Hammond High School Music Boosters

May 31, 2018

PRESENT AT MEETING: Jen Ward, Paul Ijams, Stephen Dunlap, Elizabeth Reinhardt, Corinne Edwards, Jen Larsson, Hillary Bierce, Christine Dietrich, Carolyn Freel

OPENING:

INTRODUCTIONS:

REVIEW MINUTES:  The May minutes were read and approved.    Mr. Dunlap moved to approve the minutes,   Jen Ward second.

TREASURER’S REPORT: Jen Ward sent a budget update to Jen Larsson and the directors, to help them decide how to spend the balance of this year’s budget.  Recent expenses have included the scholarships, banquet awards and supplies as well as senior flowers. Restaurant night brought in $147.85 at Chipotle (check received).  Home Slyce never did give us a check. Executive team is meeting on the 14th to put together the budget for next year, please be prepared if anyone wants to add or move things around.

BAND DIRECTOR’S REPORT: Busy four weeks!  Spring concerts were great. Awards banquet went well, he appreciates the nice set up.  Nearly 50/53 seniors were there, a great send off for them. Jazz band performed at the Chantilly Jazz Festival and at graduation.  Drum major auditions were today and the candidates were amazing, working well together, that decision will be announced tomorrow along with marching band leadership team. Band Summer Camp is at 30 students and 13 for orchestra.  Still looking for additional campers. They’ve been advertising at spring concerts. They would like to spend the balance of the budget - Jen Larsson’s goal is to spend all the money. Sheet music is a priority, would like to expand chamber music so students have pieces to choose from, to help groups forming.  Would also support A Little Night Music. Question: can we buy used instruments with money? Mr Dunlap enjoys finding a deal on a used instrument, if he could be reimbursed for instruments to add instruments to the inventory. He cannot use school money to buy used instruments. If boosters are able to support that, it would be a good way to support the program.  Jen says we can spend our money however we want to. Department can decide if that’s how they want to spend it. The “reserve” funds that Jen Ward sees are earmarked for marching band uniforms ($7300). There is a line item for “uniform fun” - that should be moved into the reserve at the end of the year. That adds up year by year for 15 years until there is enough to get new uniforms.  Mr Dunlap will send out game schedule soon.

ORCHESTRA DIRECTOR’S REPORT:  Concerts went well. The next Tri M meeting is next Wed. and all new members are asked to attend - elections that night for new positions.  One change for next year is a change to the uniforms for students. Right now there is a dress and a tux but they’ve found that there are many students who don’t feel comfortable in either so they’d like to provide more options.  Looking into scrapping tuxedos and having a new uniform to offer:

1. dress pants, black long sleeve button down shirt and a burgundy tie.

2.  a skirt (similar to the dresses) with a ¾ sleeve black blouse with sweetheart neckline buttons the can also be worn with black palazzo pants.

Samples were ordered and were tried on.  There would be a couple years of transition - so students can stick with the tuxedos or dresses if they want, it’ll be rolled out slowly.  Students will have a choice - one of the three options. New expense forms would be given out at the beginning of next year but if a student has already invested in an old uniform, then that’s fine.  Tuxes will stick around in the building for a while. Question: how would it work for choir sashes? Sashes might not work.

Pricing:

$42 dress pants, shirt and tie (pants and collars are adjustable) - parents are responsible for hemming

$61 skirt and blouse or pants and blouse

Teachers want to buy a whole set in all sizes for trying things on: $825 for a class set (never used, only for fittings).    Where should money come from? We can spend overage on it. Everyone benefits and people can try before they buy, to choose what fits comfortably.   One added benefit - it works for other performing opportunities as well, especially things that are more casual, more conducive to other things they do in the department.

That will roll out this upcoming school year, full set ordered this summer.

ACTION ITEM: where should this money come from?

CHOIR DIRECTORS REPORT:  Graduation performance was great.  Ms. Freel is working to get the booster’s website switched out of her weebly account into its own separate account - if it can’t be done, boosters needs to subscribe to Weebly itself.  Annual cost is $40 per year.

WAYS AND MEANS: Restaurant nights - no trattoria due to it not being scheduled in time.   We have a Chick Fil A scheduled for Mon the 4th, Johns Hopkins Road. Home Slyce is off the list for good.  Jazz Combo has been working with Hungry for Music (the combo donates their fees) and have made over $700 for that cause over four performances.

FUNDRAISER SCHEDULING:

CHOCOLATE SALES: start on Sept 14th - Oct 5th so you can sell at school - get permission slips out on first day of school - Jen Ward was concerned about wording, wanted to clarify something in permission slip

CAR WASH: Sept 15th - sell chocolate?

PIE FUNDRAISER (Dessert Days or Mrs. Fields): Oct 10th through Oct 29th, delivery the 15th of November

    CHICK FIL A CALENDARS (we made $200 last year) -purchase mid-October,  50 calendars per box - have them out to sell at Haunted House. Have a table set up at Homecoming.

SPIRIT WEAR - cash and carry?  Stickers? Magnets (can get for .44), want to have available for handing out at back to school night, free gift with membership.  Have order forms available, possibly a few hoodies and tshirts out to sell? Or as samples? Not really to be a fundraiser, just want it as a service.  Could have a few non-clothing items with a small inventory that people could buy cash and carry (things like hats or seat cushions or lanyards, water bottles).  A way to invest in your tribe. Jen Ward will get a vendor name to the teachers. For back to school night: hats, magnets, couple sizes of tshirts. Teachers will order.

RESTAURANT NIGHTS:

HAUNTED HOUSE: 10/27 - have Chick Fil A calendars out to sell

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: no new members

NEW BUSINESS: Proposed slate of 2018-19 officers

President:  Jen Larsson

Vice President:  Paul Ijams

Secretary/webmaster:  Hillary Bierce

Treasurer:  Jen Ward

Jen Larsson moved that we accept this slate of officers as presented: Steven Dunlap seconded - all in favor, unanimous.

Jenna Dietrich is doing a gold award project that just got approved - she is doing an instrument drive and offering free lessons to middle school/elementary school students.  She’s also making a program recruitment video to show to 8th graders at PVMS. Runs from June-June. Instrument drive is for PVMS and BBES to hopefully widen the music program.

BUDGET:  Question: when do we close out the year?  June 30th

OLD BUSINESS:  Department picnic (August 24th): we can rent a pavilion but Hammond Park only fits 60 people.  Next biggest near us is Savage, fits 100 - their rental fee is $363. Christine could find out about getting a better price for the Savage rental.    We had about 200+ at awards ceremony but probably only about 100 would come to picnic. There are discretionary funds, real potential in this activity for team-building.  Can try to make some money back selling Italian Ice or pizza. There is $270 available in the reserve. We’re going to do it and see how it goes, potential for it to be awesome.   Offer memberships, request donations for pavillion. Music Department Back to School Picnic needs to be put on website calendar.

Next Meeting tentative: Sept 6th (Back to School conflicts and it’ll be the 13th).  Still 1st Thursday of the month.

CLOSE MEETING    Christine Dietrich  moved to adjourn the meeting.       Mr. Dunlap seconded the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Corinne

Secretary, Hammond Music Boosters