

State College Music Boosters Meeting
Tuesday, November 3, 2015
Room 38

1. **Introductions/Attending:** Paul Leskowicz, Sue Cunningham, Margaret Higgins, Jenny Koberna, Allison Geesey, Jane Millar, Jean Najar, Wendy Eismont, Heather Bodenschatz, Jane McCandless, Becky and Vilmos Misangyi, Wendy Warner, Ronda Craig, Brendon Bagley, Beverly Hibbert, Jim Robinson
2. **President's Report:** (Sue) Nothing to report. Becky brought up ads for BRAVO in the spring and what to do about leftovers in the band shack. Will address paying for the ad later. Decided to keep the drinks (about 100 cans total) and give them to Jane for the Solo Ensemble, PMEA, or Marching Band concert. She will decide how to use them. There is also a small amount of candy to be dispensed. Will keep it internally. Donations of drinks and food went well this year. Becky's mac and cheese was a huge success.
3. **Vice President's Report:** Heather. Nothing to report. She will be taking over the website responsibilities.
4. **Treasurer's Report:** Margaret. See attached. This will change as she still needs to deposit money from the band shack and from clothing revenue. Mr. Clay's email to choir members also brought in several memberships.
5. **Secretary's Minutes:** Minutes are available for review online
6. **Music Director's Report**
 - a. Marching band season is almost over. Have last outdoor rehearsal and senior stories tomorrow night. Indoor concert next Wednesday. Waiting to hear about play-offs. Jazz Band season is starting now with reading sessions and upcoming auditions.
 - b. November 12 is the Partners in Music concert with the 5th graders and the PSU Music Ed Program. It will be held at PFMS this year.
 - c. November 14 is the Solo and Ensemble Festival. Applications are due this Thursday. Dr. Linda Thornton will be the adjudicator this year.
 - d. Jazz I will be entering the Mingus Competition this year. Recording is due 12/3. The finals are in mid-February in NYC, the same weekend as District Jazz. Will know on 1/5 whether they make finals.
 - e. Discussed the Woody Herman concert during the Jazz Festival next May. Paul is asking if the Music Boosters could help reduce the cost for our students to attend. Tickets will likely cost \$25.00 each. There are about 100 kids involved in middle and high school jazz groups. He will be getting some help from the Crescendo Fund for this event. We decided that we would like to help in some way, but would like to discuss it more. Will have a smaller committee work on the ideas first and present them at the next meeting.
 - f. The adjudication trip next year will be to Toronto. The cost will be the same as last year, \$447.00 per person. This year, the group will leave on Friday morning rather than on Thursday. Will arrive in the early afternoon and sightsee in Toronto. Dinner at Hard Rock Cafe. Evening at hotel with large pool and 3 story slides. The next day will be the adjudication performances all

day. Dinner and awards at Medieval Times. Will stop at the Canadian side of Niagra Falls on the return trip on Sunday. Dates are April 29-May 1, 2016.

- g. Tri-M is meeting this Thursday. Will be setting up Barnes and Noble performances/fundraiser and will discuss caroling and other events.

7. Old Business

- a. **Wrap-up report:** clothing sale. Brendon. Sold about \$2,000 worth of apparel this year compared to \$5,000 in 2013. The past 2 years, have had orders only through email. May add a paper copy, but he still would like the orders to be electronic. He may add a sale in the spring.
- b. **Upcoming Events:** Moe's fundraiser on 11/4 and Barnes and Noble on 12/11.
- c. **Updates.** Citrus sale on-line. The cooke dough fundraiser wraps up November 13. Wendy Eismont is dealing with a new vendor this year. Not sure yet of pick up date, probably around December 10. Dawn R. will organize delivery.
- d. **Music Formal.** Beverly. The theme selected by the students this year is "Under the Stars" (from a red carpet in outer space discussion) Beverly will check to see who signed up to help and will start working on this. Jenny gave her the copy of confirmation of reservation of the auditorium in MNMS for the first weekend in June.

9. New Business

- a. **Allison Geesey/Middle School Adjudication trip.** Allison requested that Music Boosters help with the MNMS adjudication trip on May 21, 2016. this will involve mostly 8th graders, about 117 students. Cost is about \$13,500, or about \$128.00 per student. This includes 3 busses. The students will also go to Dorney Park after adjudication. It is a day trip. There are no funds available from the school. We discussed this and the fact that we have not funded adjudication trips in the past. We do give \$100.00 per chaperone to help offset costs for the high school adjudication. We help with busses to the Europe trip. We want to think about the precedent we would be setting. The students are selling poinsettias as a fundraiser and will know how they do in December. Brendon proposed and we voted to pay \$250.00 towards the transport of the poinsettias and help with costs. We will revisit this in January.
- b. **Vacancies:** Heather will be taking over the webmaster position for now. See attached for other vacancies.
- c. **Ear Plugs:** Becky. Deferred discussion for a later date.
- d. **James Robinson: Regional Orchestra** This will be held here on February 25, 26, and 27, in the North Building. The out of town students will be staying at the Ramada Inn this year so will not need housing. He would like help with snacks for about 160 students. They will need 4 separate snacks. Volunteers are needed to organize and to distribute them. Volunteer also will need to purchase, but they will be reimbursed. Discussed that reimbursement has taken a long time in the past. Asked if we could "float" the amount for the person until reimbursement came in. Margaret suggested a

sign up genius to help sign up volunteers. Mr. Robinson agreed to send this out to string families to help them get involved.

10. **Adjournment**