

IHS MUSIC BOOSTERS MEETING

April 13, 2016 – IHS Library – 6:30

Attendees: Mary Dolansky, Diana Manocchio, Barb Mowrer, Janis Kundmueller, Chris Grande, Marian Streibel, Rhonda DeFini, Gretchen Obrovac, Nadine Londrico, Jim Halmek, Matt Schatt, Maureen Mroczynski

Meeting called to order at 6:35 by Mary Dolansky. Motion to approve previous meeting minutes (with changes) by Barb Mowrer and seconded by Marian Streibel.

Directors' Reports

Matt Schatt –

- Upcoming Events

- Windependence/Combined Band Concert – Thursday, April 28th at 7pm

Students report at 6:30 pm; Order will be in ascending order by age/grade with a final combined work; Small refrigerator reminder will be sent home with students 2 weeks before event; Run-time in auditorium should be approximately one hour; Following the main concert, the IMS and IHS Jazz bands will perform in the cafeteria for approximately 30-minutes for a more informal, celebratory atmosphere (with bakery and punch graciously provided by the Boosters); Volunteers needed for bakery/punch setup and serving

- Spring Concert – Thursday, May 5th at 7pm

More time to highlight the high school musicians; Vocal Ensemble will also be performing; Approximately 20-25 minutes per group for a run-time of one hour

- Music Awards – Monday, May 9th at 7pm

Start in the IHS Auditorium to honor our students with annual and specialty awards; Approximately 7:45pm, we will adjourn to the cafeteria for an ice cream social to celebrate our musician's efforts this school year and to thank them for sharing their gifts of music with us; In the past, the Music Boosters president has held the audience in the auditorium to allow for a quick setup in the cafeteria; There will be an online RSVP as in years' past @ <tinyurl.com/MusicCelebration>; A written invitation will go out later this week or early next week; Volunteers needed to serve/clean-up ice cream and toppings (4-6 people); Matt Schatt will set up; Diana Manocchio will buy balloons

- In the Future

- Florida Trip Planning – Monday, April 17th – Saturday, April, 22nd, 2017

- Bob Rogers Travel is planning our trip once again for the second time
- Price Increases: Since our 2015 Trip, Walt Disney World ticket prices will have increased approximately 20% through 2017, Universal Studios ticket prices will have increased approximately 10% through 2017, and area hotels have followed suit due to demand as have tour bus companies
- Cost of 2015 Trip was approximately \$890 for a six-day trip; The 2017 trip, as-is could be much more. Due to a personal philosophy that all students should have the opportunity to participate in the Trip, that cost needs to come down to be more reasonable and accessible for all students
- As early as the end of the last trip, anxiety ensued because we are very near to straddling the divide between two and three buses with the size of our school district decreasing; With two 55-passenger buses, if we go over 110 participants, then we add into a third bus that would, essentially, be mostly empty; This situation would increase the cost of our trip by approximately \$75/person and we would not see any additional benefits for our money; Historically, 75% of our members participate in a trip and then we add in chaperones and staff – approximately 140 members will be eligible for the Trip $\times .75 = 105$ traveling participants; I am trying to get creative to keep our costs down; Normally, I would have the cost to you by now, but this would not be prudent and I will need another month to work on a more reasonable cost; However, for a 1:12 ratio of adults to students, we will need approximately 6-8 additional chaperones to accompany us on the trip, so start thinking! It's a great time and the safety of our students is my foremost priority.
- Tentative Schedule:
 - Monday, April 17, 2017 – Depart for Orlando
 - Tuesday, April 18, 2017 – Arrive Orlando/Universal Studios Parks
 - Wednesday, April 19, 2017 – Magic Kingdom
 - Thursday, April 20, 2017 - EPCOT
 - Friday, April 21, 2017 – Animal Kingdom and/or Hollywood Studios; Depart for Home
 - Saturday, April 22, 2017 – Arrive Independence
- 2016-2017 Tentative Band Calendar (Handout) – distributed during meeting

Gretchen Obrovac -

- Events
 - Abby Andryszczyk is working on a Senior Wall in the Vocal room. It is shaped like a tree and each senior will add their name (as a leaf) to it as they graduate
 - MANChoir – to generate male interest in and support of singing!

- All male choir members grades 5-12 singing together, with their invited male guests! Fourth grade boys have specifically been invited too. This special performance will be done with the support of members of The Men of Independence barbershop chorus as well. Hoping to have 60-100 members! We will perform at the Spring Concert. Rehearsal Tuesday April 26, 7-8:30pm. They will perform 1 song at the Spring concert.
- From the Class – Working on the following:
 - Spring concert repertoire
- Upcoming Dates
 - Tuesday, April 26th, 7-8:30 pm – MANChoir rehearsal @ IMS
 - Thursday, May 5th, 7 pm – IHS Spring Concert
 - Monday, May 9th, 7pm – Music Awards
- Action Items
 - Request for Boosters to pay Rebecca Justice for choreography services to record the Florida audition video. \$200 for 2 songs plus her time, about 15-17 rehearsals.
 - Informal quote list for updating Vocal Uniforms. Since we have only one Vocal Group in this school that performs for a variety of occasions, the possibility of this being a second uniform is desirable since we perform in such different venues throughout the year. We could keep what we currently have for Christmas, colder weather and more formal performances. We can use this new style for Florida sets, warmer weather and more dance centered or less formal performances. The Men's update would potentially be a new vest and bow tie or a new shirt and tie.
 - Quotes from 5 vendors were presented for 47 dresses and 6 men's updated pieces. The quotes ranged from \$2,713 - \$4,282. Mary Dolansky asked Gretchen to pick a preference. Gretchen liked the Rivar's (quote for \$3,235 - \$3,737) and Southeastern (quote for \$3,510 - \$4,214)

Correspondence (Janis Kundmueller)- Sympathy card was sent to the Fichter family; Need to send a sympathy card to Dave Pescosolido and family

Treasurer's Report (Jim Halamek)- Following reports were distributed:

- Guys and Dolls financial wrap-up; figures did not include ad in programs; attendance estimated at 700, which is over a third higher than the past
- Treasurer Report for activity from March 9 – April 12, 2016
- End-of-Year Report showing fiscal YTD activity from July 1, 2015 – Current
- Proposed Music Boosters Budget 2015-2016

Committee Reports

Membership (Chris Grande) – New membership forms to be ready for Mr. Schatt to include in June Marching Band Music Packet; Gretchen will need a copy for Vocal prior to the Friday before Memorial Day; Need to add Terri Skrocki to the membership list

Volunteer (Barb Mowrer) – Volunteers needed for the following:

- Bakery for Windependence Concert on April 28th – Band Room will be open to drop off bakery; 3 or 4 people needed to serve; Beverages will be lemonade and water
- Volunteers for Ice Cream Social on May 9th – Use paper products leftover from Music Booster events; Mr. Schatt to provide ice cream
- Volunteers to bake for Summer Community Concerts June 16th and June 23rd – Chairperson needed; Drop off bakery at Mary Dolansky's house

Old Business

- Vote on Board Members for 2016-17
 - President – Mary Dolansky
 - Vice President – Nadine Londrico
 - Treasurer – Jim Halamek with Joe Streibel shadowing for 2017-18 school year
 - Secretary – Kelly Savastano
 - Membership – Janis Kundmueller
 - Volunteer Coordinator – Terri Skrocki
 - Basketball Concessions – Marian Streibel and Cinda Senick
 - Football Refreshments – Mary Dolansky and Diana Manocchio
 - Website Manager – Don Krolikowski

Motion to approve slate was made by Barb Mowrer. Motion was seconded by Terri Skrocki and approved by all.

- Positions for the 2016-2017 school year still available:
 - Home Days Committee Chairperson – Rhonda DeFini has agreed to chair the Pretzel/Shaved Ice Booth for the Vocal Group.
 - Uniform Fittings Chairperson
 - Photo Buttons Chairperson
 - Summer Community Concerts Chairperson
- Community Concert Refreshments update: Do not need a BOH food license if we say “donations accepted” instead of pricing the bakery and coffee. Can sell bottled water if we want. Dates scheduled are June 16th and June 23rd. The Community Band is scheduled to perform on both dates. Volunteers needed to provide bakery.
- Building Permit for Meetings and Pasta Dinner (February 4th) – permits filed
- *Guys and Dolls* Thanks:
 - Sharon Vetalice for the cast photo and the cast headshots and hosting the cast party.
 - Chrissy Fichter for posting photos on Facebook
 - Barb Mowrer, Diana Manocchio, Mary Dolansky, Chrissy Fichter, Judy George and Liz Arlesic for the cast wall in the front lobby of IHS
 - Barb Mowrer, Diana Manocchio, Chrissy Fichter, Maureen Mroczynski, Judy George, Mary Dolansky, and Liz Arlesic for helping with costumes and props
 - All volunteers who sold stars, tickets and concessions and the student volunteers that were star runners
 - Judy George and all those who helped with the cast luncheon
- Purchases for Band and Vocal – ask directors for priority list
 - Vocal – Dresses
 - Band – To get by: another sousaphone (bought 1 last year); Most prudent would be to phase in more raincoats (10 per year) and tuxedo pieces (4-5 per year);

- Equipment truck (school district would insure it, could store at the Board of Education, no special license needed so anyone can drive it)
- If too much cash accumulates, Music Boosters need to file a long form (vs. a short form) with the Ohio Attorney General (not the IRS)

New Business

- Concession sales from the musical
- Star sales from the musical
- Windependence – sell magnets, table for membership forms for next year; volunteers to set-up and man bakery tables and beverages
- Begin working on MB information letter to parents for disbursement before the end of the school year – included in packet provided on Music Distribution night
- Home Days Booth Application – will need check for the City of Independence
 - Fundraising ideas for next year – Pasta Dinner; Sell Raffle tickets to throw a pie in the face of advisor; Magic Gives Back (Rick Smith magician); Sell pop and water at local food truck events; Restaurant nights at Independence establishments (Chipotle, Applebees, etc.)
- Solicit parent ambassadors for the 2016-2017 school year – Nadine Londrico, Janis Kundmueller

Motion made by Matt Schatt to approve \$200 to be paid to Rebecca Justice for choreography for Florida Trip audition video; Motion was seconded by Jim Halamek and all approved.

Dates to Remember:

- April 28th – Windependence Concert - 7 PM – IHS Auditorium
- May 5th – Spring Concert (Band & Vocal) – 7 pm – IHS Auditorium
- May 9th – Music Awards – 7 PM – IHS Auditorium
- May 22nd – Commencement Performance – 1 PM at IHS
- May 30th – Memorial Day Ceremony & Parade – Downtown Independence (last performance for seniors)
- June 2nd – Marching Band Music pick-up and rehearsal / Parents information meeting – 7:30 PM – IHS Auditorium
- June 16th – Summer Community Band Concert – 7 PM - Bandstand
- June 23rd – Summer Community Band Concert – 7 PM - Bandstand

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

Date	Time	Location
May 11 th	6:30 PM	IHS Media Center
June 2nd	7:30 PM	IHS Auditorium

Motion to adjourn made at 7:35 by Marian Streibel, and seconded by Nadine Londrico