

BAND BOOSTER MEETING

March 21, 2017

Troy called the meeting to order at 7:42. Troy congratulated our kids on their recent accomplishments. Progress has been made all over the board. We overcame some challenges and yet was successful.

Treasurer: We have about \$22,000K in checking, \$6800 in emergency fund, and \$26,000 in uniform fund. Some of that money in our current savings account is from our recent IPA and IHSGA. The take from IPA was 10k and IHCGA currently it about 10k but we won't know how much we really get until IHSCGA tells us. Concession has \$24,400. Bill is working on the ECA accounts. We are still accepting fees that are outstanding. If you are planning to go to the Winter Guard show in Ohio, contact Scott Johnson.

Fundraising: Beverly said we have scrip available. Remember to use Amazon Smiles when ordering from them. The mattress sale was a huge success. Several kids are getting jackets and cash from referrals. The booster's total was \$6025 plus a bonus of \$2000. So in total we made \$8000. Student and booster totals are about \$9000. All in stock spirit wear is ½ off. She is taking orders for the new spirit wear. Still working on screening on the jackets which should be sometime in May. We also have Chicago Pizza cards. Upcoming is the concert in the park. We will have some fundraising options then. Be watching for donations for the coolers for the raffle at the May meeting. Look for emails regarding donations. She also has some drum line shirts available for \$10.00.

Events: Shelly stated both events were successful. Thank you to Dana who did all the leg work. We did have some trouble with lack of volunteers at the second event. Troy thanked all who volunteered. It is a long day. The upcoming event is the Pops Concert. Please mark May 12 on your calendar at Hummel Park. Bring blanket and chairs. We will be grilling and selling hot dogs, hamburgers etc. If you are a "grill master" let Troy know. The ISSMA event is April 7 & 8. Our next meeting is April 18 when we will have elections. We are still working on the budget and will introduce it at the April meeting. April 19 is the Drum line community night and then the head for their contest in Dayton. May 5th is band award night. Invite all your friends and family to recognize the kids. May 16th we are having a band parent meeting. Instead of being just new parent night, we want to have all the parents there so we can get to know the new parents. Then May 27 is commencement. Tentatively we are having our golf outing on June 17th.

At our last meeting we announced that there are openings to be on the band leadership team. The slate is now Jeff Ross, or Bill Wolfe for President, Vice President Kevin Robbins, Treasurer, Dana Teasley, Secretary Roxeanne Maze, Director of Revenue, Trish Daily, Director of Communications, Kim Doyle, Director of Operations, Vacant, Director of Concessions, Heather Howard, or Patty Dillon, Director of Events, Shelley Ross and Vacant.

Our concert is the Thursday after spring break. The ISSMA Contest will either be on the Friday or Saturday. It will be at Decatur Central. Our concert in the park is based loosely on Symphony on the Prairie. Food, glow sticks things like that. We are looking at fun music to play as well. It will be 6-8. The wind symphony, concert band, jazz band and maybe some percussion ensemble.

Mr. Carpenter said the two competitions we hosted are two of the largest. We got great comments on how well we ran our events. We may get to also host the state finals this year. It is not set in stone. The guard will perform at community night. We are trying to get some middle school kids to attend and get them interested. It would be a feeder group to our guard. Jose has done an amazing job with them. The drum line had their best run at semi state. There was some technical difficulty. There are concerns about the management of the percussion and he is in the planning stages to make major improvements in our percussion program. On the parents night, instead of having the kids in the band room practicing, He suggests having the kids in the meeting to meet some of these new kids and for him to be there in the meeting as well. For next year we are looking at going from 112 to 138 in the band part, 30 in the color guard. In the June rehearsal we are doing some things different. We will be doing observing everyone and making sure the kids can handle the responsibility of being in the show. We will use some of those kids as crew.

There was a comment about how we are going to handle the drum line till the end of the year. Mr. Carpenter and Scott Johnson will be at their rehearsals and contests. They are also addressing some of the questions the judges had at the last contest and fixing those. They will have camp days during this spring break as well. There was some concern as to the tarp being done. Mr. Carpenter and Scott Johnson are the ones to talk to about that.

New Business: There is a proposal to amend the bylaws to allow extra funding for things emergencies. There are things that come up that we have no control of i.e. weather, equipment breaks, Brian Kills and extra security etc. that are not budgeted. We need to have an emergency fund for those type of events. The amendment will require more than just a majority of the board but also the majority of the boosters. This is the first reading of the proposal. It will be on the website for approval. Paul Zoss thinks the language needs to be cleaned up. Troy will get with Paul on the wording. There were no more questions.

In looking at the budget we have considered that we may be a class A band and will need to have funds behind us to support that. \$172K is the budget from last year. We are looking at one of over \$200K. We have our expenses but now we are working on how to get the revenue to cover that. A comment was made that at other schools if you do not pay your band fees there are consequences. What are we doing to fix that? One of the things we are looking at is how to compel people to pay their fees. We are continuing to brain storm the volunteer hour issue. A suggestion would be something like a base rate and then you give 10 hours. If you don't work, then you pay more. There was a question if there is a spike in this year of people who haven't paid and we don't believe so. It just hurt us more since we lost the ISSMA event. There was a question as to whether we can get that back. Mr. Carpenter doesn't really want it back considering the timing of it in the marching season.

At the April 6 concert more of an event. Roxeanne Maze heading that and we are going to be offering hot cocoa, cookies etc. as a nice social hour and fundraising opportunity.

Open Forum for comments or concerns: Bonnie Inman suggested talking with AMC at metropolis allowing us a movie time and half the money going to the band. Monrovia does it and makes lots of money.

We are also considering a garage sale event, community garage sale, where we donate goods to be sold on June 3, in the cafeteria. We could charge a \$1 or \$2 to come in to shop. A couple weeks before we

would collect it and store it somehow here. We will also try to get a box truck to pick up heavier items. One suggestion was instead of pricing, a good will offering. There was also a suggestion for a craft fair. Troy added one thing we are trying to move from a fundraiser to events that make money. Beverly said any ideas people have, email them to Trish. Troy added we want to keep alumni parents engaged and reach out to as many student alumni as we can.

There was a question regarding a trip next year. We will probably try to do something around spring break. They are working on ideas; probably a couple of over nights.

Motion to adjourn was made and seconded. Motion was approved.