

State College Music Boosters Meeting
Jan. 30, 2017
7 pm
Room 38N, State High

Attending: Heather Bodenschatz, Leigh Hurtz, Jim Henderson, Susan Smith, Cathy Cohan, Jane McCandless, Christine Stangel, Laurel Martin, Hyeseon Kim, Paul Leskowicz.

- I. Introductions: How did you find out about Music Boosters and what motivated you to join? Representation at middle school and even elementary school concerts got the word out. Some had friends who were active in the organization.
- II. President's Report:
 - A. Open Positions
 1. Band Shack- fill later
 2. Advocacy- filled by Susan Smith, Sign-ups have gone out
 - B. Discussion of sustainability of our organization and need to look at efficiency, meeting needs, and budgeting as we go forward.
- III. Vice President's Report: nothing to report.
- IV. Treasurer's Report: New format of printed report to show trends from year to year. The deposit for Music Formal in 2017/18 is the funds from student accounts for the 6/16 dance. The \$23 amount for the B&N fundraiser is just the tip jar. The larger amount will be on next month's report, about \$500.
- V. Secretary's Report: Jane made a motion to approve the minutes. Laurel seconded it. All eyes approved. Heather will post.
- VI. Music Director's Report:
 - A. Centre County Music Educators' Association will be holding County Band and Choir in State College March 13 and 14. Volunteers who have completed the SCASD background check are requested to chaperone the festival students at PFMS from 3-6:30 pm on Tuesday, March 14. 8-10 volunteers are needed. A sign-up will be forthcoming.
 - B. The district is exploring the IB program at all levels.
 - C. Elementary Choir is not currently available at 4 elementary schools. A solution for the remainder of this school year is being currently worked on, as well as a long-term solution.
 - D. An inventory of instruments and marching band uniforms at the high school finds that replacing worn and broken items as well as buying a new piano for the stage would cost \$450,000. Marching band uniforms are 13- 23 years old; the cost of replacing them alone would be \$125,000. Years back, the district had an amortization program to keep up with replacing these items, but that is no longer the case. Paul has provided a 10-year spending plan to Randy Brown and Mr. Johnson. He has a contact to explore grant writing.

Paul suggests that the Executive Board meet with Paul Olivett of the SCASD Foundation to discuss options for Music Booster contributions to this need.

- E. North Hills Music Program near Pittsburgh has a commission program that invites a composer to write a piece for one of their musical groups each year. The cost can range from \$500 to \$10,000 depending on the composer. State College commissioned a piece from Rick Hirsch two years ago. This was very exciting for students. Paul would like to explore having boosters support a commission program throughout the district at all levels, perhaps alternate years.
- F. High school construction update: Beginning in Spring 2017, music will move to temporary space where CTC is currently housed in the North Building. The auditoriums will be gone, so the district is working on finding alternative locations for concerts. Students will need to be bussed for dress rehearsals, a need which the administration recognizes.

VII. Current Business

- A. Citrus Sale orders due Feb. 1. Pickup will be Feb. 25. Cathy will send out an email for volunteers to help with unloading at 8 am on the 25th.
- B. The Greek fundraiser will be April 11, 2017.

VIII. New Business

- A. Music Formal still needs a coordinator and cannot move forward without one. Paul will speak to Tri-M on Wednesday about this.
- B. Music Teacher Appreciation Day will be March 21. Christine has already sent out an email for donors (\$20 gifts) and delivery people. She will resend the email in Feb.
- C. Centre Gives Participation application deadline in Feb. 10. Heesok Kim is facilitating this. Jane made a motion that we apply. Laurel seconded. All were in favor. The fundraiser takes place May 9 and 10 over 36 hours online.
- D. Need 10th grade band and choir reception coordinator for May 17.
- E. Heather read from the State College Music Boosters Mission Statement which clearly indicates that the organization supports music for K-12 students in the district. When requests for funding come in the future from middle school or elementary schools, we will not need to debate that issue further. In light of our K-12 mission, if anyone wants start an outreach committee, email Heather. Paul suggested making a tri-fold flyer about Music Boosters and selling magnets at all the concerts, K-12.
- F. Jim noted that some donations can be \$100 or even \$500, so we should acknowledge those with a thank you card. Susan will take care of that.