

## IHS Music Boosters Meeting

1-9-2013

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Attendees: Marcia Abbadini, Cathy & Don Krolkowski, Chris Grande, Jim Halamek, Barb Mowrer, Diana Manocchio, Lina Soo, Mary Dolansky, Marie Nemeth, Nancy Flynn, Mat Schatt, Glenn & Margaret Bierman, Kathy Jones

Meeting called to order at 6:35. The agenda was distributed & is posted on website.

Meeting minutes were emailed to attendees and hard copies available.

Nancy motioned to approve; Mary seconded; All approved.

### Correspondence (Marcia) – none

### Treasurers' Report (Jim) –

- Jim distributed a written report and a mid-year report (covering July through December).
- Question raised regarding Uniform Fund: Should we maintain a separate budget for the uniform replacement/repair and long term purchase? If we have a fundraiser stating it is for uniforms, we will need to designate that money for uniforms only, as we have been doing. The question is whether we should continue this or keep our resources more flexible. The question was posed to Mr. Schatt for input.
  - He proposed that if we target \$1000 per year, this should cover the uniform funding since the current spend is ~\$400-500 per year. The large fundraising activity over the last few years was unusual since there had not been a long-term strategy for uniforms in place previously. It is a fact that the Music Dept budget does not include enough funding to do anything with uniforms so the Booster efforts are critical. The budget barely covers the cost of sheet music and upkeep on instruments. As an example, the Music Awards event alone runs the department ~\$1000 per year. It is increasingly difficult to engage students in fundraising and if it's not toward a trip, participation is lacking.
  - The group had some discussion and agreed with the assessment. Jim will continue to track the Uniform fund separate but we will not plan fundraisers specific to uniforms. The following motion was made by Cathy:
    - At the end of the tax year (June 30), the group will review fundraising outcomes for the year and designate an amount to be transferred to the uniform fund. The goal will be \$1000 per year.
    - Nancy seconded the motion and the entire group approved the motion.

### Directors' Report (Matt) –

- Musical – Meghan sent a request for help with costumes for the Spring musical.
- Pee Jays Fruit went well. This has been the best profit margin to date at 40%. It was also the easiest system and most accurate delivery (only 2 boxes out of 300 missed vs ~10% in past).

- Always looking for feedback on product and ordering system.
- Butterbraid had no complaints and profit margin of 40%.
- Holiday concerts were well received (at IHS & IMS). Mr. McGuinness seemed to enjoy.
- OMEA Solo and Ensemble Adjudication (Feb 2)
  - Preparations underway
  - 34 events going this year to Tri-C
  - Pasta Dinner is a dress rehearsal. Performing for 200 is qualitatively different than a room of 3 people. Main focus is supporting the Boosters' mission, with a secondary goal of providing a live performance opportunity.
- Keyboard purchase for Vocal.
  - Request for keyboard, stand and travel case was approved to replace the 1978 heavy keyboard (with no case & homemade stand).
  - Most immediately this will be taken to Florida for the evening Vocal Ensemble performance.
- Florida Trip (4/1 to 4/6)
  - *Tentative schedule:*
    - Mon 4/1 – Depart for Florida ~10am
    - Tues 4/2 – Arrive Universal Studios (2 parks)
    - Wed 4/3 – Magic Kingdom; 8:30pm Marching Band performance
    - Thurs 4/4 – Epcot Center/Downtown Disney; Vocal Performance at DT Disney @ 5:15pm. Much better venue than Epcot.
    - Fri 4/5 – Hollywood Studios/Animal Kingdom; 10pm Depart for Ohio
    - Sat 4/6 – Arrive Independence (6:30pm)
  - Payment details:
    - 11/12/12 – Request for disbursement #1 of funds to Brightspark
    - 12/27/12 – Brightspark received disbursement #1
    - 12/14/12 – Request for disbursement #2 of funds to Brightspark
  - As stated at last meeting, there is no penalty imposed for “missing” a payment.
  - March 1, 2013 is actual 30-days-to-trip deadline when all trips must be paid up.
  - Chaperones pay \$859; Brightspark is aware of which trips are adult chaperones and will bill the Department for the overage to a double occupancy room.
  - Trip statements have been sent home regularly but many are found in trash or left in Band or Vocal rooms.
  - Florida Trip Marching Band Rehearsals
    - Flirting with a new system of clinics for parade preparation where students must make 2 of 4 after-school clinics with a final mandatory rehearsal for all members prior to the Revue.

- Old system was too frustrating based on locations available and Winter/Spring commitments.
- Memorization of music due 3/8 for ALL band students.

Membership (Marie & Chris) –

- Complete.

Ways & Means (Julie) -

- No report.

Holiday Raffle (Chris) –

- \$227 profit which included 1 winner refunding prize.
- Thanks to Chris for managing this event!

Pasta Dinner (Chris, Marie, Nancy, Margaret) –

- The committee is pretty organized. Inventory of supplies is complete with exception of the band supply room, which will be done tonight.
- Donation letters are out and some replies are back in.
- Attendance last year was 225 so planning for 300.
- Posters are out; all local churches are notified; media notified and acknowledged.
- Question – How to schedule Judy Jasko in the kitchen? Call Helen at the office. Nancy will contact Helen regarding scheduling and permits.
- Set up time 2pm so try to schedule Judy at 2pm also.
- Cash advance made for supplies.
- There is a wrestling tournament that will cut in to at least 6 families participating. Remind people there is carryout available.

Volunteers (Mary)-

- Currently contacting people who worked last year and that filled out the volunteer form for the Pasta dinner.

Acme Receipts (Cathy) –

- Receipts are coming in slowly. Drop at CC (Community Service side). Remind family & friends to save receipts!

Turf the Field project (report by Marcia)-

- PTO donated \$1000 already.
- Bob Fields presented information at last meeting – did NOT request donation.
- Don motioned the Music Boosters donate \$1000; Glenn seconded; All approved.

## NEW BUSINESS

- Marcia requested a volunteer to serve as Nominations Committee Chair for 2012-13
  - This person needs to solicit people to serve on the Executive board and committee chairs. Check with current members to see if they are willing to remain in positions or if we need new people. Identify potential volunteers for open positions.
  - Nancy is finished this year with a graduating senior (VP). Marcia would like to move to VP and assist a new President.
  - Lina Soo accepted position as Nominations Committee chair.
  
- Motion to adjourn – Lina; Chris seconded & everyone approved

### **Dates to Remember:**

Saturday, January 26 5-8pm – Spaghetti Dinner (\$10 adults/\$ 6 for 12 & under)

Saturday, Feb 2 OMEA - details TBA

Spring Musical : “The Pajama Game” - March 1,2

Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast – March 3 Student volunteers needed

Wednesday, March 20 7:30pm Mandatory FL parent/Student Meeting

### **Meeting dates:**

*Feb 13 6:30pm IHS Media Center*

*March 13 6:30pm IHS Media Center*

*April 10 6:30pm IHS Media Center*

*May 1 6:30pm IHS Media Center*