

State College Music Boosters Meeting

Tuesday, January 29, 2019

Call to order 7:03 pm

Room B050, State High

Attending:

Suzanne Neely

Leigh Hurtz

Heather Bodenschatz

Terra Deyo

Janie Schaumburg

Carene Olsson, Tri-M

Rebecca Clayton

Cathy Cohan

Celeste Newcomb

Amy Kraft

Toni Irvin

Brendan Bagley

Jiro Yoshido

Jim Henderson

Christine Stangel

Mindy King

Ann Clements

Paul Leskowicz, SCASD Music Director

Business Items: Introductions around the room

President's Report: Borough Planning Commission meeting postponed to Feb 6th at Noon; Need members to attend meeting in support of lights for South Track to hold marching band practice there for student safety; Paul suggested a Google survey to collect thoughts to pass along to commission. Suzanne will do that with Janie's help. Christine Stangel asked about moving practice to 6-8pm, but sports schedule will preclude that. Janie asked where the home football games will be, since Memorial Field is out of commission next season for renovations. Scott Dutt is on Planning Commission and Music Boosters.

Vice President's Report: No VP report

Secretary's Report: Review and approval of November meeting minutes. Motion to approve by Leigh Hurtz, second by Toni Irvin, unanimously approved.

Treasurer's report: Dispersed music support requests and paid bills since last meeting. Barnes and Noble check is here. Treasurer's report accepted.

Music Director's Report: PMEA Festival for HS now. Middle School was in Fall. Elementary coming in March. All-States is in April. Fifteen students qualified for District Band. Marching Band uniform company coming to do fittings on February 15th and bring another sample and sketches from survey input. Elementary ensembles rehearsing before school is an issue. Mr. Bock's message is that they are working on a solution for future. On 13th of February, music staff and administrators are having a session to work through options for next year.

Dr. Stout to evaluate middle school schedules through Dec. to make sure they're most efficient.

Summer band and orchestra is working on a location and staffing. This is the 54th year for this program, and it'll run June 24-July 19th. Paul is stepping down as Music Coordinator at end of June.

Tri-M Report: Vocal Valentines sign-up went out today. Quartets made last week. Music Formal: theme (Botanical Gardens) and food have been decided; Music In Our Schools in March

New Business:

Senior Recognition Dinner: In past, marble engraved paperweights to seniors \$20, but Suzanne wants to do something different. All music seniors (maybe parents) and music teachers together for dinner or some other gathering with certificate instead of paperweight? Before Music Formal? Email Suzanne with any other ideas.

Fundraising: Janie, restaurant night where all district music teachers serve food to encourage whole district participation in music boosters; Chick-Fil-A? Suzanne will check with Bruce

Changes to choir concert schedule: tabled

Meeting dates for rest of the year: February 26th, March 26, April 16, May ? Maybe committee meeting instead of whole group?

Centre Gives: deadline coming up, Kim Hyeseon will submit the tax exempt status

K-12 annual vertical concert: on three year rotation starting 2019-2020; choirs 1st year, orchestras 2nd year, band 3rd year; may require extra funding for dinner and transportation for students

Summer Youth Fair: Feb 16th at MNMS 10am-2pm; Leigh will man table with instruments to plug summer music program; help welcomed

Current Business:

Mr. Leskowicz - library space is great. Worked out kinks in scheduling. Final move to new space is planned for mid-summer.

There are still empty committee chairs, please let us know if anyone is willing to help out in any areas. Need: Jim would like treasurer shadow to take over in January.

Elementary parents present to discuss before-school ensemble rehearsals. Enrollment is down and rehearsals are shorter than in years past. Many students forced to pick one rather than doing band and choir. They would like to form Elementary Ensemble Action Committee to raise awareness of what a problem it is that ensembles are outside of school day and seek a solution. Keep outreach off of social media; positive campaign only. Ann Clements (professor of Music Education at Penn State and district parent) concerned about the way music ensembles being talked about as being outside the core learning experiences and lack of equity with choir and instrumentals being before school. Prior to voting on the longer school day, parents were under the impression that ensembles would be included in the longer school day. Our current Advocacy Chair is Darlene Nordoff. This group will be subcommittee. The email from Vernon Bock to elementary parents will be forwarded to all Boosters. An advocacy email address to be created.

Sign-up Genius for representatives to School board meetings will be sent out.

Barnes & Noble night went well: no online sales, so total less than in past, \$207.54

Fundraising: Cathy Cohan

Citrus Sale: merged with a different company; no direct ordering for small-scale sale, so no citrus sale this year

Giant Gift Card sale: buy discounted and sell at face value; distribution an issue

Suzanne: Future discussion needed about why we are fundraising and how are we spending our money; Portion for scholarships for adjudication, as there is a need?

Clothing sale: Treasurer asked if we made or lost money on this.

Restaurant fundraisers: None planned; chair needed

Concert Refreshments Chair needed for next year; Heather, spring is covered

Janie: PMEA snack bags all set

Toni Irvin/Heather Bodenschatz: Music Formal team meeting next week; dance May 18th, 7-10:30pm at MNMS

Leigh: table senior gifts

Christine Stangel: Music Teacher Appreciation is Tuesday, March 19th; volunteers adopt a teacher and bring a gift on that day; we have two chairs for next year and other help offered by Maureen Jones; need volunteers to adopt elementary teachers; contact elementary PTO's to find help

Funding Requests: Emma Van Allen's music stand request from last month for music stands; original request \$5,582 at last meeting. Paul found funds and the remainder needed is \$600. Motion to approve the payment made by Heather Bodenschatz and seconded by Janie Schaumburg. Unanimous approval.
Adjudication chaperone: \$1,200 requested: motion to approve payment made by Heather Bodenschatz and seconded by Leigh Hurtz. Unanimous approval.

Meeting adjourned at 8:44pm

The next meeting will be on February 26th at 7:00 pm in the SCAHS Room B050.