

Hammond High School Music Boosters
10/6/22 Meeting

PRESENT AT MEETING: Stephen Dunlap, Malcolm Washington, Elizabeth Reinhardt, Elizabeth Jones, Ron Vance, Rachel Smith, Christine Dietrich, Hillary Bierce, Rebecca Cosgrove, Brook Walton, Douglas Paul, Shannon Franks, Samantha Neuman, Coleen Hager, Sai Vallurupalli, Archana Neidermyer, and Kathy Woodward.

OPENING: Call to order at 7:03 p.m.

REVIEW MINUTES: The minutes were read and approved as amended. Ms. Smith moved to approve the minutes; Mr. Walton seconded.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Ms. Jones reported almost \$6000 of income of fundraising in the last month with the car wash and chocolate sales. Percussion instruction and drum major camp expenses were paid. The money market account had only interest income. The Square transaction timing is still being addressed with Ms. Jones and Mr. Vance to improve accuracy of our accounting. Ms. Jones would like to have a fundraising line added to the budget. The chocolate invoice is for approximately \$4000 and to be paid soon. For the car wash, \$1714 was raised.

BAND DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Mr. Dunlap was thankful for everyone's support of the Big Bear Band. The new members had a good experience and it was a good recruiting tool. There is a quick end to the marching season. Next week is homecoming, the Marching Band Showcase the week after and then Senior Night. Mr. Dunlap needs help collecting donations at the door for the Marching Band Showcase on October 19th from approximately 6p-7p. He requests non-marching band parents help with this. Oct. 21st is Senior Night and there needs to be a couple of parents to volunteer to get flowers for that. The order is usually made through Harris Teeter.

ORCHESTRA DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Ms. Reinhardt reported that the first Tri-M meeting has not been held yet due to scheduling conflicts with the school calendar. All of the concert venues needed to be moved due to construction delays; Oakland Mills High School will host Orchestra and Band and Reservoir High School will host Choir and Percussion. The Feeder Festival will also need to be moved due to construction delays.

CHOIR DIRECTORS REPORT: Mr. Washington reported that the choir performed at the Harriet Tubman Center. Oct. 26th the choir is performing with the University of Delaware Chorale at St. John's Episcopal Church. All are invited to the performance. A Capella is also up and running.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Mr. Vance reported that we added four new members in the past month.

OLD BUSINESS: Spring Trip: Registration for the Spring Trip is closed due to reaching capacity. There are 200 students attending. All initial payments must be paid by next week. Forty parents expressed interest in chaperoning, but there is only room for 18-20 chaperones. The directors will choose chaperones and notify them soon. The final trip price will be shared next week. There is an (approximately) \$8000 contribution from old student accounts applied to the overall trip cost. The anticipated cost is between \$1265-\$1275 per student. All announcements about the trip will go through the group collect portal from here on out. All attending families should ensure the portal has an accurate address.

Chocolate Sales: Ms. Neuman reported that there are 79 participating students and they are selling a lot of chocolate. There is another deposit ready to be given to the Treasurer. The sale has been extended through Oct. 18th.

Restaurant Nights: Ms. Franks reported that turnover from Ms. Edwards has taken place. The Crazy Mason is scheduled Nov. 2nd from 3p-6p. They have ordered custom glasses for the event. Dec. 20th is the Chick-fil-A (Johns Hopkins Rd.) fundraiser. Jan. 17th from 4p-8p will be the Chipotle (Dobbin Rd.) fundraiser. Ms. Franks will pass all promotional materials to Ms. Ward for social media. Some additional ideas for restaurant nights were discussed. BurgerFi only does dine-in and was not supported. Restaurants that will be researched for addition to our restaurant night calendar are Rita's, Red Robin, Texas Roadhouse, Mod Pizza, Jersey Mikes, and Trattoria.

ACTION ITEM: Ms. Franks will forward all promotional materials to Ms. Ward.

Leaf Raking: Mr. Vance has communicated with the Boosters about joining this opportunity. We can join them and Ms. Hager and Ms. Franks can help the coordinator once identified. There are groups of 8-10 students with 2 adult chaperones. Each group signs up for a weekend and are given a list of yards to rake during that weekend. All proceeds are split amongst the participating groups. The directors will send out an email requesting coordination help.

NEW BUSINESS: Homecoming: Previously discussed in Band Director's comments.

Showcase: As discussed in the Band Director's comments.

Marching Band Senior Night: As discussed in the Band Director's comments.

Open Forum: Talent Show: Carroll Baldwin Hall will give the Music Boosters the space to host a talent show for free. Ms. Dietrich would like to coordinate a talent show and suggested selling low-cost tickets for the event. Student groups could perform with audience voting for their favorite group in a similar fashion to Mr. HHS—vote with a donation in the bucket for their favorite group. Ideas to improve participation include having a minimum group size (three) and having a lottery for solo acts. Other ideas for participation are allowing comedy acts, or similar, by the music students. A Friday night in January has been proposed, with Jan. 20th preferred. Ms. Dietrich will develop a committee to run the program. The directors will be involved in performance/act review.

ACTION ITEM: Ms. Dietrich will look into scheduling a January date (13, 20,27) with the preferred date being Jan. 20th.

CLOSE MEETING: Ms. Smith moved to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Reinhardt seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Hillary Bierce
Secretary, Hammond Music Boosters