

State College Music Boosters Meeting

March 27, 2018 at 7:00 pm

Conference Room, Pod B, SCAHS

Attending: Leigh Hurtz, Hyeseon Kim, Kristy Bagley, Toni Irvin, Jim Henderson, Suzanne Neely, Jane McCandless, Heather Bodenschatz, Elizabeth Bagley, Paul Leskowicz, Emily Rickert

Meeting called to order at 7:06 pm.

- 1. Introductions** – in interest of time, and as there were all regular attendees, no introductions were made

2. Officer Reports

- a. President's Report: Leigh reported that she had received a thank-you note from Mary Krohn-Smith with gratitude for Music Teacher Appreciation.
- b. Vice President's Report: no report.
- c. Secretary's Report: the minutes for February 2018 meeting were approved with one correction to spelling of Leskowicz in attendee list. Kristy Bagley motioned to accept; Jane McCandless seconded. Motion carried.
- d. Treasurer's Report: Jim Henderson reported we have received a few more donations for the Langton Fund. He coordinated with Hyeseon Kim to provide additional required information to Centre Foundation to participate in Centre Gives. Treasurer's report on file.

3. Music Director's Report: Paul Leskowicz

- a. In next couple of weeks, the district is working to update a communication piece (in the form of an FAQ document) about the new elementary curriculum and schedule. Paul is not worried right now, but there are lots of moving parts in the works.
- b. Renovated South Auditorium is expected to open and be available the second week of April. Spring concerts will occur as planned in the South Auditorium space. New cafeteria should be open after returning from Easter break.
- c. PMEA –Great showing as 12 students from SCAHS will be participating in the All-State concerts. (2 Jazz Band, 2 Wind Ensemble, 2 Concert Band, 2 orchestra, 3 choir)
- d. Some of requests for keyboards, etc have gone through, and budget-pending, they are expecting new additional instruments for elementary schools.
- e. For European Tour, Paul will be sending out request forms for medical information. New requirements this year for additional information to be on file.

4. Tri-M Report: Elizabeth Bagley

- a. Music in Our Schools Month is going well. Lots of students/ensembles have been participating.
- b. Night of Chamber Music has been postponed until after MiOSM to allow for more participation.

5. Updates on Current Business

Restaurant Fundraiser – Leigh -The Greek on April 10, no news for that yet.

PMEA Snack Bags – Jane –will have the last of the bags to distribute to those attending All-State.

Music Teacher Appreciation (occurred Tuesday 3/20/18). Thanks to Christine Stangel for coordinating another successful year acknowledging our wonderful music teachers in the district.

Music Formal – Heather B. – The committee met once to pass off duties; Will meet again soon. Poster has been designed. Tickets are getting printed. First sale date will be May 1 (9th/10th grade choir concert). Discussion regarding school policy governing protocols for dances, as to arriving by certain time, not leaving before a certain time, security and ids. Paul recommended that Heather/committee speak to Mr. Johnson for guidance regarding any changes in protocol for safety and security, making sure we are consistent with what we do compared to other dances, prom, etc.

School Board Meetings Sign-up for Music Booster attendance – Leigh will check with Sue Smith about the sign-up genius she used to facilitate boosters members' attendance at School Board meetings.

6. New Business:

- a. Transition Update for High School and Elementary Schools** – Paul covered a bit in the Music Director's report. Additionally, Paul gave updates regarding safety and security in the temporary music space at the High School. He reported that the administration has been very responsive to addressing concerns in the transition space; a security guard is in place, doors are now locked and video surveillance has been installed. The fence near the access door can be pushed over if necessary in an emergency. The back door has been repaired, so now it closes and locks correctly. Elizabeth Bagley requested Mr. L to check into the locked door between buildings, especially in between the half-blocks. Students are getting locked out when moving from building to building
- b. Extended day** - nothing new to report about this, but this topic is directly connected to School Board meeting attendance above to keep apprised of current information.
- c. Centre Gives** – (May 8-9) Kim –Stretch pool is \$200,000 again this year. We would receive an amount from the stretch pool proportionate to that which we receive through donations to Centre Gives. Our website needs to be updated – Kim will send Heather updated banner. Kim would like to make a postcard and mail it to past boosters donors to Centre Gives to remind them of the dates. Discussion among meeting regarding focus of message each week on a different aspect of Music Boosters and music in our district – i.e. # of music students served, # of music teachers, how much a complete marching band uniform costs, summer band registration fee, rental/purchase of instruments for schools, etc. Make the distinction

that the school district does what it can, Music Boosters helps to make up the difference. Kim worked with Jim to update our required organizational information with Centre Foundation.

- d. Membership Team** - Scott and Diane are resigning. Leigh mentioned that we will need to find someone to take over as membership coordinator(s).
- e.** Jane inquired what, if anything, Music Boosters could be doing to help Paul Olivett and the Education Foundation with Maroon & Gray Banquet. Jim reported that the Executive Board met with Paul immediately following the boosters meeting in February to discuss strategies and target individuals for Paul to solicit for fundraising specifically for marching band.
- f.** There was discussion regarding a proposed purchase of a Steinway D grand piano for the new auditorium.
- g.** Leigh received a request from a student to use her student account money to purchase ticket to the Carmina Burana concert in which Master Singers will be performing with the Altoona Symphony. Board declined request; noted that boosters did not want to set precedent of writing checks to individual students. Would like to keep protocol of providing funds via school.
- h.** Jim shared a support request from Bravo Boosters, requesting funding assistance towards 2 nights' feeding the pit orchestra (18 members) of Thespian troupe during spring musical production, since they are at the Playhouse Theater on PSU campus. Request for \$5 each for 2 nights totaling \$200. Jane McCandless motioned to approve support for Bravo *this year* given their special circumstance of venue. Hyeseon Kim seconded the motion. Motion carried.

7. Adjournment. Meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Next meeting Tuesday, April 24 at 7 pm.

Minutes prepared by Suzanne Neely, Vice-President.