

## PLAINFIELD BAND BOOSTER MEETING

March 22, 2016

Call to order: Troy Crum called the meeting to order.

Fundraising: Beverly Flanigan stated our painting party was a huge success. We had 19 painters, and we made \$295.10. We are in the middle of the mulch sales. Hopefully you are all making calls to neighbors and friends. Order forms are on line. All orders will be called in 4/15 and delivered at 4/30 at 9:00 am. Teri Groeschen has been pushing out emails informing you that the kid that gets the most bags, gets a directors jacket or \$85 cash. We get almost 50% off the top profit for this so it is a good fundraiser. You can also go to Greendells and get mulch by the truck and tell them Plainfield band and get a receipt. You can use it for plants, etc. Anything you buy there, they give us a percentage. In May we will have the 2 coolers to bid on as a silent auction. Beverly will be asking for donations for those coolers. In June we have our big golf outing. It is going to be successful this year. We are going to have a dinner with it and do sponsorships. There will also be events for kids to participate. We are going to have a sign promenade using our kid's signs at a cost of \$10. Anyone who can help, please see Beverly. She can use the help. It is June 18 at 1:30 at Deer Creek. If you are out of town, please see if your employer would like to be a sponsor.

Treasurer: We are still collecting fees for guard and drum line. We have \$3000 to put in savings and maybe another \$5000 from concessions also for savings. As for concessions we are starting our spring season. \$14728 in the bank. About 60% of that is ours.

President Elect: At our next meeting we will have our elections. The slate includes, ratifications for Jeff Ross, Vice President, Carole Snyder, Secretary, and Teri Groeschen for Communication, Clint Groeschen, Operations, and Dana Commander for Events. Special election for Troy Crum for President and Bev Flanigan, Fundraising. Special positions, Shelly Ross for Events. Keep in mind we need fresh blood and new ideas so we need to be thinking about next year. We need multiple layers of people doing the job.

Budget: We have had a great year financially. We have a few things to let you be aware of regarding the budget. We have a situation with the school. Mr. Carpenter had a meeting with Mr. Seifert and he let us know our maintenance budget for drum sticks and drum heads, the school will no longer be paid by the school. That is about \$13,000. We met again with Mr. Seifert and we got that number lowered to \$6500. There was a question as where that money is going. Harriet and Troy asked Mr. Carpenter for a budget. He said he doesn't really have a budget the school just says yes or no to requests. The State Board of Accounts regulates the school's budget. We all need to be going to the school board meetings to see where the money is all going. School budgets and the fine arts budgets are going to be getting pilfered more and more. To avoid raising fees, we need to be more responsible in looking at the revenue side of our budgets. We have been conservative. All of our events need to be very successful. We are on the cusp of getting our gaming license up and running. Based on all this, we will see an increase of band fees of \$50.00. That makes band fees \$500. There was a question as to if we had more unpaid dues to write off with the increase of dues. We do not think the number of unpaid dues went up. One comment was would it do any good to write our politicians regarding fine arts? We don't want to raise it to a referendum because we take the chance of losing fine arts all together. If we push the issue too much the school could charge us for building usage fees, etc. They also give us

stipends for our staff. It might be better to let this go and do some more research all our budget and the athletic budget.

We have a gong issue. There is a crack in our gong and it needs to be replaced. It is very large. We need to replace it. We found one for \$1000.00 in the repair budget. We can use that. We could also go outside our budget. There was a motion to go \$300 outside the budget. Tara Long motioned and Amy Griffith seconded. Rich Dowell stated he has a gong in his garage. The motion was amended to try out the gong of Rich's and if not usable then we will spend \$300.00 outside of the budget. Motion passed.

Trailer will be picked up the 24 or 25<sup>th</sup> of March. TKO will have it done by the 29<sup>th</sup>. The only thing they won't have time for is the rails. We have put those on hold. We will get a quote to that another time and as long as fits in the approved budget, we will do it later in the summer. We need the bus back for IPA and the trip to Dayton. We are loading April 2 and it will be parked here. So drive by and see it. There is also a community night on the 13<sup>th</sup> of April.

Winter drum line competed at the State qualifier and placed 4<sup>th</sup>. They go onto the Hulman center. Jose is working with the color guard. We would like to see the number of partisans grow. He is going to make a JV color guard and on May 7, there will be a clinic, noon-5. Cost will be between 20-30 dollars. Other schools are doing a cadet program and that will help grow our marching band. He has asked if we can get a volunteer to assist the staff on May 7 and get snacks, drinks, first aid etc. We need to find a volunteer and get an email out for that.

Uniforms: We think we will need to replace those sooner than 2-3 years. The boosters pay for half and the school covers the other. They run about \$450 each and we need about \$33,750 in the bank for us to do it. The sooner we can get this money set aside, the better.

Events: Volunteer spot has openings for concessions in April if you want to volunteer to earn money towards band fees. We do have soda to sell for \$5 at the April booster meeting.

Additional Business: There was a question regarding the orchestra and if we are part of that. We have no information on that.

Bonnie Inman stated that she has been put in charge of the gift basket for the staff dinner. She got McAllister's and Carmike's to donate gift cards. Carmike requires a request on letter head. She will send the information to Troy. The theme they are doing is "fun night on the town". She is looking at donations to keep the budget low. They could also use scrip cards to purchase snacks for the basket.

Director's Report: We are having frequent rehearsals for the 4/21 concert. It will be held at 7:30. We have a guest Tuba player. He is with the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra and is phenomenal. 4/23 is the concert band contest. The wind ensemble contest is 4/29 and 4/30. We are trying to avoid prom. If we go Saturday, it will be early morning or early afternoon. If we make it out of state qualifiers, state finals is May 7. The top 16 bands across the state make it. Winter guard had a great season and got a gold and got an 80.9 rating. Kriquet is handing the guard off to Jose. We are looking at two guards, JV and Varsity Guard. Winter percussion state finals are 4/2. Marching band begins in May. It is on the calendar. Check the calendar for drum major try outs and guard try outs. We have large involved props and will need lots of help. Band awards are May 13. Please check the band calendar to stay on top of things. Mr. Carpenter is talking to people at the mall to see if the jazz band can play there.

There was a motion made to adjourn by Teri Groeschen. It was seconded by Clint Groechen.

