**Hammond High School Music Boosters**

**11/1/18 Meeting**

**PRESENT AT MEETING:** Jen Larsson, Hillary Bierce, Paul Ijams, Stephen Dunlap, Elizabeth Reinhardt, Shelley Cohen, Renee Cooper, Jen Ward, Malcolm Washington, Kim Kerry, Charmian Mohammed, Wilawan Wattanarungsikajorn. Tessa Goldscher.

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

**INTRODUCTIONS**

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

**TREASURER’S REPORT:** Chocolate fundraiser has been the bulk of financial changes. Jen Ward. is still working on updating the student accounts. $3600 will be divided into student accounts. We are paid up for chocolate; final payment should be made tomorrow (11/2).

Spiritwear money is coming in as well. Some money was made on Showcase concessions and admission fees. (A couple hundred dollars for each.) We have not gotten any checks from any of the restaurant nights. Ledo’s should be $120. The Chick-fil-a fundraiser may not have been well-attended. Chipotle fundraiser is next week.

ACTION ITEM: Music Boosters will make a group effort to make people aware of restaurant nights.

**BAND DIRECTOR’S REPORT:** The Marching Band Showcase was wonderful and went well.

MD Winds: HaHs is hosting the MD Winds Thanksgiving week. They will rehearse here the weekend before Thanksgiving and then perform on Tuesday, Nov. 20th, at 7:30 p.m. The Boosters are listed as the host organization. They will bring in people to work with the HaHS band students. The concert will cost $15 per ticket except for HaHS students which will cost $10. Student volunteers will be requested for Sunday night, Monday night and Tuesday. They will get service hours. Tickets are available at the door. Mr. Dunlap will provide a flier that can be distributed by hand and on the website.

Senior night football game: The game is tomorrow night and the weather does not look good. If the game is cancelled and rescheduled for Saturday, then a pep band would go. If it’s raining on Friday night and there is a game, then the band will wear their t-shirts and perform; too much rain then they will leave the instruments inside and just cheer. An alternative is to have senior recognition inside and then continue on with the planned party. Flowers are being picked up by Terry Burkheimer—for 21 seniors. Tomorrow night is picture night.

**ORCHESTRA DIRECTOR’S REPORT:** Uniform fittings began this week. One-third of the students have been fitted. Once ordered, the uniforms will be here within a week. Everything that comes home must be hemmed. A set of tuxes was purchased for the current seniors to borrow; these will be cleaned and returned for future use.

Spring trip: There was a contract wording change required and the trip is still in the process of getting approval. It is hoped that approval and paperwork will be out next week. First payment will be due Nov. 30th ($200 deposit) for a total of approximately $520. Mrs. Reinhardt will delay the due date of the first payment if approval is significantly delayed.

Feeder Festival is 11/14. We are hosting 50 middle schoolers. A sign-up genius is coming in the next couple of days. Dinner is 630-700 and 730p performance. All of the first year orchestra students are performing.

Winter concerts are occurring before the next meeting. Concert dates are 12/6 and 12/11.

**CHOIR DIRECTORS REPORT:** The Pops Concerts was held. Everything in choir is going well. The Howard County G/T Choir and Orchestra performance is this Sunday at Glenelg. We have choir students performing.

Choir Feeder Festival is 1/8/19.

**WAYS AND MEANS:**

Restaurant nights: We made $120 from Ledo’s; Chipotle is next week.

Chocolate Sale: The directors have been given the names of the chocolate sale winners. If you sold 0.5

boxes and higher, you got credit for selling one box. Each box was one entry into the raffle and the winners were chosen randomly. We sold 237 boxes of chocolate and collected $14,260.49. This is similar to sales from last year. Samantha Neuman will continue to do this in January and will do it next year as long as we can get her 2 assistants to help her in the afternoons. The fall chocolate budget is $4000 and winter chocolate is $2000.

Chocolate dates for January have been set: 1/2/19 for permission slip distribution and returned no later than 1/8; sales are 1/10 to 1/31; last grace day is 2/7/19.

Pies: The orders must be in by 11/2/18 at noon. Current total--380 items sold; $6444. $1731 was sold online; 1/3 of the items ordered were submitted online. People have continued to submit orders this week despite the end date of 10/29. The 11/14 delivery date is still on target and will be confirmed next week. 25 students sold 7 or more pies. The pizza party date will be on Friday, 11/9, during lunches. The number of required volunteers for pie pick-up has not been determined. Students can earn service hours for volunteering. We will make 30% of the sales.

**MEMBERSHIP REPORT:** We are up to 76 members. Other statistics include: donations are at $917; $1514 from fees; dues total was $1480; total minus the fees is $2381.86. This is about $200 under budget because of the magnet purchase.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Craven Restaurant night: Shelley Cohen contacted them and they are open to the idea of a fundraiser for us. They just did one for HMS; it was lightly attended. There is some concern that they may not be timely with paying out fundraiser checks. We would get 20% of the profits. Craven is concerned that the schools don’t advertise the restaurant nights enough. They need a one week notice to hold a fundraiser night.

HCPSM is having its first meeting at Atholton HS Media Center on 11/13/18.

**BUDGET**: ACTION ITEM: Mr. Washington needs an invoice from the t-shirts from Jen L.

**OLD BUSINESS**: T-shirts: sales will end at the winter concert and then be stored in the shed.

Car Wash: Jen Larsson has quite a few items leftover from this event—buckets, 3 years’ worth of rags etc. These items will go into the shed if they are not claimed.

Haunted House: We now own several feet of plastic for the Haunted House walls that have a shelf life of 18 months. We should store it in a cool dry place. If we test it, we may be able to use it an additional year. The fire marshal can do the testing for us if we want to use it next year. Shipping expenses ($37) make returning the plastic an unattractive option.

DECIDED: The Haunted House coordinator will contact the fire marshal next year to test the plastic for the walls.

FUNDRAISING: Tessa Goldscher reported that she looked at selling dip mixes. They can provide samples. They ship to us and then we distribute. There is a 1-2 week turnaround time once ordered. If we sell over 200 then we get 50%. They are $4 per bag. It is a dry mix; sour cream, cheese ball, fruit mix (caramel). One option is to buy in bulk and sell them ourselves—the idea being we have samples out that people can taste test and buy immediately.

Other suggestions: Poinsettias—take pre-orders and take home the flowers at the concert. It may be a little late for this fundraiser because some companies want the orders now.

ACTION ITEM: Tessa Goldscher will contact Thomas Viaduct Middle School to learn more about how they do this fundraiser.

Gift wrapping: Jen Larsson said that she has been turned down at Barnes & Noble at Columbia Mall for this fundraiser. Other venues suggested include Long Gate and Columbia Crossing.

“Decal Day”: Students could sing/perform at a venue and ask for donations in exchange for a decal.

. ACTION ITEM: Mr. Dunlap will contact Kimco to see if we can have performers at some of their properties.

**CLOSE MEETING:** Mr. Dunlap moved to adjourn the meeting. Charmain Mohammed seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Hillary Bierce

Secretary, Hammond Music Boosters