

Hammond High School Music Boosters
9/06/2023 Meeting

PRESENT AT MEETING: Ron Vance, Stephen Dunlap, Gordon Alston, Kara Keister, Rachel Smith, Brook Walton, Kathy Woodward, Doug Paul, Malcom Washington, Jen Renkevans, Lisa Wilson, Archana Neidermyer

OPENING: Call to order at 8:03 p.m.

REVIEW MINUTES: Stephen Dunlap moved to approve the August 16, 2023, minutes; Brook Walton seconded.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer Alston reported that he is still trying to transfer access to the on-line accounts. Based on the previous report, the starting balance for the month was \$9,912. The months revenue included \$291 in cash/checks and an additional \$1,200 from PayPal/Square. There is \$2,815 in outstanding checks leaving us an operating balance of \$8,885.

The reserve account balance has not changed and is still at \$14,914.77.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: As of now, 30 families and 1 admin have joined. The group discussed ideas to expand outreach for new members.

BAND DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Mr. Dunlap reported that the Band has had a great start to the year, including its performance in its first home football game. Next home game is September 22. Plan is to start-up pep band for September 15.

ORCHESTRA DIRECTOR'S REPORT: President Vance reported, for Ms. Reinhardt, that Orchestra is off to great start. A student teacher is onsite, teaching, through October. Mr. Dunlap reported, for Ms. Reinhardt, that the proposed Spring Trip is to Colonial Williamsburg/Busch Gardens for April 12-13. Moving forward, the plan is to alternate "big" and "small" trips every 2 years. This trip allows for community building, but at a lower cost and hopefully more accessible to all students. The trip would be a 2-day/1-night trip including performances and visits to historic Williamsburg and Bush Gardens. The proposed trip is still on final approval.

CHOIR DIRECTORS REPORT: Mr. Washington reported that the year has started off well for all three choirs. Ensembles are getting to know each other, building community, and learning new pieces. The first TriM meeting will be September 27 during Bear Time.

OLD BUSINESS:

Back to School Picnic was held Friday, August 18. Overall, the event went well.

Yearly Insurance was renewed.

New officers visited the bank to formalize and sign paperwork.

A new spirit wear order, for shirts, was placed. Shirts will be picked up this week.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Annual Car Wash Fundraiser is set for Saturday, September 23 from 10am – 2pm at the Savage Exxon. Sign-up Genius for parent volunteers is set-up for distribution. Mr. Dunlap will create Sign-up Genius for student volunteers. Supplies are packed and stored at the school and can be picked up the week of the event.

Chocolate Sales will start next week on September 13 and run through October 4. Permission forms have been sent home with students.

Boosters is still looking for a volunteer to help coordinate our Restaurant Night fundraisers. Several restaurants have reached out to gauge interest. Brook Walton has volunteered to coordinate.

The group continued discussion about the possibility of splitting up the Reserve Bank Account into two separate accounts, one for our active student accounts and one for our traditional reserve. There was consensus for this plan. The secondary idea is also to look at an interest-bearing strategy to gain more interest.

Treasurer Alston will bring a proposal for the group to review and vote upon at the next meeting.

NEXT MEETING: Plan is to get back to the first Thursday of the month for future calls. The October meeting is proposed for Thursday, October 5 @ 8pm. President Vance will confirm availability with those not on the call.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Marching Band Feeder program is October 6. Mr. Dunlap will be looking for volunteers to coordinate activity and dinner.

CLOSE MEETING: Brook Walton moved to adjourn; Rachel Smith seconded. The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Douglas Paul".

Douglas Paul
Secretary, Hammond Music Boosters