

Hammond High School Music Boosters
10/3/19 Meeting

PRESENT AT MEETING: Jen Ward, Hillary Bierce, Paul Ijams, Stephen Dunlap, Elizabeth Reinhardt, Malcolm Washington, Laura Henson, Tessa Goldscher, and Renee Cooper.

OPENING: Call to order at 7: 04p.m.

INTRODUCTIONS

REVIEW MINUTES: The minutes were read and approved. Stephen Dunlap moved to approve the minutes; Malcolm Washington seconded.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The Boosters donated \$2000 to our budget. Mr. Dunlap recommends using that money for large instrument purchases. This year they are considering microphones for the A Capella group. The money has not been distributed to the Music Boosters yet; Jen Ward will be notified if it is given to the directors.

Since the last meeting, expenses included reimbursement to Mr. Dunlap for the magnets and paid for extra shirts. Expenses also included one payment for chocolate and Big Bear Band expenses (\$144.15). For income, there have been several deposits for chocolate since the last meeting. We are nearly breaking even with the chocolate fundraiser; exact numbers are not in. We are at \$1145 for membership which is just under budget. A Paypal transfer has occurred from membership as well as donations. Tessa Goldscher has us at \$1260 in memberships and \$925 in donations. There have not been any restaurant night funds received.

We should write thank you cards for Chick-fil-A for Big Bear Band food donations and also Exxon for their support for the car wash.

Big Bear Band Wrap-up: Jen Ward reported that there was some ambiguity about Chick-fil-A's support of this event, but they did donate 100 sandwiches and it went well. There was quite a bit of support from parents and the students seem to have a good experience. There may not need to be as many pizzas ordered in the future and also reduce the amount of veggie trays requested. In the future, it is recommended that we just use cans or bottles of drinks—no poured drinks from 2L bottles. There needs to be additional volunteers requested on the sign-up genius to get all of the gear onto the field before the event. Jen Ward will hold on to the Big Bear Band “folder” after Christine Dietrich leaves. It was noted that some of the participants didn't have white shirts on; it was suggested that we have some extra plain white t-shirts on hand when this happens. Mr. Dunlap also felt the event went well. Letting the middle school students leave after half-time worked well.

BAND DIRECTOR'S REPORT: The jazz band list has been published. The Navy Band Jazz Commodores will be doing a clinic with the students and do a free concert on 1/30/20. There are a couple of events with the Maryland Winds in the works; there will be a concert around 11/18/19. The concert will be free for all of the students and their presence will be requested. Senior Night is on 10/25/19 and preparations are starting soon. The Band Boosters will provide bouquets. There is \$180 budgeted and 19 seniors; each bouquet should cost around \$9 each. The floral department at Weis or Harris Teeter has historically been used. Mr. Dunlap will need 1 parent to help him to order and distribute the bouquets; Paul Ijams volunteered. The Marching Band Showcase is on 10/22/19; 6 schools are participating and it is hosted at Hammond. Hammond will probably perform first. The format will be the same. Admission is \$5; those funds are distributed among the 6 schools, but the concessions funds will come to Hammond. Kona Ice is scheduled to come. The sign-up genius will add volunteers to sell concessions.

ACTION ITEM: Paul Ijams will order and help distribute Senior Band flowers.

ACTION ITEM: Laura Henson will purchase the snacks for Band Showcase.

ORCHESTRA DIRECTOR'S REPORT: The spring trip has been approved; it will cost \$675; deposits are due 11/15/19. Packets will be sent home next week. The trip will be only 2 nights. The trip will be 4/23-26/20. The trip will just be Hammond High School and involve performances and clinics. The students will go on a dinner cruise. Next month, 11/14/19, is the orchestra feeder festival. There will be a sign-up genius for volunteers. There will be pizza for the students. The budget for the feeder festivals is \$1145; there is plenty of money available for food and treats. Mrs. Reinhardt anticipates about 80-100 students total to attend. We will discuss food purchase for this event at the next Band Booster meeting; Chick-fil-a was suggested. Tri-M had their first meeting for the Haunted House yesterday; movies will be the theme. A sign-up genius has been created for this event; Paul Ijams sent it out last week. Mrs. Rustad will be helping again this year. Mr. Dunlap has already requested the permits and inspections.

CHOIR DIRECTORS REPORT: The choir feeder festival is 1/9/20. Mr. Washington is taking the choir to carol at all of the feeder middle schools and Guilford Elementary School this winter as part of recruitment. Choir is going well. There are no fall events. They will participate in the Easton Choral High School Competition; there is a \$1500 prize at this event.

WAYS AND MEANS: There is no update on the fundraiser from MOD pizza.

10/16 Chipotle from 4p-8p. There are several conflicts on this date: band practice, cross country meet, and SAT as well. This should go out on the Twitter feed.

Renee Cooper reported on the fall fundraiser. Meadows Farm will be the best choice for the poinsettia fundraiser. Orders are due 11/11/19 and delivery will occur on 12/5/19. The selection will be limited to simplify sales choices. Renee suggested that we sell a 7" pot and a 10" pot of the red and white poinsettias. The smaller pot will be \$18; the larger will be \$36. There will be pink and marble options at 7". The students will get half of the proceeds and half will go to the Music Boosters. Jen Ward suggested we keep all sales to one size to simplify it even further. It was noted that this would be a fundraiser where we collected check payments as there wasn't an online order option. Jen Ward suggested that the students collected money for each of the orders they make and then the parent writes one check to the Music Boosters for the total. We will need to sell 400 flowers to make the anticipated budget. The sales form needs to be distributed by next week. It was decided that we will sell only 7" pots of each of the 4 colors at \$20. The sales form will allow the buyer to name a specific student to support or all students. It was decided that the students will take orders on the provided form and return one check for payment to Jen Ward. It was suggested that the flowers be tagged with the student names and distributed at the first concert night. After discussion, it was decided that we will distribute on 12/7/19, if the school is available.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Tessa Goldscher reported that we have 63 members; \$1260 in membership; \$925 in donations. The total is about \$2100.

NEW BUSINESS: None

BUDGET: See treasurer's report.

OLD BUSINESS: It was noted that someone needs to reply to Tony Chiu that we will not be using his services; he continues to email members.

CLOSE MEETING: Laura Henson moved to adjourn the meeting. Tessa Goldscher seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 8:16 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Hillary Bierce
Secretary, Hammond Music Boosters