

## **IHS MUSIC BOOSTERS MEETING**

**September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017- IHS Library– 7:30pm**

**Attendees:** Mary Dolansky, Janis Kundmueller, Beth Loebick, Nadine Londrico, Gretchen Obrovac, Kelly Savastano, Rita Silvestro, Terri Skrocki, Marian Streibel, Joe Streibel, Angela Zambito.

Meeting called to order at 7:40 pm.

**Motion to approve the minutes** of the August 9, 2017 meeting was made by Nadine Londrico and seconded by Marian Streibel - all approved.

### **Reports from Matt Schatt (Band):**

In The Past...

“Pre-season” Soccer Game:

- School administration and soccer coaches were extremely pleased with our participation in this event. We received two glowing emails of gratitude.
- Judging by the expressions on our members’ faces, I think they survived the evening quite well and may have had a little fun in the process.

Beginning of the Season:

- With two away games and one home game under our belts, the season is quickly shaping up to be a productive one.
- We begin our second show this week using the “sun” as our theme. Show 2 will run for three weeks with an optional fourth week as the post-game show for Homecoming (weather-dependent).

To The Future...

Entertainment Book Sale:

- Begins on Monday, September 18 and runs through Monday, October 2.
- Students may sign out a Cleveland book to take home and review, provided it is returned in excellent condition or purchased.
- A Cleveland book this year costs \$35 of which \$7.00 of each book will go toward a future trip and \$7.00 of each book will go to fund future activities and supplies.
- If you desire to see a book, pay particular attention to the online features of the book, specifically the app that works in lieu of taking the book or a physical coupon with you wherever you go.
- Other cities/regions are also available on the order form.
- Checks should be made out to “IHS” and returned by Monday, October 2.

Fall Fest Performance (Sunday, September 24):

- Quick and easy: We march from IHS to the Civic Center, perform for 15 minutes, and then return back to IHS.
- The entire time commitment is approximately 45 minutes (11:45-12:30p).
- Our attire for the day is our white polo shirts and jeans (Home Days parade attire).

Senior Night (Friday, October 13):

- The plan for the evening continues to be to celebrate our seniors at halftime.
- The game is against Richmond Heights so, if they do not have a band, we will honor our seniors first and perform a show during the second half of halftime.
- Parents will receive written information in the coming weeks; however, they should report to the front sideline with 5:00 remaining in the second quarter of play.

Band “Family” Night (Also Friday, October 13):

- Each year, I try to bring something new to our program. One of the things that I would like to add is an opportunity to bring people together through music.

- The accompanying flyer should explain the rest of the details. **Note that this flyer is a draft and that the downloadable music and sign-up form will not be “publicized” until next Monday.**
- We will not be heavily publicizing this event. As a trial run, if we get a few former alumni and a couple of parents by word of mouth, it will be a first-year success. Flyers will go home with all band members next week.
- A big issue to overcome is insecurity. If I had the opportunity to join little Colin in the stands in the future, I would jump at the chance. (Even if he was not so receptive.) Perfection is not the goal, as the Marching Band will do their job as is typical of a Friday night; we will be supplementing the group with anyone who would like to play. If we can bring a couple of people together and get a few instruments out of cases, then we will be successful.
- As there is no field component to this event, we are only focusing on music this year. In the future, we could consider adding a Color Guard element, but this seems unnecessary in the first year. There is no plan to ever take this event on the field.

#### Purchase of Batteries

- Our intention is to go “lights out” with Show 3 for the final game of the season once again on Friday, October 27.
- Thus, I would like to request up to \$200 for battery purchases should it be needed during late-October. An exact total and request will follow at a subsequent meeting, but we should be planning ahead.

#### With Gratitude...

- Music Boosters for Senior banner purchases
- Friday Night Refreshment Tent volunteers (with a visiting band, this is such an important outreach of our program)
- Friday Night Concession stand volunteers
- Everyone who survived the change of schedule to the Saturday Trinity game at Bedford Stadium
- All band parents for their continued support of a potential playoff season!

### Director’s Report - Gretchen Obrovac (Vocal):

#### Events

- About 22 members of the Vocal Ensemble performed the National Anthem for Independence Home Days on Friday August 4th.
- Sunday evening September 10th, we held our Vocal Social at Independence Park. We pot-lucked the food and had several different cooperative and getting to know each other games, some themed around music. We always cap it off with the ever popular Photo Scavenger Hunt.
- We will travel to IPS on Thursday, September 14th for National Anthem Day to perform with students in grades K-4. Mrs. Schatt has been producing this worthwhile program that promotes the knowledge and understanding of the lyrics to our national anthem for many years. This year, we collaborated to involve the high school and primary students singing "The Star-Spangled Banner" and "America the Beautiful" together. Their hope is to promote musical connections for students at all levels in our district, while creating a meaningful performance.
- Kiwanis performance for September 25 has been CANCELLED.
- A big congratulations to Maggie George for being accepted into the Alto 1 Section of the 2018 Ohio All-State Choir! Also congratulations to Grace Heldwein, who is on the list as an alternate for the Alto 2 section (she will be notified later).

#### From the Class

- We began the year by getting fitted for uniforms. MANY thanks to Suzi Tschetter, Terri Skrocki, Donna Belitz, Laura Synek, Sally Valenti, Mary de Haan and Shirlyn Franko for coming in and fitting everyone. Everyone

even brought their own measuring tape! Men needed to be fitted for vests, shirts, and NEW pants. Women needed to be measured for the dresses, and a few needed to be ordered. Our ranks grew this year, up to 56, and I thank the Music Boosters for covering the cost of all the ordered uniforms! Shirlyn Franko, Hannah Fleming's grandmother, has been altering dresses for us, and has agreed to hem all the mens pants when they arrive!

- Students completed the Vocal Pretest, which is for state requirements. Also, they completed a music theory pretest so that instruction can be individualized. Four groups have been created, based on previous knowledge, not grade level. The final part of this was the Musician Questionnaire, giving me some insight into their musical tastes and hopes for the class this year. I will use this information to create student groups to help extend our performances. More information about that later.
- We have been running many sectionals, thanks to effective section leaders! Soprano 1 - Maddie Harper, Soprano 2 - Karah Chappel, Alto 1 - Maggie George and Lyndsay Blum, Alto 2 - Grace Heldwein, Tenor - Michael Valenti, Bass - Thorin Chappel.

#### Action Items

- Please consider Maggie George's grant request to cover the fees for Ohio All-State Choir. As a student planning to pursue music in higher education, this is a tremendous opportunity for her. I will submit a recommendation letter. Thank you!

#### Upcoming Dates

- **Thursday Sept 14 - National Anthem Day at IPS**

#### For the Good

- Again, thank you Boosters for the new uniforms and for helping to fit them!

Motion to approve the application of Maggie George for an Enrichment Grant to pay the fee of \$275 to participate in the Ohio All-State Choir was made by Kelly Savastano and seconded by Marian Streibel - all approved.

Mary will take away an action item to look at the by-laws to increase the amount that can be given for the grant. (Currently we have 2 grants available of \$250 each.)

**Correspondence – Kelly Savastano** – A thank you note was received from Village of Marymount for the memorial gift in memory of Josephine Sadowski (Sue Halamek's mom).

**Treasurer Report – Joe Streibel** - Report by fund for period Aug 9, 2017 – Sept 13, 2017 was distributed.

Proposed Budget was amended as follows: Marching Band Photo Button income was increased from \$150 to \$200; Fall Fest income and Basketball Concessions income were set at \$0. Motion to approve the Music Boosters Budget for 2017 – 2018 was made by Angela Zambito and seconded by Janis. Kundmueller - all approved.

#### **Committee Reports:**

##### Membership –Angela Zambito

- Update on membership numbers – 53 members so far
- Update on membership cushion incentive – total cost for the order was \$603.50. Angela will pick up the order tomorrow and will distribute the cushions at the Wednesday night band practice and through the vocal class.
- Terri Skrocki requested emails from Angela to send out information blasts.
  - Gretchen Obrovac will also send Terri Skrocki the vocal parent emails

##### Pasta Dinner – Janis Kundmueller

- Saturday, January 27<sup>th</sup> was approved for the Pasta Dinner
- Organizational meeting sometime in the next month
- Tim Skoczen inquired whether the athletic boosters could use the cafeteria that day in the late morning/early afternoon to hold the athletic hall of fame luncheon. They would set up round tables at 10:00 am. Estimate 2 hours to complete. They would not be using the kitchen. They would help break down their tables and set ours up. The committee did not feel that would give us enough time to complete our set up.

### Photo Buttons – Mary Dolansky

- Buttons are complete and have been distributed
- Thank you to Chris Grande for lending us the button-making machine and for donating all the button supplies.
- Thank you to Mary Dolansky and Nadine Londrico for making the buttons.

### Football Refreshments – Nadine Londrico & Mary Dolansky

- First home game went well. Thank you to all the volunteers that helped serve food to the band members
- Thank you to the Londrico Family for the donation of the delicious watermelon

### OLD BUSINESS:

- Football Concession Stand – Thank you to the volunteers who worked the concession stand at the Friday, September 8<sup>th</sup> home game.
- We are not doing Fall Fest this year – no committee chairperson
- Senior Banners – should be up by the next home game on September 22<sup>nd</sup>
- Thank you to the members who helped with Vocal uniform fittings
- Gift Card for Don Krolikowski was purchased and will be taken to his house

### NEW BUSINESS:

- Executive Board was asked to approve an additional \$350 for Vocal uniforms due to larger enrollment in the class than expected. This would bring the total amount not to exceed \$1350. Board approved.
- The donation check to Hudson Players was never received even though it was sent to the correct address. We will issue and send a replacement check.
- Basketball Concessions – Sundays, October 15, 22, 29; November 5, 12, 19
  - Need people to chair if we want to do this (this is a Disney fundraiser)
  - Mary will discuss with Tom Walchanowicz about using equipment
- Holiday Fest Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> – do we want to participate? What would we sell?
  - Mary will ask Joel Valenti if he wants to chair again
- December and May meeting date changes sent in for approval and they are approved. Sold leftover pop and water from Home Days to the Athletic Boosters for \$18.00
  - 5-12 packs of pop + 6 cans - \$3.00 a case
  - 31 bottles of water - \$3.00 for all (1 case)
- Lights out Show – Motion to approve the purchase of batteries was made by Marian Streibel and seconded by Angela Zambito - all approved.

### DATES TO REMEMBER:

Monday, September 18<sup>th</sup> – Entertainment Book Sale Begins

Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup> – Marching Band – Independence Fall Fest Kick Off – 11:30 AM

Monday, October 16<sup>th</sup> – Fruit & Butterbraid Sale Begins

Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup> – Sounds of the Stadium Concert – IHS Auditorium – 3 PM

### MARCHING BAND PRACTICE SCHEDULE: All practices are held on Wednesdays from 7:30 – 9 PM

September 13<sup>th</sup>                      October 4<sup>th</sup>                      October 25<sup>th</sup>

September 20<sup>th</sup>                      October 11<sup>th</sup>

September 27<sup>th</sup>                      October 18<sup>th</sup>

### FOOTBALL GAME SCHEDULE: All games begin at 7 PM

Friday, September 15<sup>th</sup> – Away - Cardinal

Friday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> – Home - Fairport Harding

Friday, September 29<sup>th</sup> – Away - Kirtland

Friday, October 6<sup>th</sup> – Home - Hawken

Friday, October 13<sup>th</sup> – Home – Richmond Heights

Friday, October 20<sup>th</sup> – Away - Berkshire

Friday, October 27<sup>th</sup> – Home - Cuyahoga Heights

**Music Booster Meeting Schedule  
2017-2018 School Year**

Date	Time	Location
October 11 <sup>th</sup>	7:30 PM	IHS Media Center
November 8 <sup>th</sup>	7:30 PM	IHS Media Center
December 6 <sup>th</sup>	7:30 PM	IHS Media Center
January 10 <sup>th</sup>	7:30 PM	IHS Media Center
February 14 <sup>th</sup>	7:30 PM	IHS Media Center
March 14 <sup>th</sup>	7:30 PM	IHS Media Center
April 11 <sup>th</sup>	7:30 PM	IHS Media Center
May 2 <sup>nd</sup>	7:30 PM	IHS Media Center

Motion to adjourn was made by Marian Streibel and seconded by Kelly Savastano. Meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.