

# IHS MUSIC BOOSTERS MEETING MINUTES

October 7, 2020

Meeting called to order at 7:35 by Nadine.

Approved Minutes for September 9, 2020 meeting. Motion to accept minutes by Angela, seconded by Beth F, and passed.

Attendees: Nadine Londrico, Beth Loebick, Beth Fleming, Kelli Bernstein, Angela Zambito, Kathleen Vijaywergiya, Sally Valenti, Joel Valenti, and Donna Belitz

## Reports from Matt Schatt(band) and Gretchen Obrovac(vocal):

**Matt-Band:**

### **THE SCHATT REPORT:**

#### Upcoming Performances

- **Friday, October 9:** We were invited to perform at a JV football game to be played during our normal time on Friday during the playoff bye week. All last week, we announced at every practice that, even with an off-week, the school has the prerogative to schedule additional games on Fridays. Once the playoff schedule came out, they did just that and scheduled a JV game against Brecksville-Broadview Heights. I first approached our officers and they, with one exception, wanted to play another game this season. I then approached our eighth graders who unanimously wanted to perform and finally went to the full 9<sup>th</sup> period band class who voted 65%/35% to attend. I suggested leaving after halftime and not using uniforms but got vetoed on both, and it could not make me any prouder that, even in this year of pandemic, our kids just want to come and make music together.
- **Wednesday, October 14/Wednesday, October 21 (Rain Date) - Drive-In Version of Sounds of the Stadium:** This requires a long explanation; however, after due consideration and consultation, in celebration of the season that almost wasn't, we are going to put on an outdoor Sounds of the Stadium concert focusing on the music of our season. (It is hard to believe that this is our 12<sup>th</sup> Sounds of the Stadium concert already!) We will offer two concerts: one from 7:00-7:30p and another from 8:30-9:00p. The earlier concert is the traditional version in full uniforms with the second concert in Halloween costumes. While lighting may not be ideal, this is offset by the sound of the band and the safety we are able to achieve. Other details are found on our flyer and website. The concert program can be found at: [www.tinyurl.com/SofS2020](http://www.tinyurl.com/SofS2020)

#### **Requests:**

- 4 Boosters members from 6:15-7:00p (show cars where to park in every other space) and again from 7:30-8:30p (remove parking lot chains, help direct orderly traffic out of lot, put chains back up, load new cars from 8:00-8:30p). As payment, you can "take" the front row parking spots for volunteering.
- Snacks in the IHS Cafeteria from 7:45-8:15p between performances.

**Audience Information**

**Performer Information**

6:30-7:00p - Load Parking Lot	6:45p - Arrive IHS, Change into Uniform
	6:55p - Line-Up/March to IMS Parking Lot
7:00p - Sounds of the Stadium #1	7:00p - Sounds of the Stadium #1 In Full Uniform
7:35p - All Cars Exit Parking Lot	7:35p - Concert Finished, Snacks in IHS Cafeteria, Change into Halloween Costume (Optional)
8:00-8:30p - Load Parking Lot	8:25p - Line-Up/March to IMS Parking Lot
8:30p - Sounds of the Stadium #2	8:30p - Sounds of the Stadium #2 In Halloween Costumes (Optional)
9:05p - All Cars Exit Parking Lot	9:05p - Return to IHS/Dismiss

- The remaining Fridays of the season are open, barring any future home playoff games.
- **Wednesday, October 28, 6:00-8:00p** – Community Parade Performances (Weather-Permitting)
  - One of the recurring comments I have received this season is how hearing the band, even from a distance, makes folks relish in the fact that normalcy may return at some point. For this reason, we will be doing two (or three) mini-parades in developments in Independence. Details will be forthcoming.
  - Right now, the School Resource Officers and I are planning on meeting at IMS, doing a short circle around the Archwood/Vineyard area, then driving in personal cars (parents needed) to Great Oaks for round two. I would like to slip in the Greenwood area with parking at IPS for round three, but I do not know if that will happen.

## Other Activities

- **Butterbraid Fundraiser: October 12-26, 2020** –
- As of now, this may be our only fundraiser of the school year.
- Orders will be taken by online and paper forms through October 26 with delivery on November 16, 2020.
- Students can take items home from 1:30-2:35 and I will make contactless curbside pickup available outside the IHS Cafeteria from 2:45-3:30p.
- Not immune to the pandemic, Butterbraid has lowered its net profit to 35% for selling less than 300 items and 40% for over 300 items. In a normal year, we would typically sell around 250 products.

### **2021 Florida Trip?**

- With the safety of students and chaperones continuing to be our top priority, information was requested and received... yesterday afternoon.
- The cost to fly was approximately \$450 higher (\$1700) than a trip by bus (\$1250).
- The currently scheduled April trip dates were approximately \$75/person higher than traveling in June 2021.
- Bob Rogers Travel has increased their cancellation policy to allow for the removal of the entire group from the trip at no cost 100 days in advance of the trip (mid-February with a June travel date).
- Supplemental individual travel insurance is still available for an additional \$75/person.
- This leads to two plausible scenarios:
  - 1) Travel in June by bus leaving the day after Commencement
  - 2) Postpone to March/April 2022 and continue our every-two-year cycle in even-numbered years
- Tentative Timeline:
- Step 1: Music Boosters discussion/Recommendation to proceed (October/November 2020)
- Step 2: A proposal for the trip will be submitted to school district administration for presentation to the school board. (November/December 2020)
- Step 3: With approval granted, the Trip will be presentation to students, deposits secured, and initial payments scheduled. (January 2020)

### **Gretchen-Vocal:**

The Spring Musical for 2020 is officially cancelled. Seniors were consulted and more than half decided they could not commit to performing the play in December. Scripts need to be returned ASAP. The program has been emailed out to parents along with some videos and pictures. For Spring 2021 the date is not determined.

Vocal Ensemble had their socially distanced social on Sept. 27. Sally Valenti and LeAnn Oshman served refreshments.

The Halloween concert is Tuesday, October 20 at 6:15 outside behind the Middle School. The rain date is Wed., October 21.

The Singer's Masks are working well. They are mainly singing outside.

No Solo-Ensemble this Fall, planning for January 23, virtually.

Christmas run-out concerts are in question.

### **Correspondence-Donna-No report**

### **Treasurer- Kelli Bernstein**

Kelli submitted her report.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Membership-Angela Zambito**

The winner of the early membership drawing was the Wilson Family.

Membership update- We have 35 less members than last year at this time, but more Whole Note members. The Incentives are A+.

### **Volunteer Coordinator-Beth Fleming**

Sounds of the Stadium was a very nice event. Music Boosters provided parking attendants for both shows.

### **Fundraising-**

Due to Covid restrictions we are playing the Wing Ding fundraiser by ear.

Discussing other fundraising options: Calendars, Christmas gift baskets, Singing Telegrams by vocal ensemble members, Top Golf.

Fall Fest is officially cancelled.

### **Old Business-**

Football refreshments- thank you to Nadine and Beth for providing the food and to Angela Zambito, Kelli Bernstein, Kathleen, Vijawergiya, and Donna Belitz for providing water and assisting with food distribution for home games.

Football and marching band season are over and were a big success.

Grants/scholarships- Kelli wrote up a proposal similar to what PTO uses. Can use to support students in honor bands/choirs, or musical activities. Two for \$250 each.

### **New Business-**

Spring 2021 trip discussion

### **Dates To Remember-**

Next meeting is Wednesday, November 11, 2020

All meetings are the second Wednesday of the month at 7:30.

Motion to adjourn at 8:30 p.m. by Beth L, seconded by Beth F. Meeting adjourned.

### **Music Booster Meeting Schedule 2020-2021 School Year *All meetings are at 7:30 via Zoom***

November 11, 2020  
December 9, 2020  
January 13, 2021  
February 10, 2021  
March 10, 2021  
April 14, 2021

May 12, 2021