

State College Area School District Music Boosters Meeting

Wednesday, November 20, 2019 at 7:00pm

Call to Order: 7:03 pm

SCAHS Room B050, Main Office Conference Room

Attending:

Toni Irvin, Heather Bodenschatz, Jim Henderson, Deb Anderson, Janie Schaumburg, Molly McAninch, Scott Dutt, Angie Hardyk, Carene Olsson, Sam Hallacher, Laurel Martin, Cathy Cohan, Hyeseon Kim

Introductions around the room

Officer Reports:

1. President: No report
2. Vice President: No report
3. Secretary: Approval of October 2019 meeting minutes, motion to approve by Jim Henderson, second by Toni Irvin, unanimously approved
4. Treasurer: paid for sousaphone covers, Homecoming parade dinners (shared cost with Bravo), instrument repairs; Income from Kettle corn sales and fall clothing sale

Music Coordinator's Report: Used instrument sale on district calendar; Instrument drop off Sept. 16th 6:30-8:00 pm; Sale on Sept. 17th 6:30-8:00 pm. Seems to be geared towards band and orchestra instruments; encourage sales of keyboards and other instruments.

Recommendation to change flyer and do outreach to other groups.

Special thanks from Park Forest Middle School who hosted Centre County band and choir.

Appreciated the snacks. Guest directors Dr. Bryan Nichols from Penn State (new to PSU) and Rich Victor. Tri-M organized ticket sales – very helpful!

Lots of concerts in November – choirs, orchestra and band. Also had Partners in Music concert. Two choir events scheduled in December.

Tri-M Report: Working on Bazaar signups. Encourage kids to sign up for setup and tear down. Still need kids to perform. Working on caroling – last day before winter break. Started general signups. Started music formal idea gathering to have theme chosen by January. Decided to do Barnes & Noble event again as a performance opportunity – scheduled for December 6th. People enjoy the event; not concerned about making a profit, even though it is a book sale fundraiser.

Updates on Current Business:

1. *Nominations and Elections of Executive Board:*
 - a. Seeking nominations for Vice President and Treasurer; Amy Sliman considering VP position; Deb Anderson considering Treasurer position
 - b. Nominations submitted: President – Janie Schaumburg, Vice President – Maureen Jones; Secretary – Terra Deyo
 - c. All in Favor – President, Vice President and Secretary approved
2. *Holiday Bazaar:* Janie Schaumburg - 10 am – 3 pm on November 23rd in HUB; Craft vendors from community, Tri-M performing on 15 minute intervals, culinary students making and selling pies. Need parents for work at Music Booster table – selling water bottles and magnets. Need Tri-M to assist vendors with setup and tear-down. \$30/table for vendors; student groups are \$5/table. Advertised in newspaper, StateCollege.com, Facebook and boosters website; recommendations to send to Music Booster email group and morning announcements.
3. *Clothing Sales Distribution:* Maureen Jones – large order; 1st time for second order which was very successful, need to find a way to distribute orders more effectively; consider aligning it with the Music Booster meeting, suggestion to mail them in flat rate mailer
 - a. Need better communication method for K-12 advertising and delivery of product
 - b. Scott asked if sweatshirts could be customized to leave it blank or just say State College?

New Business:

1. *Fundraising Ideas to offset adjudication costs.* Adjudication fees went up this year; parents called to ask for fundraising ideas
 - a. Fundraising for individual accounts is no longer an option b/c it is a tax issue.
 - b. Hyeseon suggested installing chair backs at stadium.
 - c. Laurel asked if fundraising can happen throughout the year, rather than just the winter months. Janie noted that parents asked about covering this year's adjudication costs.
 - d. Maureen suggested a senior shirt sale in the spring to offset adjudication costs.
 - e. Laurel suggested fundraiser idea list for website; example – spaghetti dinner, downtown concert (collect donations),
 - f. Maureen – provide opportunity for families to reduce costs
 - g. Heather – send information to parents; include box for request for assistance on google form
 - h. Scott - develop mechanism to maintain our balance while still offering scholarships; begin diverting funds towards a scholarship fund; update the by-laws to indicate that a portion of funds will be spent on scholarships
 - i. Maureen noted that we need a set of standards to manage how we disperse funds and how much money each year.
 - ii. Molly – school district has fund to help students who need assistance, \$100 or less per child
2. *Jim Henderson* – 2 bills to pay; insurance \$475 and Parent Booster USA, \$200; Heather motioned to pay for both of these bills; Deb Anderson seconded

Committee Reports:

1. *Student Accounts* - Terra Deyo - sent out Account Balances, and have received two requests for Adjudication funds
2. *Membership* - Hyeseon Kim – none
3. *Website* - Jeanette Condo - no report

4. *Social Media* - Hyeseon Kim – found error, would like to have email contact to follow-up
 - a. Cathy Cohan – suggested participation in Giving Tuesday – set goal of \$1650 for three scholarships; Heather asked about how we would collect money? Hyeseon noted that it ties into Paypal account. Talk to Mr. Clayton to see if there are students who are in need.
5. *Concert Refreshments* - Heather Bodenschatz - made it through all Nov. concerts; four scheduled for December
 - a. Suggestion to consider all concert pass; concerns about how to divide that money across multiple ensembles.
 - b. Consider increasing concert cost to \$5 for one concert to put \$2 towards scholarships; maybe do this for vocal valentines.

Funding/Support Requests:

1. Johanna Steinbacher - poinsettia delivery cost at MNMS, \$300; motion to approve by Hyeseon Kim, second by Jim Henderson, unanimous approval
2. Steinway Baby Grand Piano Donation – \$1000 towards 2nd piano; raise for discussion to put in formal request in January
 - a. Total cost of piano \$91,000; Why such an expensive piano for rehearsal? Per Molly: this is quality product
 - b. Paul Olivett will pursue Foundation funds to cover \$60K towards cost.
3. District Orchestra - Jan 29-Feb 1st for directors' refreshments; no formal request yet
4. African American Spiritual Festival - Feb 22nd - coordinate potluck lunch for participants; 4 ensembles & Essence 2; approx. 200 – no information yet

Adjournment at 8:51 pm

Minutes taken by Toni Irvin. *Thank you, Toni!*

On the Calendar:

November 23	Boosters' Holiday Bazaar at the HS 10 am – 3 pm
December 10	PFMS WinterFest Choral Concert at PFMS, 7:30 pm

December 12 MNMS Winter Choir Concert at HS, 7:30 pm
December 14 HS Winter Pops Concert, 3:00 pm
December 16 22nd Annual Maroon & Gray Choral Concert, 7:30 pm

Next Music Boosters Business Meeting: Wednesday, January, 22nd at 7:00 pm