

# **IHS MUSIC BOOSTERS MEETING MINUTES**

**May 6, 2020**

**Meeting called to order at 7:35pm by Nadine seconded by Kathleen**

**Attendees: Beth F, Gretchen O, Angela Z, Joe S, Nadine L, Sally V, Kathleen Matt S, Kelli B, Beth L,**

**Approve Minutes** for April 8, 2020 Meeting Minutes motion by Beth L, seconded by Angela and passes

**Reports from Matt Schatt (Band) and Gretchen Obrovac (Vocal)**

**Band -**

## **Wrapping Up**

- Thank you for your continued encouragement and support of our membership and programming over these past seven weeks!
- Regardless of whether or not the City of Independence intends to hold Memorial Day remembrance ceremonies, due to not being able to guarantee student safety, the IHS Band Program will not be attending. Please remove this performance date from your calendar for 2020.
- Members were to turn in their concert uniforms last week. If they did not, a rack is still available in the IHS Main Lobby. The IHS Band Room has also been prepared for summer cleaning.
- Concert music, lingering uniforms, and miscellaneous items can be returned in mid-June during Chromebook check-in days to the IHS Main Lobby.
- In terms of instruction, members were recently given a “one-stop shop” webpage of links to utilize throughout the remainder of the year and summer. All salient information can be found on this single page.
- All in-person band events are canceled through July 1

## **Looking Ahead**

- While the future is unknown, I maintain that a band program, which includes a marching band, is important for civic and school relationships, as well as the education and growth of our students. To this end, three scenarios have been created to ensure the safety and security of our members moving forward into the next school year regardless of whether a varsity football season exists. While we await decisions and recommendations from the Governor, CDC, and Ohio High School Athletic Association among others, our planning for the fall of 2020 will continue undeterred.
- To this end, we are currently electing Band Officers this week for next year through an online ballot which will close on Friday evening at midnight. Music brain-storming activities for next season are also available online for the next two weeks.
- Due to our normal sign-up process being interrupted, deposit checks were held at the IHS Main Office and not cashed. In order to confirm enrollment for the creation of marching band drill charts and squad assignments, ALL PARTICIPATING MEMBERS will be required to complete an online form by the end of the month which will be used exclusively for planning for next season.

No money will be collected until a final determination is made on our Away Band Camp participation. Our website, Remind, and Facebook will be utilized for this information.

- Other interruptions include Color Guard Clinics and Tryouts, as well as Drumline Instrument
- Placements. Details will be forthcoming in June with other season-related information; however, it is necessary to plan for these activities occurring online. It is also imperative that students continue to check their iPride school email address once each week for timely updates.
- A full-band online meeting and rehearsal is likely in June once new season music is distributed electronically. As much as possible, I will strive to keep the same date and time as our Music Distribution and Rehearsal already scheduled (Thursday, June 11 @ 7:30p).
- At this time, Away Band Camp at Camp Burton is necessarily tentative. My primary concerns, aside from adhering to state health mandates, include students in confined spaces like cabins and obtaining enough chaperones to spread members out in smaller groups throughout the camp. One notable fallback option is to utilize the same weeks for camps in July with activities and instruction occurring throughout Independence, rather than in Burton. Building and field permits have been approved and special activities are being planned. A final determination will be made prior to school letting out in June utilizing health information that will hopefully be available by that time. Safety and security must be our primary concerns.
- Home Days participation is also to be determined and we will make those decisions as information is available, specifically related to group gatherings.
- Due to our current situation, we are waiting to distribute information regarding the 2021 Spring Break Florida Trip until early September. This will cut our sign-up period short, but still ensure accurate information being disseminated. All payments would then have to be in by February 2021. The dates of the trip are slated to be Monday, April 5-Saturday, April 10, 2021.

### **Requests**

- Equipment Trailer: We currently have just under \$6000 for the trailer. Recent bids of high-end equipment and features from local dealers top out at \$7500 for an 8.5x20' enclosed trailer with an extended tongue length to minimize the possibility of jack-knifing, a covering for the ramp gate to allow for ease of rolling from ramp to trailer, and an installed hook system on the walls. A smaller version of 8.5x16' with fewer features would come in closer to \$5900. As most of these trailers are ordered from Georgia through local vendors and take 6-8 weeks to be delivered, I will continue to explore our options. Regardless of whether or not we have our Away Camp and football games, I committed to purchasing this trailer for next season and continue to desire to do so. I will have a firm model number and vendor for the Music Boosters by June 1. I am requesting the permission to move forward with this purchase prior to mid-June for next season.
- Ladder: I was requested to solicit prices for a ladder/podium to be used on the sideline for pregame and halftime activities. A four-foot version from BandShoppe.com is approximately \$175.00 plus shipping as seen here is readily available
- PA System: Around the middle of last season, my public address system finally quit working after decades of service. While I was able to project my voice without amplification for the end of the season, with the potential of keeping the band at a larger distance this coming season, this is not going to be possible. The most cost-effective option I have found is below at a cost of \$1002.

## Vocal and Musical

**Correspondence: Kathleen Vijaywergiya**  
no report

### **Treasurer Report – Joe Streibel**

no activity since last month

25042.35 which includes the \$1000 donation for trailer and there is an additional \$400 donation for the trailer yet to be deposited

### **Committee Reports:**

#### Membership – Angela Zambito

- Incentives for next year wants to do a few items
- Current Inventory- not much

#### Volunteer Coordinator – Beth Flemming

- Need volunteers to bake for Summer Community Concerts June 18<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>
- community concerts are TBD if they are happening. Gunlicks is not sure what he is comfortable with rehearsals and performers in close proximity and doesn't have a lot of hope that they will happen. We request volunteers the week before usually so we have time

#### Fund Raising – Wing Ding/November 2020

- Need to secure date hoping for the 2nd Saturday in Nov

#### OLD BUSINESS:

- Need to follow up with High School for yearbook ad. As soon as Nadine gets the form we will send it in, last year it was \$300 for a full page. Motion to purchase the music boosters ad in year book by joe and seconded by angela, passes
- Set up dates and submit building permits for 2020/21 for meetings form still not available as of May 6
- Need to work on tent rental once football schedule is received - still waiting on the football schedule
- Need committee chairs:
  - Summer Community Concerts

- Marching Band Photos
- Fundraising Coordinator
- Holiday Fest Joel Valenti will chair this if it is happening
- Need to work on Music Boosters letter to parents for disbursement prior to end of year.
- Home Days Booth application
- Parent Ambassadors for 2020/21 school year usually board members and a few committee members (Angela, Beth)
- Music Boosters website needs to be updated-Beth Loebick
- Community Concert dates-June 18<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>
- Add June and July meeting dates-June will be part of Music Distribution evening/July will discuss Home Days activities
- Nadine, Joe and Kelli need to take care of the bank account and move it to PNC

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- Need to get Music Boosters website updated
- Work on Home Days application not out there yet to apply
- Is there money left over for band shirts or are they paying for this this year?
- Approval for purchase of the trailer the money was already earmarked
- \$175 to get a new ladder with the platform, motioned by nadine and seconded by Joe and approved
- \$1002 for a new weather proof speaker with transmitter if we replace the exact same model it would be \$2800. Motion to approve \$1002 by Beth F and seconded by Joe and approved

**DATES TO REMEMBER:**

Monday, May 11<sup>th</sup>-Music Awards 7:00 PM-cancelled  
 Wednesday, May 19<sup>th</sup>-IHS Spring Concert-cancelled  
 Monday, May 25<sup>th</sup>-Memorial Day Parade-cancelled  
 Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup>-Commencement Band/Vocal Performances-TBD  
 Monday, July 20<sup>th</sup>-Friday, July 24<sup>th</sup>-Home Band Camp-TBD  
 Sunday, July 26<sup>th</sup>-Friday, July 31<sup>st</sup>-Away Band Camp (Camp Burton)-TBD

**Music Booster Meeting Schedule  
2018-2019 School Year**

Date	Time	Location
June 10th	7:30 PM	IHS Media Center

July 8th	7:30 PM	IHS Media Center
August 5th	7:30 PM	IHS Media Center

adjourn meeting 8:41 by Angela seconded by Joe