

**Hammond High School Music Boosters**  
**3/5/20 Meeting**

**PRESENT AT MEETING:** Hillary Bierce, Paul Ijams, Christine Dietrich, Stephen Dunlap, Jen Ward, Malcolm Washington, Laura Henson, Cindy Good, and Renee Cooper

**OPENING:** Call to order at 7:07p.m.

**INTRODUCTIONS**

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

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** There should be \$17,000-18,000 in the uniform fund. There is approximately \$18,000 in reserve, but \$8,000 is tied to student accounts. There is possibly \$10,000 in reserve. Payment for all three clinicians was made. Chick-fil-A's November restaurant night made \$233.11. The final chocolate sales numbers are not available but should be wrapped up next month. The marching band drill program fee was paid.

**BAND DIRECTOR'S REPORT:** We need \$40-45,000 for uniforms. Mr. Dunlap is hoping to get approximately \$17,000 from the Music Boosters. The music department has about \$20,000 to put towards the uniform fund. There was a clinic with the Maryland Winds last month free of charge. The band adjudication is tomorrow at 4:45 p.m. The band continues to form groups to perform at A Little Night Music.

**ORCHESTRA DIRECTOR'S REPORT:** March 26<sup>th</sup> is the orchestra adjudication. They are having a clinic today.

**CHOIR DIRECTORS REPORT:** The choir had a clinic that was great. Treble Choir Festival and Chamber Choir Master Class were very successful. Choir adjudication is March 17<sup>th</sup> at River Hill High School.

**WAYS AND MEANS:** A Little Night Music: Christine Dietrich estimates that we will make approximately \$2000 on the fundraiser. She has spent \$288 so far; the max we will spend is \$540. She is looking into getting donations for as many things as possible. Ticket sales are estimated at \$3700.10. We will do black fabric tablecloths; Patuxent Valley is allowing us to borrow some and we will slowly purchase enough to have to use each year. Christine Dietrich will get white plastic plates from Costco (\$0.20 each). We have 8 water pitchers that can be kept on the tables. We will need more if we are going to have one on every table. We need 18 additional ones. Renee Cooper may be able to find these to borrow. Costco still has not come back confirming cake and soda donations. Jen Ward and Cindy Good will provide coffee carafes. We have sold 98 tickets so far; this is ahead of prior sales. The goal is 140 total tickets sales. There have been 10 full tables sold. Each full table sold will have candy bars with the possibility to win a "golden ticket" in one on each table. There will be a program provided. There will be a sign-up genius for the volunteer jobs for the evening. Mrs. Reinhardt will direct the kitchen volunteers. There have not been many donations made at this point, but some include the BSO and Jason's Deli and a music quilt. There will be spiritwear and socks raffled. Christine Dietrich is still looking at items to auction. Renee Cooper has a massage gift certificate to auction as well as a Bach to Rock session. Mr. Washington has a contact that will provide a voice lesson to auction. Mr. Dunlap will find a volunteer to run the lights during the evening.

The next restaurant night is at Panera is on March 23<sup>rd</sup> from 5: 00 p.m. to 9 p.m. It is for eat-in or pick-up. The flyer will be emailed to the directors. There is a promo code to enter if you order online. People MUST show a paper or electronic flyer. Panera only does fundraisers on Mondays. We get 20% of whatever we bring in.

Update on the IHOP restaurant night--we earned \$99.30 from this restaurant night. The check will be mailed in approximately 6 weeks.

Upcoming restaurant nights: April 15<sup>th</sup> is Ledo Pizza (on Snowden River Parkway) and May 7<sup>th</sup> is our last Chick-fil-A.

In June we may do a restaurant night at Ernesto's. Cindy Good will call to schedule this. She will also look into the teacher lunch option again for the May Chick-fil-A restaurant night.

**ACTION ITEM:** Mr. Dunlap will find a volunteer to run the lights during A Little Night Music.

**MEMBERSHIP REPORT:** No recent changes. There are 52 members and \$1340 in dues.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Band uniforms need to be updated. There was a discussion about the amount of money the Music Boosters has in reserve and the amount that the music department can put toward the purchase. Paul Ijams will check the by-laws about the ability to transfer money from the Music Boosters checking toward the purchase.

A Scholarship Committee needs to be convened. \$1250 is budgeted for Seniors. \$1030 is budgeted for underclassmen. Applications will be due April 15<sup>th</sup>. The checks will be distributed at the banquet. A new date for the banquet will be considered; the current date (May 21<sup>st</sup>) is in the middle of the graduation window.

The kick-off picnic for August needs to be scheduled. The proposed date is August 21<sup>st</sup>. The preview night is proposed on Thursday, August 20<sup>th</sup>. Hammond HS is having a BTS picnic on August 19<sup>th</sup>.

Summer Band and Strings Camp will be July 6-10<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Dunlap will send out information requesting student volunteers. There is a back-up plan if the school is under construction at that time.

There has not been a blanket statement regarding cancellation about field trips from the county. The music directors are closely following the situation with the coronavirus and monitoring updates from the county.

**ACTION ITEM:** The directors will determine if a new date is needed for the banquet.

**BUDGET:** No updates.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Board position and committee chairs for next year need to be lined up. Jen Ward will be stepping down as Treasurer.

There was a request that we make more of an effort get choir and orchestra parents involved. There was also a request to make an effort to send an email reminding people of the monthly meetings and restaurant nights, as well as reminding Music Boosters members that the monthly meeting is for everyone and not just the executive board. It was also suggested that we make posters that tell people what the Music Boosters do and fund that can be displayed at A Little Night Music.

ACTION ITEM: Christine Dietrich and Mr. Dunlap will create posters for display at A Little Night Music.

**CLOSE MEETING:** Laura Henson moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Dunlap seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Hillary Bierce  
Secretary, Hammond Music Boosters