

Hammond High School Music Boosters
9/9/21 Meeting

PRESENT AT MEETING: Hillary Bierce, Paul Ijams, Stephen Dunlap, Lavell Condon, Elizabeth Reinhardt, Shannon Franks, Tessa Goldscher, Samantha Neuman, Elizabeth Jones, Coleen Hager, Sai Vallurupalli, and Malcolm Washington.

OPENING: Call to order at 7:00 p.m.

INTRODUCTIONS

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

TREASURER'S REPORT: No updates.

BAND DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Marching band has had a great start to the year. They performed at 2 elementary schools and Student Orientation, have their first game tomorrow night, and Big Bear Band is next week.

ORCHESTRA DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Orchestra is off to a great start. Tri-M applications are being accepted this fall for 10-12 graders. In the spring, applications will be open to 9-12 graders. The applications are due tomorrow and on Canvas. Tri-M meetings will be during Bear Time; once a quarter there will be after-school meetings with performances. Ms. Reinhardt will make sure that Tri-M is listed in the clubs directory.

CHOIR DIRECTORS REPORT: Choir is also off to a great start. Will be having A Capella auditions in 1 ½ weeks.

WAYS AND MEANS: First restaurant night is 9/27/21 at the IHOP on Assateague Road. We will need a flier and is dine-in only. We get 20% of the receipts.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: We currently have 27 members. Paul Ijams will provide email contacts to Ms. Goldscher to use to recruit new members. Back to School Night will be 9/23/21 and there will be a recruitment table that night. Our goal this year is to recruit 100 members.

NEW BUSINESS: Big Bear Band is next Friday. The event will be entirely outdoors. They will meet at 5:00 p.m. to practice and have pizza or sandwiches outside immediately after. We have historically gotten Chick-fil-A sandwiches donated, but we may be able to cover the cost in the budget. Mr. Dunlap would like 5 parent volunteers from 5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. Mr. Dunlap will send the volunteer request email, and Mr. Ijams will look into the Chick-fil-A sandwich donation option.

Regarding feeder concerts, Ms. Reinhardt is currently looking at 11/3/21 for the orchestra feeder event. She would prefer to have the event without serving food. Ms. Reinhardt is going to survey students to see the amount of student interest. If interest is low, she may push the event to the spring. Choir's feeder concert will be held in January 2022. Mr. Washington is looking into busing the entire choir over to the feeder school. Other than not offering food, the format would be the same.

The Haunted House is currently scheduled for Friday, 10/29/21. There are some concerns regarding COVID. Mr. Dunlap will keep us posted on the status of the event. He will talk to Kimco about alternatives to the tent that we usually use that may be more COVID-appropriate.

Chocolate sales permission slips went out at the beginning of school. Distribution of chocolate will be in the vestibule in front of the auditorium. For daily money turn-in, Ms. Neuman will be near the stage doors. She would like to have help during distribution next Wednesday; Mr. Washington and Ms. Reinhardt volunteered. (The chocolate will be picked up next Tuesday.) There will be no overnight spring trip. The directors are considering doing a day trip and will continue researching this option. However, any chocolate sales money will go toward the next trip they do go on. Sales begin on 9/15/21. We are taking approximately 75 boxes for this first delivery, and Ms. Neuman will get more, if needed. Half of the funds go to the Music Boosters and half goes to the student "account".

The car wash is usually held at the Exxon in Savage; this year it is 9/18/21 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Ms. Ward has the supplies. The initial sign-up for volunteers will go out soon. If there is a lot of interest in participation, the time will be extended to 4:00 p.m.

The fall fundraiser options are coffee and popcorn. Ms. Jones' proposed Double Good popcorn. There is a brochure and an online fundraiser option. The virtual option gives you a 4-day popup store that is contactless. The company will pack and delivery the orders. We would get 50% of the sales. The average is \$400/participant. The bags are approximately 22 oz. of product, and they payout the organization within a week. There was a suggestion to do the fundraiser during the Winter Concert series beginning on 12/7/21 and provide single-serve samples at the concerts to create interest. There was an alternative suggestion of having two popups, one starting on the first concert date on 12/2/21 and the second on 12/7/21. If the two popups are not an option, the single window will be 12/6/21 to 12/9/21.

ACTION ITEM: Mr. Dunlap will send out a volunteer request for help during Big Bear Band.

ACTION ITEM: Paul Ijams will research donation of Chick-fil-A sandwiches for Big Bear Band.

ACTION ITEM: Mr. Dunlap will contact Kimco regarding tent options for the Haunted House.

ACTION ITEM: Ms. Jones will set up the Double Good fundraiser.

BUDGET: No updates.

OLD BUSINESS: Thanks to Jen Ward for all of her help coordinating the Back-to-School Picnic!

CLOSE MEETING: Mr. Dunlap moved to adjourn the meeting. Tessa Goldscher seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Hillary Bierce

Secretary, Hammond Music Boosters