

# **IHS MUSIC BOOSTERS MEETING MINUTES**

November 18, 2020

Meeting called to order at 7:33 by Nadine, seconded by Beth F.

Approved Minutes for October 7, 2020 meeting. Motion to accept minutes by Nadine, seconded by Beth F, and passed.

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

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

### **Matt-Band:**

#### Recap

##### **Sounds of the Stadium Outdoor Concert (October 14, 2020)**

- Despite some things that were out of control, we succeeded in giving our marching band two final performances of their music from the season.

##### **Community Parade Performances (October 28, 2020)**

- Provided 25-minute mini-parades with the support of the Independence Local Police Department for three area sub-developments: Archwood Rd./Vineyard Rd., Great Oaks Pwky, and Greenwood Rd.
- The response was overwhelmingly positive.

##### **Butterbraid Fundraiser: October 12-26, 2020**

- We sold 250 items! (Although, that is still at a 35% net profit margin this year.)
- Pickup will be on this coming Monday, November 16, between 1:00-3:00p at IHS Cafeteria doors

#### The "Plan"

- On the band side of things, nothing has changed. We have been preparing for the transition to online learning since the beginning of the year.
- Our classes will meet online on Tuesdays and Thursdays during normal band time with Office Hours available upon request.
- Our activities will continue to be focused on Large Group holiday music, Small Group holiday music, Percussion ensemble experiences for all members, a new curriculum I created for Music Theory instruction and also for the history of American Popular Music.
- Any holiday performance opportunities are currently paused until we see what will happen in the coming weeks.

## Coming Up

- **2021 Florida Trip**
  - On October 21, a survey was distributed by email to Senior music ensemble parents.
  - 14 of 18 parents/guardians responded
  - While the results were mixed, only 6 respondents answered a definitive “yes” to wanting to go on a Spring Trip in 2021..
    - ❓ General level of comfort with the bus ride home ( $M = 3.23$ ;  $SD = 0.79$ ) was the lowest ranked area, with the bus ride to Florida ranked second lowest ( $M = 3.46$ ,  $SD = 1.49$ ).
    - ❓ The general level of comfort with theme park participation was ranked highest ( $M = 4.00$ ,  $SD = 1.32$ ).
  - What was most useful, however, were the responses to the open-ended comment question which provided considerations of the following:
    - ❓ A June trip too close to planning of graduation parties
    - ❓ Greece/Italy trip - depart between June 21 and 24
    - ❓ Parents providing own transportation to/from Florida
      - This one, specifically, increases the cost per person of every traveling member (likely upwards of \$40/person).
  - Other concerns:
    - ❓ 8th Grade Trip to DC on May 26-28, 2021 (just past quarantine date) - increases cost per traveler
    - ❓ Availability of chaperones
    - ❓ Cost of trip skyrocketing due to transportation and associated costs with cancelation of individual members (i.e. potential quarantining) which would have to be (a) divided across traveling members, (b) absorbed by the music program (no funds available for non-instructional purchases), or (c) provided by the Music Boosters
    - ❓ Accessibility of vaccine (if it exists)
  - Course of action
    - ❓ Unless there is an overwhelming response to the contrary this evening, I will present my findings to school district administration but am not going to pursue a Spring Trip in 2021 any further. We will plan to travel again in Spring 2022.

## Gretchen-Vocal:

### Vocal Report

The first time ever Halloween concert was held outside of the Middle School and went very well. They have begun to practice Christmas music, run-outs to be determined because of Covid restrictions.

The date to submit a solo or ensemble has been moved from January to March 6. It is all virtual this year.

Mrs. Obrovac has selected a Spring musical and it will be announced to the students by November 30, auditions will be in December, virtually. Covid protocol is being worked out and will be strictly adhered to for the performances.

#### **Correspondence-Donna Belitz**

A get-well soon card has been sent to Joe Streibel who is recovering from quintuple bypass surgery. Angela also organized meals to be delivered to Joe and family, many from our Music Booster family. Joe and Marian and the boys are so appreciative.

#### **Treasurer- Kelli Bernstein**

Kelli submitted her report and it was accepted.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

##### **Membership-Angela Zambito**

We have about 35 families in our membership this year. All incentive gifts have been delivered by Angela. The gift card for our membership raffle was given to the Wilson family.

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

Beth coordinated volunteers for the Sounds of the Stadium concert and it worked out very well.

##### **Fundraising-**

The Board has decided to Wing Ding most likely will not be a reality this year due to Covid restrictions, although we are not cancelling with Mastro's yet. Other options are being discussed, with Top Golf being the front runner.

##### **Old Business:**

The grants that once were given to music students in need of financial assistance will now be senior scholarships to be given at Senior Awards Day. There will be an essay question such as "how has being involved in music enriched your high school career at IHS?" We will still be able to provide financial assistance if a special circumstance is brought to our attention.

##### **New Business:**

The Holiday concert on December 10th has been taken off the calendar.

##### **Dates To Remember:**

December meeting: Wednesday, December 9, 2020, 7:30 on Zoom.

#### **Music Booster Meeting Schedule**

##### **2020-2021 School Year**

January 13, 2021

February 10, 2021

March 10, 2021

April 14, 2021  
May 12, 2021

Motion to adjourn at 8:23 p.m. by Beth F., seconded by Donna. Meeting adjourned.