

## IHS Music Boosters Meeting

5-1-2014

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### Attendees:

Marcia Abbadini, Jim Halamek, Cathy Krolikowski, Diana Manocchio, Maureen Mroczynski, Matt Schatt, Lina Soo, Barb Mower, Mary Dolansky, Marie Nemeth, Theresa Wiesnewski, Janis Kundmueller

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.

Lina motioned to approve; Diana seconded; All approved.

### Correspondence (Marcia) – none

### Treasurers' Report (Jim) –

- Jim distributed a monthly report on the account status.
- The year-end report was submitted (through current activity).
- A proposed budget for 2104-15 was distributed and discussed. Mary motioned to approve the budget, Marie seconded the motion and all approved.
- An item discussed earlier this year was to commit \$1000 to uniforms from this years' budget and another \$1000 to the "Turf the Field" project. Marcia motioned to approve funding both items based on our current account status. Cathy seconded the motion and all approved.

### Reports from Matt Schatt (Band) and Meghan Schatt (Vocal) –

Music Celebration – Monday, May 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

- Looking forward to presenting our students with many well-deserved awards, as well as announcing new officers and section leaders for next year.

- We have 4 volunteers to help scoop and serve ice cream. Thank you!

- Planning for a fun time!

Spring Concert – Wednesday, May 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

- Lots of new and stellar music here.

- Wind Ensemble needs to report at 6:30 p.m. for a yearbook picture on-stage before the performance.

Cedar Point – Saturday, May 31st

- Sent home a ticket order form, due Monday, May 5th at which time we will make a final determination on the event.

### Band Bus

- Only new update, is that I put my plan on the band room floor and have marked off a school bus and bins/shelves in the estimated sizes with painter's tape, if you're curious.

- Back door height of approx. 58 inches and back door width of 24" makes a ramp untenable at this time.

### Florida Trip

- May 20th is the deadline to sign-up online. Encourage others to be proactive.
- Need chaperones or trip will not happen.

#### Music Department Fundraisers for 2014-2015

- July – Home Days Tickets
- August – Home Days Booths/Wristbands
- September – Coupon Books (Entertainment and a New One)
- October – Fruit/Butterbraid

#### Communication

- Our Music Department website is in the process of a facelift. Actually, we've moved to a different online service, which will make the posting and editing of the site much easier. The last system was inefficient and unwieldy, which is why it did not get updated very much. Simply, it could only be updated from one computer.

Same web address.

- Next year, in addition to offering print, website, and social media updates and reminders, we are going to experiment with the Remind 101 texting system (see handout).

- One of the great features is the ability to receive text message or emails regarding Music Department call times, attire reminders, etc. should the family opt to sign up. Better yet, parents AND students can sign up, so parents can be even more in the loop.

- With all of these sources, we continue to plan to update all sources at the same time so the same information can be found in all places.

- No Excuses – The Communication List:

- WEB: IHS Music Department Website
- FB: Independence High School (OH) Music Department Facebook group
- FB: IHS Vocal Ensemble Facebook page
- TWITTER: IHS Vocal Ensemble on twitter @IHSVocal
- FB: IHS Music Boosters Facebook page
- WEB: IHS Music Boosters Website
- EMAIL: IHS Music Boosters Email Blasts
- TEXT/EMAIL: Remind101 for Band (@ihsband) and/or Vocal Ensemble (@ihsvocal)

#### Purchasing

- As Booster money becomes available, we have put together a short list of items for your consideration.

***Discussed instruments on the "wish list". Theresa motioned to allocate the money to purchase the proposed instruments at \$2000; Lina seconded the motion; All approved***

- Also need to consider a bit of self-promotion (i.e. decals, yard signs, magnetic clings).

Membership Coordinator (Marie)-

- Membership forms are completed and tier membership levels are the same. Forms were submitted to the office for inclusion in packets.
- 20 forms printed for Music Awards night.
- Don will provide table tents promoting Boosters for Music Awards.
- Purchasing some T-shirt inventory to be ready for fall membership.
- Working on planning another Bob Evans fundraiser night.

#### Volunteer Coordinator (Mary)-

- Mary will chair the 6/19 concert but would like to find someone for 6/26.
- Ice cream servers are set for Awards night.

#### OLD BUSINESS

- Nominations committee – Marcia read slate of candidates:
  - President – Marcia Abbadini
  - Vice President – Mary Dolansky
  - Treasurer – Jim Halamek
  - PR – Don Krolikowski
  - Membership – Marie Nemeth & Chris Grande
  - Volunteers – Mary Dolansky
  - Halftime – Mary Dolansky & Diana Manocchio
  - Basketball Fundraiser – Maureen Mroczynski
 Cathy motioned to approve the slate; Diana seconded the motion; all approved.  
 (Abstained from vote – Abbadini, Dolansky, Halamek)

**Vacant positions – Secretary and Ways & Means. Please consider volunteering or recruiting someone to join us.**

- Parent Ambassadors for next school year (people who are willing to provide their email and phone number as contacts for any parents that may have questions about the program):
  - Diana, Mary, Marie, Lina
- Farewell to Field event - Marcia had Cow Pie Bingo tickets to purchase; there will be food for sale; kids activities similar to Fall Fest; Band plays 3 songs right at 6pm
- Florida sign up is on line (see Director report).
- Cultural Arts membership should be renewed. Marcia wasn't sure if they sent a bill or we just send a check to them. Marie will ask Margaret and report back.
- Marcia asked Matt what help he needs with raincoat washing. Matt said it worked out for him to take care of it on Percussion rehearsal evenings.

#### NEW BUSINESS

*From Marcia: Personal thanks to everyone during the months of Feb/March at a very difficult time for my family. The Booster flower basket was much appreciated.*

- MUSIC AWARDS BANQUET: Online RSVP - [www.tinyurl.com/MusicCelebration](http://www.tinyurl.com/MusicCelebration)
  - Balloons
  - Get Volunteer questionnaire & Membership Apps for tables
- Marching Band photo buttons. Who can take photos? Who can make buttons?

- Wednesday, August 6 – 6:30 pm
- Don & Maureen will continue to do buttons as previous years
- Please support the Kiwanis group in our city by volunteering for or attending the Kiwanis Chicken BBQ on May 18, as they have been a huge source of support to our Music Department for many years and we hope that this support will continue.
  - Volunteers needed: May 17 - Saturday 8 am - noon  
May 18 - Sunday 8 am – noon; noon - 4 pm  
*Please see Mr. Wells if you are interested or contact [deborahnicastro@hotmail.com](mailto:deborahnicastro@hotmail.com)*  
*Please have the student provide the following information: name, grade, phone number where they can be reached, email address and time they would like to work.*
- Informational Letter is drafted and almost ready to be distributed to all Music Department Parents. Will be in Music Distribution packets.
- Signup Genius for Home Days
  - <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D48A9AE2BA0FC1-home>
  - Marcia sent template to a few people to review. Comments?
  - Some discussion followed with concerns about people signing up for multiple slots. More conversation at next meeting.
  - Marie & family will handle ticket booth but have a family wedding Saturday so will need help.
  - Information can be mailed via the Music Dept in June. (Matt cannot give addresses to us but can send on our behalf).
- Shaved Ice a go – official word given from Big Dipper Bill.
  - Should June meeting be scheduled on Thursday, June 5 – 8:00-9:00 at IMS Auditorium during Music Distribution? This would be aimed at new parents. May be a good captive audience. Will invite new band council parents.

*Thank you to all who helped to make our Music Dept year a success. We will miss our outgoing Senior parents who have been a huge asset to Boosters and the music program for MANY years.*

Motion to adjourn by Mary; seconded by Lina.

#### **DATES TO REMEMBER:**

- ❖ **May 5** – Music Department Awards Banquet – **7:00 pm Auditorium**
- ❖ **May 7** – Spring Concert – **7:00 pm**
- ❖ **May 26** - Memorial Day Parade – **9:00 am**
- ❖ **May 29** – Senior Awards – **6:30 pm**
- ❖ **May 30** – Farewell to Field – **6:00 pm**
- ❖ **June 1** – Commencement Exercises – **1:00-3:00 pm**
- ❖ **June 5** - Marching Band music pickup and rehearsal – **7:30 – 8:30 pm**
- ❖ **June 19 & 26** – Summer Concert Refreshment sales – **7:00-8:30 pm** **Bakery needed**
- ❖ **July 1** – **Deadline for Sept/Oct Spotlight**
- ❖ **July 21** – Home Band Camp – **8:30 am**

**NEXT MEETING: TBD at this meeting – tentative Thursday, June 5, 2014**

**HAVE A GREAT SUMMER!**