporary woodwind technician for the 2013 season.
- Course requests and deposits indicate that nearly 48% of our band will be woodwind players in 2013 and I would like to hear more out of each one of them.
- I have met with Tim Florjancic from Berkshire to inquire about his availability and, with your support, he can assist for 2013.
 - Tim is an alumni of Cuyahoga Heights HS and holds a degree in music education with an emphasis on clarinet from Hiram College.
 - He continues to perform weekly with the Hiram Wind Ensemble and is currently employed as the choir director at Berkshire.
 - In the past, Tim was the assistant band director at Berkshire under Matt Marks and last season assisted Jon Sokol at Cuyahoga Heights for the marching band season. Tim resides in Valley View.
 - Tim has experience leading marching bands on the field during Pregame and Halftime.
 - His assistance would be for both home and away camp, Wednesday night rehearsals, and all Friday games.
 - He could be paid in 2 installments: One at the end of August and the other at the end of the season.
 - A fourth person on the band staff, in addition to Beth, Kim, and myself, might be just what we need and provide stability this coming October.
- Brady sightings? Brady provided us (and especially myself) with additional views of marching percussion and, while I wish he would have continued, I can only surmise that his schedule was too busy and BGSU monopolized his time. We got a number of free drumheads and ideas from him however. I will resume my work with the percussion this summer with Kim's assistance.

Raincoats

- We should consider purchasing 10 new coats again this summer at a cost of \$75/each.
- Moreover, we should consider a washing plan for the existing raincoats. Do we trust students to take them home and wash them per our instructions?

Uniform Check-In/Check-Out

- I will check out Senior and non-returning member uniforms in May.
- Returning members can have their uniforms checked for damage during the next season of uniform fittings in July.

Band Trailer

- One of the first priorities that I had as a head band director 5 years ago was to see the IHS MB purchase a trailer for our equipment. Obviously, our uniform campaign took precedence.
- Primary Reasons: Efficiency in loading/unloading (time and wear/tear), One Less School Bus, More Flexibility, Publicity.
- I propose that we start the process for obtaining a cargo trailer (single or double axle, 8'x16' approximate size, single side door, rear cargo ramp) for our equipment. Cost without modifications should be approximately \$3200.

- I also propose that we take the allocated Drill Team uniform repayment money (\$3000) and put it toward the trailer, as well as solicit corporate sponsors. We have something to offer corporate sponsors as we can put their logo/artwork on the side of the trailer on an annual basis.
- If need be, we could see if parents would like to donate \$10+ to the trailer.
- I would like a large logo on both sides of the IHS Marching Band and also start creating a list of senior's names somewhere on the back.

Considerations:

- Who would pull? School personnel? Band Members? Band Staff?
- Insurance? Covered by District?
- Bins/Racks on Inside?
- Artwork/Logos?
- Storage – Work out with School District at Bus Garage or At Stadium

I am not asking you to do all the work. I am just asking for your help in brainstorming and helping me to implement a small, short-term campaign.

Discussion – Group is all in favor of the concept and agreed Matt should move forward in further investigation regarding details regarding insurance and upkeep with district administration.

- Drill Team Uniforms
 - Still not satisfied with returned uniforms. Parents did last minute altering and they looked fine for Disney. Beth is still working with the uniform company.
 - Should be getting a check soon as partial reimbursement and remainder of the loan paid after Home Days.

Membership (Chris)–

- Will get revised form to Don before next meeting.
- Incentives – looking at T-shirt only.
- Will need table tents for Music awards.
- Membership flyers will be ready for packets in June.

Volunteers (Mary)-

- Thanks to Revue helpers.
- Do we need volunteers for Music Awards? TBD

OLD BUSINESS

- Thanks to chaperones and people that helped with final uniform fittings/inspections. Thanks to parents that helped with drill team alterations.
- Thanks to Maureen for the hangers for Vocal.
- Nominations – So far there has been no one to fill any position vacancy.
 - Suggestion for a “job description” to be written and approximate time commitment.
 - All organizations are facing the same issue.
 - Matt asked what he can do to try to get people involved – help “change the landscape?” He will support any changes we feel would help the group or make the organization better.
 - Discussion followed speculating on why people don't want to join or lead. No real answers came forth but it was a starting point to think about change.

- One observation was the fundraising is very difficult in non-Disney years. Suggested to make every year 50% dept/50% student (current is Disney year 75% student; non-Disney year 25% student). Also if fundraiser is “Music Dept” it can be a mandatory event for the class. Consider going for - Boosters manage the event and department provides labor for the event.
- Matt presented a tentative fundraising calendar to review. Try to consolidate efforts and spread out through the year.
- Home Days pop booth – obtaining ice is the biggest challenge. Should we consider other ways to manage? Can we find a company willing to donate?

NEW BUSINESS

- Summer concert events (6/20 & 6/27). Mary offered to coordinate; Lina & Chris will chair both weeks. Bakers needed.
- Music awards – wait to hear from directors about event plan. Probably still want Boosters to provide balloons.
- The May meeting is prior to Music Awards so will not know officers yet. Typically we invite officers parents to May meeting – will have to do the summer meeting instead (June or July).
- Requesting volunteers for Parent Ambassadors for incoming band members (available to answer question regarding band camp or other activities).
 - Maureen, Diana, Barb (home phone #) and Marcia (cell phone #).
- Motion to approve Tim Florjancic as temporary woodwind technician for 2013 season.
 - Don motioned, Maureen seconded and all approved.
- Question came up regarding information on website – parents can get to all of Dept pages; Booster site doesn’t have details on events; some people don’t use Facebook
 - Discussion followed but no solutions were resolved

Dates to Remember:

April 18 – CVC Honors band

April 24 – State of the Schools 6:30pm Auditorium

May 1 – Spotlight deadline for July/August

May 6 – Music Awards

May 8 – Spring concert 7pm Auditorium

June 20 & 27 – Community concert (refreshments) 7-8:30pm

Meeting dates:

May 1 6:30pm IHS Media Center