

State College Area Music Boosters Meeting

November 4, 2014

Present: Scott Thomas, Margaret Higgins, Laurie Heininger, Bob Drafall, Jane Millar, Susan Cunningham, Heather Bodenschatz, Wendy Warner, Carol Rabian, Becky Misangyi, Brendon Bagley, April Simpson, Stephanie Tomlinson, Dawn Rowell, Beverly Hibbert

- I. Introductory Remarks and President's Reports: This is Scott's last meeting as head co-president. Sue Cunningham takes over in January.
- II. Vice President's Report: Becky. Mentioned that she ran into a school board member at the polls this evening. He assured her that they are working towards quality music facilities, including designing a stage which can accommodate a full orchestra. Also bringing in an acoustics expert who will help ensure excellent acoustics in the auditorium.
- III. Secretary's minutes are available for review
- IV. Treasurer's financial report: Margaret provided her financial report which will be attached to the minutes.
 - A. "Orphan" fund disposition. With Patrese, trying to get student account balances in sync. If kids graduating or graduated, contacting parent to see how they would like to designate this – sibling or Music Boosters. This year, have \$994.40 in funds left over. Some designated to us, some have not responded. Discussed different funds. In the past, many donated to the Heritage Fund. Could consider Crescendo Fund – endowed, only spend the interest. Can be spent on things that benefit a large number of students. Teachers make proposals. Reviewed by a board, who approves or rejects. For example, this year, have 3 commissioned works. Rick Hirsh writing a piece for Jazz. Another work for master singers. This fund was started by an anonymous person/couple who gave \$100,000.00 to do things special things that we could not usually do. This fund does things for a larger population. The interest typically ends up being from \$4,200-\$6,000. Rolls over if don't use. \$8,400 requested this year, and had \$10,000 to spend, so still have some left. Heritage Fund and Student Assistance (Support) Funds were started when Music Boosters had lots of money, in around 2004-2005, when Ms. Supina was president. The Music Boosters subsequently gave a lot to the Heritage Fund, to the point that MB was cash poor. We are now trying to be more balanced. These funds are to help students who might not otherwise be able to participate in music. Must be requested by a faculty member. May rent an instrument for the student. Buy an instrument for long term use. If we give help for a trip, we typically provide 50% of the cost and expect them to fundraise the other 50%. After discussion, and realization that current donors had already agreed to donate to the Heritage fund, Becky proposed that we donate the entire \$994.44 to the Heritage Fund. Carol second. All ayes, passed
 - B. Insurance Policy Renewal: We need to renew our insurance policy. \$475.00 premium is unchanged from last year. Had discussion. Laurie made motion to approve, 2nd by Brendon. All ayes. Passed.
 - C. We are on record with the IRS as a 501(3)**. We have less than 50K, so it was very easy to file with the IRS.***

- V. Music Director's Report: starting concert season. Will have performed 2 out of our 91 concerts after tomorrow night's concert. Adjudication: paid a large sum of money to the company in Kalamazoo for Europe trip. Tri-M meeting Thursday. Will sign up for performances and gift wrapping at Barnes and Noble. Alumni day caroling in auditorium. Spoke with Peg Pennypacker and will have music students playing or singing the national anthem at varsity home events. Will earn Tri-M credit for this. Will also have more high school involvement in Music in Our Schools Month this year.
- VI. Committee Reports:
- A. Barnes and Noble Holiday Fundraiser: Stephanie Tomlinson. Everything is set. Carol and one other person offered to loan. Jane Millar to take over next year.
 - B. Music formal April Simpson. PF date is the only one that will work. May 16. Discussed resources, the Penkalas, Joanne Shimmel.
 - C. Cookie Dough sale: Shai McGowan
 1. Cookie dough flyers are available from your music teacher.
 2. Tentative date is December 11 (traditionally the 2nd Thursday of December)
 3. Orders are due 14 November to guarantee timely delivery.
 - D. Clothing sale: Brendon Bagley. Ordered via paper last year, electronic this year. Will do electronic next year, too. Went well. Sold 200 items last year, 128 this year. Profit approximately \$700.00. Rosewood will keep doing this for us. Brendon also got a prototype polo with embroidery from a different contact. Would like to offer these next year, too.
 - E. State High Homecoming Potluck: Jenny Koberna. People brought way too much food. Lots left over. Some given to the teachers and janitors, but a lot was thrown away. Some volunteers had suggested pizza or alternative. In our discussion, noted that people enjoy bringing food, sharing cultures. A wonderful tradition. Will try to find out how many students are in each class. Will compare with last 2 years. Need to decrease main dishes, increase desserts (ran out this year) Can keep non-perishables for away games, BRAVO activity. May try to donate perishables to Stormbreak or other local youth homes. Volunteers need to be finished, cleaned up, and ready to watch parade, too.
 - F. Restaurant Nights: Need a restaurant night, and we have none set up. Beverly Kippert offered to coordinate. She will contact Marsha. In the past have done The Greek, Ruby Tuesdays, 5 guys, Kellys. Beverly has some other local contacts, ie owner of Champs. Scott would like to see first one early December. She will start working on this. bhibbert@Hotmail.com.
- VII. New Business and other announcements
- A. Vacant Volunteer Opportunities (see reverse side) : if you know someone who is interesting in volunteering more next year, we need help with band shack, ice water and hot chocolate, PSU homecoming boxed dinners, music formal help. Jane offered to help with homecoming, not as co-chair. janemlr5@gmail.com. Talk up music boosters and try to get volunteers.
 - B. Laurie: she received a \$50.00 gift card from the citrus guy last year. They appreciate our business. Margaret would like to use this money for stamps. Laurie will purchase stamps and get them to her.

- C. Sue Kleit's on-line sign-up for food donations at concerts is going well. At other locations can sign up to bring ice, punch, too.
 - D. Next meeting: Tuesday, January 6th, 7pm, choral room, (HS North Room 38)
- VIII. Adjournment