

## IHS MUSIC BOOSTERS MEETING

February 10, 2016 – IHS Library – 6:30

**Attendees:** Mary Dolansky, Diana Manocchio, Barb Mowrer, Jim Halamek, Janis Kundmueller, Chris Grande, Terri Skrocki

Meeting called to order at 6:39 by Mary Dolansky. Motion to approve previous meeting minutes (with changes) by Barb Mowrer and seconded by Jim Halamek.

### **Directors' Reports**

Matt Schatt –

- Congratulations to the 8 Superior, 6 Excellent, and 1 Good event ratings for the IHS Bands at this past weekend's Solo and Ensemble Adjudication
- Next year's Solo and Ensemble Adjudication is scheduled for February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2017, so February 4<sup>th</sup> would be the Pasta Dinner
- Save the date for Large Group Adjudication – IHS Bands have requested Saturday, March 5<sup>th</sup>, but Friday evening, March 4<sup>th</sup>, could also be a possibility. Large Group for Band is at Westlake H.S. and Choir is at "Midpark" H.S. (under the name Middleburg Hts. Junior High)

Gretchen Obrovac -

- Events
  - Saturday, January 30<sup>th</sup>, 5-7:30 pm – Spaghetti Dinner – Many of our vocal soloists and two ensembles performed their OMEA Contest pieces
    - Personally, I was so impressed with the crowd and how well the event was run! The Boosters clearly have it down to a science. An excellent event – THANK YOU!!!
  - Saturday, February 6<sup>th</sup>, All Day – OMEA Solo and Ensemble Contest Tri C West
    - 16 soloists and 4 ensembles earned 13 Superior (I) Ratings, 8 Excellent (II) Ratings, and 1 Fair (IV) Rating. It was a day to reflect on and be proud of the knowledge gained from spending time on their own voices! Performances ran from 8 am until 4:30 pm, with many students performing more than once!
- From the Class – Working on the following:
  - Preparing for Large Group Contest, Saturday, March 5<sup>th</sup>. Time TBA
  - Choreographing a few songs to make a tape for Florida audition
- Upcoming Concerts
  - Saturday, March 5<sup>th</sup>, TBA – OMEA Large Group Contest – Middleburg Hts. Junior High
- Action Items

- Addressing the issue of being able to hear the vocal performers at Spaghetti Dinner: Because they are rehearsing for the Contest, having them sing into a microphone at the Dinner is not an accurate representation of the nature of the performance they will have the following week. It alters the way they sing, they worry about feedback, singing too loud or soft, etc. It adds extra stress to an already demanding situation. On the other side of the coin, since they know that they won't be heard, it's not a very meaningful musical experience for them. Having experienced the Dinner for myself now, I see that it is a very festive environment. Perhaps in the future the Vocal Ensemble in its entirety and just the Ensembles for Contest will perform, because they can mostly be heard. We can have students perform their solos in a different setting to get their "dress rehearsal".
  - Discussion at the meeting followed – It was agreed that the Pasta Dinner is a loud venue and the acoustics of the cafeteria aren't the greatest. This has been recognized in the past, as well. Other locations have been considered such as the Civic Center and Middle School, but one of the challenges is the difficulty of moving the equipment to an "off-site" location. The event has grown over the years, so a bigger venue should be considered. One idea to address the issue of not being able to hear the soloists, is to have them perform in the auditorium at scheduled times during the Pasta Dinner event.

Meghan Schatt – Guys and Dolls

- Ad forms will be distributed and are due March 11<sup>th</sup>
- Charlene Paporizos made beautiful posters
- Thank you to Michele DeScioli and parent volunteers for all of their help

**Correspondence** (Janis Kundmueller)- Sympathy card was sent to the Streibel family

**Treasurer's Report** (Jim Halamek)-Treasurer's Report distributed for period January 13, 2016 – February 9, 2016; End-of-Year Report also distributed showing year-to-date fund activity (July 1, 2015 – Current); 6 sponsors donated \$100 each for Pasta Dinner so there was no cost to Music Boosters; we need to consider using some funds as the bank account balance is approaching the maximum amount allowable before IRS filings become more complicated.

### **Committee Reports**

*Membership (Chris Grande) – 1 new member*

*Volunteer (Barb Mowrer)- Guys and Dolls: Need someone to co-ordinate advertising – Barb will contact Terri Kula; Barb to contact Jenny Flynn to communicate to the Independence Seniors about the Senior Show scheduled Tuesday, March 15<sup>th</sup>; Ticket prices of \$10 for adult and \$7 for student need to be confirmed by Meghan Schatt; Set construction is underway – no additional help needed as Mr. Moorefield is using his art students; Barb has a big list of volunteers; Doing well with procuring props, but still need 1 phone and newspapers*

*Pasta Dinner (Chris Grande)*- Pasta Dinner binder will be passed on to Judy George; Revenues in excess of \$4,000; Lots of baskets - \$1,000 alone in sales of raffle tickets for baskets thanks to the hustling Judy George; Thanks to everyone for their help

### **Old Business**

- Musical Parent Meeting – Barb Mowrer was able to assemble a large list of volunteers as a result of the meeting
- Positions for the 2016-2017 school year still available:
  - Open Positions
    - Secretary
    - Volunteer Coordinator – Terri Skrocki volunteered
  - Filled Positions:
    - President - Mary Dolansky
    - Treasurer – Jim Halamek, with Joe Streibel as his shadow to step in as Treasurer the following year
    - Basketball Concessions – Marian Streibel and Cinda Senick
    - Membership – Janis Kundmueller

### **New Business**

- The tent was requested by Don Krolikowski for the following 2017 home football games: August 26<sup>th</sup>, September 2<sup>nd</sup>, September 16<sup>th</sup>, September 30<sup>th</sup>, October 21<sup>st</sup>. The tent will most likely not be available during the weekend of the Fall Fest so the Fleming family will be contacted to see if they are willing to lend their tent on that date (when it is determined).
- Fundraising Event – Magic Gives Back (MGB) fundraising opportunity: Copies of flyer were distributed. Organization sells tickets to see Magician, Rick Smith, Jr. and co. perform at your location. After the first 200 tickets, MGB splits everything with the organization 50/50. There is no cost to the organization and MGB provides everything.
- Community Concert Refreshments – Committee Chairperson needed; For June or July; It is believed we can sell bakery without a Health Dept. license if it's on a donation basis, but need to confirm
- Need to set up calendar for 2016-2017 Music Booster Meetings
- Need to get building permits for Music Booster Meetings and Pasta Dinner 2017 – Mary Dolansky to get building permit for meetings
- Upcoming Events:
  - Memorial Day Parade – Monday, May 30<sup>th</sup>
  - Band Camp – Home Camp July 18<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup>; Away Camp July 24<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup>
  - Home Days Parade – August 6<sup>th</sup>

**Music Booster Meeting Schedule  
2015-2016 School Year**

Date	Time	Location
March 9 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 PM	IHS Media Center
April 13 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 PM	IHS Media Center
May 11 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 PM	IHS Media Center
June – to be announced	6:30 PM	IHS Auditorium

**Dates to Remember:**

March 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> – OMEA Large Group

March 13<sup>th</sup> – Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast – Student Volunteers Needed

March 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> – Guys and Dolls

April 28<sup>th</sup> – Windependence Concert - 7 PM – IHS Auditorium

May 5<sup>th</sup> – Spring Concert – 7 pm – IHS Auditorium

May 9<sup>th</sup> – Music Awards – 7 PM – IHS Auditorium

Motion to adjourn made at 7:20 by Barb Mowrer, and seconded by Chris Grande