

IHS MUSIC BOOSTERS MEETING

February 14, 2018 – IHS Media Center – 7:30 pm

Attendees: Mary Dolansky, Judy George, Janis Kundmueller, Matt Schatt, Terri Skrocki, Joe Streibel, Marian Streibel, Beth Loebick, Gretchen Obrovac, Angela Zambito.

Meeting called to order at 7:35pm.

Motion to approve Minutes of the January 10, 2018 meeting was made by Marian Streibel and seconded by Nadine Londrico – all approved.

Director's Report - Matt Schatt (Band)

In The Past...

OMEA Solo & Ensemble Adjudication (Saturday, January 20, 2018)

- 10 instrumental soloists and 5 instrumental ensembles elected to participate in this event receiving 7 superior and 8 excellent ratings.
- This is important because the students were almost completely autonomous in this process. They picked the music, rehearsed it, and only in the last weeks did they perform for me. Some students took private lessons while others worked on their own. This was truly a pivotal moment for these students as they proved they could learn a piece without a teacher.

Pasta Dinner (Saturday, January 27, 2018)

- In my opinion, this was a wonderful experience for our students.
- I had not considered it previously, but for those students who did not earn the rating that they wanted the previous week, this performance provided a sort of “redemption” so as not to leave the piece on a negative note. For others, this was a kind of “showing-off” experience. Both approaches left positive memories.
- Thank you also for letting the Jazz Band perform for the audience!

To The Future...

OMEA Large Group Adjudication (Friday, March 2, 2018)

- While still tentative, the Wind Ensemble received our requested time of Friday evening so as not to take up too much time from the weekend. At this time, we expect to perform in the 5:00p hour.
- No matter where they go in life, our members will undoubtedly hear about “competitive” music adjudications (which is an oxymoron because you, by definition, cannot have a competitive adjudication), so every two-years, opposite our Spring Break Trip, our tradition has been to provide this experience to our membership. We prepare three songs to play for a three-adjudicator panel and audience, and then move to a closed sight-reading room to play a work that we have never seen before.
- Our performance at Westlake High School is open to the public and I would encourage any supporter able to attend to come and hear our hard work in action.
- Details and bussing will be discussed as soon as a final schedule is set; however, I anticipate leaving from IHS at 4:00p after-school on Friday and returning around 8:00p. We are exploring other options, as well (possibly a visit to Great Northern food court). Stay tuned for more information.

Visitors in our Classes

- This Friday, Dr. John Franklin from Kent State University will be coming to hear and work with our students during ninth-period. He will also discuss musical life after high school. Dr. Franklin has been asking to come see us for a while, so we will put his expertise to work.

- On Tuesday, February 27, Dr. Andy Feyes, a good friend and assistant band director from the University of Akron will be coming in to visit us. (I didn't want to play favorites between Kent and Akron.) Dr. Feyes and I went to BGSU together and he received his degree from Kansas State before coming home two years ago. He will bring a unique perspective to our class.
- In April, we will be having a clarinet masterclass for our middle and high school clarinetists after spring break by a D'Addario performing artist.
- Finally, on Tuesday, January 30, as a complete surprise, composer Lisa Galvin drove up from Columbus to visit us and deliver the piece that I commissioned for the IHS Wind Ensemble. We got to meet her briefly, receive the music, and listen to her composition together as a class. Mrs. Galvin will be joining us a few more times before we premier her piece at the Spring Concert on Wednesday, May 9, 2018. She wrote the piece in memory of her father who passed away two years ago. While a work in progress, we received word two days later that it will be published this year by C.L. Barnhouse, a major publishing label, which will spread the name of Independence High School internationally. The working title is "Aeterna Glorifico" (although the publisher wants to change this). We will talk more about the composition and commissioning process in the future.

CVC Honors Band (Wednesday, April 4, 2018)

- I received an email this past week that the CVC Honors Band will be held the first week of April this year. As this is in the middle of our Spring Break, I have declined participation for IHS this year.
- With the proper initiative, forethought, and planning, this could be a really great experience to meet and work with other musicians from the CVC.
- This year's clinician is Birch Browning from Cleveland State University. Dr. Browning has offered to come work with us directly on a number of occasions, so that is still an option for the IHS Wind Ensemble.

Florida Trip Planning Update

- As of this time, 11 proposals have been received. Of note, our previous tour provider intends to, but has not yet, submitted a proposal for 2019.
- Prices range from \$900-1500.
- Other considerations, from online billing to amount of liability insurance, are still being weighed. References are also being contacted.
- Trip dates are also still being considered. The proposal suggested, and was unanimously supported by the tour providers, that our trip depart from IHS on Saturday, March 23, and run through Thursday, March 28. Without Easter to plan for, this may be the best option to provide three days of Spring Break once we return. It also allows individual families to extend their trips while not missing any school. This puts us in the Disney parks early in the week, which tends to be less crowded, especially since we are not traveling around Easter. This does not affect our pricing very much, so if anyone has any strong feelings on trip dates, please feel free to call or email. Sunday-Friday and Monday-Saturday were also considered.
- Three semi-finalists will be selected for consideration and a finalist will be presented to the school district administration for approval in March. It is difficult to proceed with this process until our previous provider has offered their numbers; however, time is running out.

With Gratitude...

Our Pasta Dinner volunteers for a fantastic evening (once again)!

Director's Report - Gretchen Obrovac (Vocal)

Events

- Vocal Ensemble had 6 ensembles and 20 soloists perform at Contest on Saturday January 20th. All students performed in at least one event, many in two, a few in three between band and Vocal.
- Vocal performed at the Pasta Dinner on Saturday January 27th. The 6 ensembles and a few soloists performed as well. What an incredible undertaking - bravo Music Boosters! Thank you for all you do for Vocal Ensemble.

- Maggie George performed at the Ohio All State Choir
From the Class

- We are preparing for Large Group Contest almost exclusively. Sight Singing strategies daily and working on mastery of repertoire

Action Items

- We will be sending home a ticket order form and waiver for performance at the Q Arena. Please look for it! Ticket orders are due by March 9th.
- The new Vocal member was able to fit into a dress that we had, so we don't need to order another. Sometimes things work out!

Upcoming Dates

- Large Group Contest Sat. March 3rd at Elyria High School
- Cleveland Monsters Game performance at the Q Arena on Thursday, April 12th

Correspondence – Kelly Savastano – not present; no update

Treasurer Report – Joe Streibel - Report by Fund for Period Jan 10, 2018 – Feb 14, 2018 was distributed.

Committee Reports:

Membership – Angela Zambito (no update)

Volunteer Coordinator – Terri Skrocki

- Help will be needed for the Musical "Anything Goes"
 - Ticket Sellers
 - Volunteers to sell concessions & someone to purchase concession items
 - Volunteers to sell Stars
 - Volunteers to sell Flowers
- Terri has ordered the stars and will pick up the flowers
- Mary Dolansky will purchase the items for the concession stand

Pasta Dinner – Janis Kundmueller

- Thanks to all who helped. The Committee did a great job and Tiffany (IHS cafeteria) was indispensable.
- 381 dinners were served (338 adult, 43 children), compared to 319 (2017) and 307 (2016).
- We cooked 69 lbs. of pasta, made 12 gallons of lemonade and 8 gallons of iced tea. 640 meatballs were served (ran out) along with 12 gallons of ice cream/sherbet.
- Proceeds are up compared to prior years due to a combination of more dinners served and a generous donation from the Kenn & Laura Synek family
- Between tickets distributed to band and vocal students at holiday concert in addition to ticket sales at dinner, all 500 tickets were used. More tickets will need to be ordered next year.
- Flora has offered to make the sauce next year even though her daughter is graduating this year.
- Per Dr. Schatt, next year's OMEA Solo & Ensemble Adjudication is scheduled for 2/9

OLD BUSINESS:

- Thank you once again to everyone involved with the Pasta Dinner!
- Sharon Vetalice is doing the headshots for the musical
- Executive Board positions have been filled for 2018/19
- Still need committee chairs:
 - Volunteer Coordinator – possibly Beth Fleming
 - Football Refreshments – possibly Nadine Londrico/Beth Loebick
 - Pasta Dinner – Tom & Janis Kundmueller
 - Summer Community Concerts
 - Home Days Pretzel Booth – Beth Loebick

NEW BUSINESS:

- Executive Board approved a \$40 Full Page ad that was placed in the MS Musical Program
 - Approve placing ads in the PS and HS programs as well
 - Primary School Full Page is \$50
 - High School Full Page is \$75

Marian Streibel made a motion to approve payment of \$50 for the PS and \$75 for the HS for ads in the musical programs. Motion was seconded by Angela Zambito, and approved by all.
- Bank Account for the Uniform Fund has been set up. \$6,000 starting balance, \$2,000 to be added every January
- Dr. Schatt requested \$750 for the purchase of a marimba for the Music Department
 - A keyboard instrument, like a marimba, is an important part of the concert band sound. While written for in nearly all concert band music, Independence High School continues to not have one of these instruments.
 - Dr. Schatt found a used instrument outside of Pittsburgh that he believes will meet the school's needs. The cost of a new instrument would be over \$3,000. This Musser M31 marimba is in very good shape and will serve the program well for decades. Due to its necessity in timbre and tone color, and its frequency of use, Dr. Schatt believes this to be an ideal instrument for our program at a reasonable price. (he negotiated the price down from \$1,000.)
 - Angela Zambito made a motion to approve payment of \$750 for the purchase of a marimba. Motion was seconded by Joe Streibel, and approved by all.
- Set up dates for 2018/19 meetings and fill out building permit – will schedule for second Wednesday of the month
- Request tents for the Home Football Games once the schedule is out. A tentative football schedule is out. Tent is typically available for every game except the weekend of Fall Fest.

OTHER:

- Discussed the possibility of a Fundraiser Event at a restaurant – Melt offers 20% donation of sales
- IHS was invited to play at an Indians game – asked to play the National Anthem. Various dates are available and are being considered.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Friday & Saturday, March 2nd & 3rd – OMEA Large Group Adjudication

March 23rd & 24th – Spring Musical “Anything Goes”

Thursday, April 26th – Combined IMS & IHS Band Concert – 7 PM

Monday, May 7th – Music Awards Celebration – 7 PM

Wednesday, May 9th – Spring Concert – 7 PM

Monday, May 28th – Memorial Day Parade

Sunday, June 3rd – Commencement

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

Date	Time	Location
March 14 th	7:30 PM	IHS Media Center
April 11 th	7:30 PM	IHS Media Center
May 2 nd	7:30 PM	IHS Media Center

Motion to adjourn was made by Angela Zambito and seconded by Marian Streibel. Meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm.