

**Hammond High School Music Boosters**  
**4/7/22 Meeting**

**PRESENT AT MEETING:** Malcolm Washington, Elizabeth Reinhardt, Laura Edwards, Elizabeth Jones, Jen Ward, Jen Wilder, Paul Ijams, Jen Ward, Corinne Edwards, Hillary Bierce, and Laura Henson

**OPENING:** Call to order at 7:10 p.m.

**INTRODUCTIONS**

**REVIEW MINUTES:** The minutes were read and approved. Elizabeth Reinhardt moved to approve the minutes; Jen Ward seconded.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** The Square reader has been set up for A Little Night Music. The checking balance at the beginning of April is \$14625.77; expenses were \$302. Our additional account balance is at \$14, 329.69, for a combined \$35,422.50 total. We did get a deposit from the Amazon Smile program.

**BAND DIRECTOR'S REPORT:** Ms. Reinhardt reported for Mr. Dunlap. April 28<sup>th</sup> is the percussion ensemble concert. On June 9<sup>th</sup>, the middle school students will be invited for a rehearsal with the band. Construction should not affect this event. The jazz band may not be performing at the spring concert.

**ORCHESTRA DIRECTOR'S REPORT:** Ms. Reinhardt reported that assessments went really well, and the orchestra concert is May 10<sup>th</sup>.

**CHOIR DIRECTORS REPORT:** Mr. Washington reported that choir assessments also went really well. The Pops Concert is May 12<sup>th</sup>. The Chamber Choir for next year has an event for this year--a Juneteeth benefit concert. For next year, the Chamber Choir will perform in the Candlelight Concert Series.

**WAYS AND MEANS:** The recent restaurant night at Chick-fil-A raised \$51 from last month; the MOD Pizza restaurant night is scheduled for April 26<sup>th</sup>. There is an option for a Rita's restaurant night; they request a "celebrity server" for their events. One of the teachers would need to volunteer for this; Mr. Washington and Ms. Reinhardt volunteered. Ms. Ward suggested that this restaurant night be on the same night that the middle schoolers are invited to Hammond; Ms. Edwards will look into this.

**ACTION ITEM:** Ms. Edwards to schedule restaurant night at Rita's.

**MEMBERSHIP REPORT:** No changes; we are still at 47 members.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Samantha Newman has volunteered to help with the fall chocolate sale again next fall. The last week of August is the projected window for the return to school and the sale would start on Sept. 6<sup>th</sup>. We will also look into reserving the Columbia Sports Park for the fall's back to school picnic. May 18<sup>th</sup> will be the music banquet.

**OLD BUSINESS:** A Little Night Music: The VIP seating for A Little Night Music is selling quickly. The new block will open soon on the website; we have an additional 24 seats. There is a need for two people to bring coolers with ice (Mr. Ijams and Ms. Henson volunteered to bring them) as well as card tables (Ms. Edwards volunteered to bring two tables). Students get service hours for set-up and performance. Ms. Edwards needs at least two cash boxes; Mr. Ijams will locate these. The directors will send the announcement about the event out to staff to generate interest and ticket sales. After spring break, seating and sales will be opened up to the

rest of the school. Ms. Ward offered to create a social media graphic to use to generate interest. The question was posed if people have to pay VIP price for a child to sit at a VIP table; the following discussion led to the decision that VIP children's tickets will be available for \$20. Mr. Dunlap will update that section of the website.

Spring Concert flowers are budgeted; Mr. Ijams will research the purchase of these and look into a more economical flower/style; a single carnation for the Pops concert may work better than a corsage. Mr. Ijams will look into this option for all of the concerts.

Scholarships: The applications will be going out tomorrow and need to be returned by April 22<sup>nd</sup> for seniors and May 13<sup>th</sup> for underclassmen.

Officers: There is someone interested in Treasurer; there are still four positions that need to be filled. Ms. Jones is interested in staying on in some capacity.

DECIDED: A VIP Child ticket will be sold for \$20.

ACTION ITEM: Mr. Ijams will bring a cooler with ice and cash boxes; Ms. Henson will bring a cooler and ice to A Little Night Music.

ACTION ITEM: Ms. Ward will create a graphic to use on social media for A Little Night Music.

ACTION ITEM: Mr. Dunlap will update the website's A Little Night Music section to include youth VIP seating.

ACTION ITEM: Mr. Ijams will research purchasing senior flowers.

**CLOSE MEETING:** Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Hillary Bierce  
Secretary, Hammond Music Boosters