**Hammond High School Music Boosters**

**1/3/19 Meeting**

**PRESENT AT MEETING:** Jen Larsson, Hillary Bierce, Paul Ijams, Stephen Dunlap, Elizabeth Reinhardt, Jen Ward, Malcolm Washington, Stephanie Ellis, and Shelley Cohen.

**OPENING:** Call to order at 7:02 p.m.

**INTRODUCTIONS**

**REVIEW MINUTES:** The minutes were read and approved. Paul Ijams moved to approve the minutes; Shelley Cohen seconded.

**TREASURER’S REPORT:** A check was returned for $8.50 and we were charged a $15 fee. $20 in memberships plus money for shirts puts us in good shape for the budget for this point in the year.

**BAND DIRECTOR’S REPORT:** Middle school visits have been made. The nights of 1/23 and 1/24 are open band auditions for 8th graders. The weebly website was updated and has current audition information. The Jazz Band goes to Towson in two weeks.

**ORCHESTRA DIRECTOR’S REPORT:** Mrs. Reinhardt has visited all of the feeder middle schools and has open auditions on the same nights as band. Spring Trip chaperones were notified today by email; registration forms are online. 175 students and adults are attending; approximately 98 people registered online. Rooming lists must be done in the next couple of weeks and the directors request registration be completed soon.

**CHOIR DIRECTORS REPORT:** TheFeeder Festival is Tuesday; there are 36 visitors plus 45 parents and students attending. A Google form for parent volunteers has been sent to Jen Larsson. There have been volunteers to provide food but dinner service needs help beginning at 6:00 p.m. for setup. The Boosters are providing pizza.

**WAYS AND MEANS**: Restaurant nights: The Chick-fil-A check has not arrived. Panera is 1/21 from 6:00- 9:00 p.m.

Chocolate Sales: The permission slips went home on 1/2/19 and should be returned Tuesday, 1/8/19.

**MEMBERSHIP REPORT:** Submitted online to Jen Larsson. No new members since our last meeting. The current total is 79. We are currently over budget for membership.

**NEW BUSINESS:** The next meeting is scheduled for 2/7/19 but Jen Larsson will be absent. The next meeting will be will be 3/7/19. The April meeting will be moved to 4/11/19 due to the Spring Trip.

Gala Boosters Basket: The event is on 3/15/19. This is the same night as the musical. The basket is due the week before. It will include: tickets to A Little Night Music, wine, a t-shirt, magnet, donations from other organizations (a concert series, Maryland Winds, The Soundry, etc.), and possibly etched wine glasses.

ACTION ITEM: Music Directors will collect the donations (except wine) in the music office and a volunteer (presumably Mrs. Haggerty) will assemble the basket.

Scholarships: Mary San Antonio will lead scholarships this year. Senior and underclass scholarships are available. Underclass scholarships applications will be due 2/1/19. Accepting applications later and announcing the winners in the spring would be too late to allow for camp registrations. Information about summer camps will be distributed with the application form. Senior scholarships will be due when students return from spring break. These winners will be announced on 5/9/19.

Senior Flowers: The spring concerts are on 5/1/19 and 5/7/19. We will have two sets of flower purchases due to the length of time between the concerts (the flowers will die). Orders will have to be made at Weiss before spring break. There is $300 allotted for senior flowers.

ACTION ITEM: The directors will get their senior numbers to Jen Larsson before spring break.

Awards Night: The event is on 5/9/19. The proposed event plan is to start at 6:30 p.m. in the auditorium and then have the desserts and snacks be served in the cafeteria. There is some concern that holding the entire event in the cafeteria will be crowded and hot due to the increased size of the music programs. The auditorium may not be available that night.

ACTION ITEM: The directors will confirm the availability of the auditorium.

A Little Night Music: There has been no forward progress with donation solicitations; there should be soon. Three Brothers was difficult logistically last year; the year before was a better experience. Suggested alternatives were Anthony’s in Clarksville, Maggiano’s, Puttin’ on the Ritz, and also asking Three Brothers to reduce their cost and we provide the plates, etc. The food options should be kept simple, as in the past, and vegetarian and gluten-free options should be provided for those needing them. There is still interest in on-line bidding for the auction. Mr. Dunlap still hopes to do a trumpet lamp and painted violin for the auction. Additional auction items could include a jazz combo performance, a choir serenade, a parent conductor experience, and director-for-a-day experience.

ACTION ITEM: Jen Ward will contact Puttin’ on the Ritz.

ACTION ITEM: Mr. Dunlap will investigate on-line bidding options.

Summer Picnic: Should be the first Friday of band camp, 8/23/19. Last summer’s venue, the Columbia SportsPark, worked well and we will look into it for this summer.

ACTION ITEM: Jen Ward will call Columbia SportsPark

ACTION ITEM: Mr. Dunlap will ask Dr. DiPaula if the school can reserve the venue so that the event will be covered by the school’s insurance.

Next year’s Board Members: Anyone who is on the Board and is leaving should start considering who their replacement will be. Suggestions for recruitment included approaching the chaperones for the Spring Trip, approaching parents at feeder festivals and performances, sending an interest/why aren’t you interested survey, and breaking down jobs into smaller responsibilities. Representation from choir and orchestra families was encouraged. Surveying interest and recruitment will be done at the incoming middle school information night on 1/15/19. The information poster will be put up at a table and an interest sheet to collect parent contact information will be put out as well.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**CLOSE MEETING:** Mr. Dunlap moved to adjourn the meeting. Stephanie Ellis seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Hillary Bierce

Secretary, Hammond Music Boosters