

IHS Music Boosters Meeting
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Attendees: Marcia Abbadini, Cathy & Don Krolikowski, Kathy Jones, Glenn & Margaret Bierman, Nancy Flynn, Matt Schatt, Anna Sarley, Julie Scotton, Teresa Stawicki, Maureen Mroczynski, Teri Kula

Meeting called to order at 7:43. The agenda was distributed & is posted on website.

Meeting minutes from April were emailed to attendees and hard copies available. Teresa motioned to approve; Glenn seconded; All approved.

- Treasurer's Report – Report distributed. (Teresa)
 - Army Field Band concessions were not reconciled yet. Event did not sell out and many concessions remain. Margaret is working on ways to sell to other groups. We are about break even (no profit) at this time.
 - Did receive donations for uniforms at the event.
 - Discussing any contribution to Cultural Arts for printing costs.
 - Another \$290 was credited to Wing Night fundraiser and will be adjusted in the next report.

- Correspondence – Marcia will follow up with Elizabeth whether a thank you note was sent to Cultural Arts.

- Directors Report – (Matt)
 - 10 students were invited to play with the Army band.
 - Feedback mostly positive but clinics ran very short due to miscommunication on times.
 - Music Awards held May 10 and format altered slightly. Meghan & Matt would appreciate feedback from Boosters.
 - On 5/14, Vocal performed at the Senior luncheon with positive feedback.
 - Geoff Zion & Greg Kula performed with the Independence United Methodist Men's Barbershop group at an Indians baseball game on 5/21.
 - Commencement – 2 songs by Vocal and 1 by Band (plus processional & recessional songs). See Mr. Schatt's website for details.
 - Memorial Day parade - See Mr. Schatt's website for details on time & dress. It was noted that on Thursday 5/17, Drug Mart had donation boxes at the registers for band uniforms and advertising the event for 5/30.
 - Concert dress uniforms are to be turned in to school on 5/28.
 - Marching Band uniform update
 - Placing orders for pants – unable to go with washable pants due to color match concerns. Pants will be ready by first game. Everyone was measured on 5/17.
 - Next step is distribution of flyers for donation campaign. Brochure will be sent out to all students on 6/9 and to local businesses.
 - Asking kids to pass on to friends, neighbors or businesses.
 - Matt found he can purchase a local business directory for \$73 to get 1700 mailing addresses. Julie mentioned she has a list of businesses so she will let Matt review that before purchasing another.

- Current cost figures look like: \$407 per uniform plus \$65 for raincoats. 1991 was last purchase date and 50 uniforms were bought for a 43 member band at that time. The remaining uniforms were bought through the years as the band grew in size.
- Membership – (Marcia/Teri)
 - Letter was drafted to send to all band, vocal and flag parents explaining the purpose of Music Boosters and events we sponsor. Discussion followed on best method to get to parents. Marcia will investigate bulk rate mail (think we need >200 letters) or putting in report cards with the office.
 - Will still include letter and membership form in packet pick up.
 - Have received some volunteer forms back from Music Awards night.
 - Reviewed tiered membership incentive ideas – umbrellas too expensive. Need items < \$10 however we could choose to sell more expensive items a la carte. Embroidered items are made one at a time and we have the pattern so cost is ~\$5 per item. Anything screened will involve a set up charge and new artwork will involve a charge for a screen. Ideas included – tote bags, folding chairs, thermos, travel coffee mugs and ponchos. Please come to next meeting ready to vote on this.
- Ways & Means - (Julie)
 - Shaved ice vendor and walking taco booth reserved for Home Days.
 - Still looking at Chipotle - pick any 3 hours & they'll split profit. Julie planning for a Friday football game night.
 - Home Day raffle tickets were delivered to school today for students – 4 books will be distributed to each Music Department student to sell or return by band camp. Music Boosters has an additional 25 books to sell for our booths.
- Volunteer Report - (Margaret)
 - Made ~\$40 back on Army band concessions by selling items at Spring concert – thanks to Matt & Meghan for the intermission plug.
 - Sold some leftover items to swim team.
 - Can we send email to Music Boosters to purchase full tray of water bottles for \$8 and half tray for \$4? Margaret will also contact after school program.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Poster Machine –
 - Report from Teri & Nancy that PTO approved donating \$2000 toward the purchase of both machines (total cost \$10,000). School is paying for some portion through their budget and Mr. Howard is asking each Booster group to help defer cost.
 - Note – pavilion project cancelled due to difficulties in permit issues with city. That does free up \$2000 that was reserved in our budget – question was should we re-allocate?
 - There was much discussion about the pros and cons of supporting this purchase. Major concern voiced by many was that we are requesting donations and doing fundraisers for a major uniform replacement project

and we are facing a levy renewal vote in the fall. Doesn't seem like a good time to purchase this type of equipment.

- Question raised whether Athletic Boosters were donating and how much? Suggestion that we look at the other groups' budget vs donation to equipment and scale our donation accordingly. Athletic Boosters have much larger income than our group; not sure about PTO.
 - Another suggestion is to defer decision until levy is behind us and also the uniforms are paid for.
 - Motion to table decision until December by Don and seconded by Teresa. Don will communicate group position to Mr. Howard.
- Summer concert -
 - We have the July 15 date for Wayne Tomsic at 7pm and Elizabeth offered to coordinate event.
 - Boosters bring & sell bakery; coffee & lemonade provided by City and we just serve. Need volunteers to bake and to serve that night.
 - Notes from last year – individually wrapped items were easiest to work with; people waited until price reduction at the end of the concert to purchase most baked goods.
 - Elizabeth noted we have extra cookies from Spag dinner that were frozen so we can use those first.
 - Scholarship committee -
 - Approved line item for \$1000 for next year at last meeting.
 - Matt offered to create application and send draft copy to committee for approval. Vote on form at June meeting.
 - Reiterate importance of parents being active Boosters with minimum number of service hours.
 - Who will head up committee? After some discussion, it was agreed to leave up to executive committee.
 - Retirement gift for Ray Jermann-
 - Decided not to do event pass.
 - Teresa offered to purchase Giant Eagle \$50 gift card.
 - Kathy J has shirts.
 - Need volunteer to deliver both to Ray before end of school year.
 - Committee Chairs for 2010-11-
 - Need: Volunteers, Football halftime prep; Football halftime event.
 - Football halftime - Kathy J offered to shop; Cathy K offered to prep; Mary Dolansky is doing the night of set up. Judy Cuilla offered to help but does not want to lead.
 - Mary Dolansky offered to be parent ambassador

NEW BUSINESS:

- Thank yous

- Formal thank you to Wing Night committee – Julie, Anna, Kathy J, Maureen, Eileen for a fantastic effort with great profit and a good time!
- Thanks to the Stawickis and Biermans (graduates) – we recognize the hard work and contributions over the years by the parents and the kids!
- July 2nd Burger booth
 - Don reserved booth and recommended VP family get food ordered ASAP
 - Maureen offered to reserve chafing dishes with City
 - Reminder that lanterns would be helpful for grilling and clean up after dark – there is not lighting provided with booth
 - Looking into ways to help with VP family handling booth – Matt is working to resolve and will call Booster president by end of the week with final arrangements
 - Sign up sheets will be sent to Matt by Don (same as last year) and kids will be signed up in band
- Photo buttons for band camp
 - Ask Michael Jaszczak to photograph kids on band picture day (Mon 8/2)
 - Maureen offered to do buttons – she has machine
 - Marian Martin offered to help as needed
- Volunteers for Kiwanis BBQ
 - Matt sent email to band families pointing out that we get monetary support from Kiwanis and we should help support their events. Several kids and parents did answer the call for help and Kathleen Kapusta did note that they really appreciated the effort.
 - We should keep this in mind going forward in our planning.
- Disney Trip – (Matt)
 - Quad price up to \$1027 for same trip as 2 years ago – too high so looking at options to reduce cost through various options
 - \$900 – beach mid-week and Animal Kingdom or MGM off the bus
 - \$950 – beach first day
 - Trying to get trip to be attainable at \$600-700 with max fundraising
 - Another change is trip will be invoiced direct to parents and not collected through Music Dept. Spreadsheet with fundraising info will be sent to Horizon for credits.
- Misc Notes
 - Levy committee has been formed and Marcia is a representative. She offered to answer questions and be conduit for information. She asked everyone to please vote.
 - There may be a request to post “informational” signs at booths at Home Days – not request for YES vote – information only.
 - Suggestion to purchase our own water jugs for use at band camp and football games. Much of the hassle with Football set up is reserving and hauling water jugs to and from the Field house.

Motion to adjourn by Marcia; Second by Nancy