Hammond High School Music Boosters

October Meeting

PRESENT AT MEETING: Jen Larsson, Hillary Bierce, Paul Ijams, Christine Dietrich, Stephen Dunlap, Elizabeth Reinhardt, Lavelle Condon, Shelley Cohen, Renee Cooper, Kay Lee, Robin Rustad, Jen Ward, Malcolm Washington, Kim Kerry, Charmian Mohammed

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

INTRODUCTIONS

REVIEW MINUTES: The minutes were read and approved with corrections. The violin concert time to be corrected to 3p and 7p. Lavelle Condon moved to approve the minutes; Shelley Cohen seconded.

TREASURER’S REPORT: Recent deposits include Chick-fil-A night from June 2018 and a few big deposits from Chocolate Sales. Several donations have been made in addition to membership.

ACTION ITEM: Student accounts—Jen Ward will work with the directors to update the student accounts.

BAND DIRECTOR’S REPORT: Jazz band practices began and are every Tuesday. They are registered to perform at the Towson Jazz Festival and Park \_\_\_\_\_\_ also.

Big Bear Band is tomorrow. 55-60 middle schoolers are attending. Mr. Dunlap may consider changing the format if attendance continues to increase; he is open to suggestions for future events— i.e. they don’t play on the field but just help with pep band music in the stands. Christine Dietrich has purchased the pizza; otherwise they are in good shape for the evening (i.e. serving gloves, etc.).

Marching Showcase is in 2 weeks at HaHs. Six schools are registered. Mr. Dunlap needs help with ticket collection—at Centennial last year the boosters collected the money but split the proceeds between all attending school music departments. We will charge $5 for adults and $2 for student tickets. We need 2 parents to collect money for tickets from 630p until the finish and possibly use a rotation schedule for volunteers to man the station. Food for the Showcase include the following options: ask the Boosters for help and they run it; ask to run the Boosters booth ourselves and get our own volunteers; get our own food and do our own thing.

Centennial says they didn’t sell a lot of snacks at their event last year most likely because the band students didn’t have a lot of free time. We would probably need 2 people to run the snack bar.

DECIDED: We will put out a small table with snacks. Stocked items TBD but may include: hot chocolate, water, Costco-type cookies/snacks.

ACTION ITEM: Christine Dietrich can bring the hot chocolate for the snack table. Kim volunteered to work at the snack table.

ORCHESTRA DIRECTOR’S REPORT: Tri-M had first meeting yesterday and discussed the Halloween haunted house.

Orchestra festival is on 11/14. All permission slips have been handed out. Mrs. Reinhardt handed out 130 permission slips and is hoping for at least 1/3 of them to be returned. Students arrive at 4p; the concert is at 730p. She will make a sign-up genius with requests.

CHOIR DIRECTORS REPORT: Pops concert is in 2 weeks—10/18. There will be an intermission at the Pops concert lasting 15 minutes only. The Music Boosters email listed it incorrectly as 10/17.

ACTION ITEM: Put pie fliers out at the concert to reinforce fundraising efforts.

A Capella groups have formed—mixed group has 16 students; treble group with 14 students. Mr. Washington had to make cuts there was so much interest. Meetings are every Monday.

WAYS AND MEANS:

RESTAURANT NIGHTS: 9/19—no information yet on how much money we made on this restaurant night.

10/18—Chick-fil-A night; was incorrectly listed on the Music Boosters email

11/2018—there is something booked but was not specified

Jen Larsson states that we are set through the end of the year for restaurant nights.

ACTION ITEM: Jen Ward will look into getting the contact info for the KC Rita’s for fundraising. Jen Larsson knows someone who recently had a fundraiser at Craven and will contact them to ask about their experience. Renee Cooper volunteered to contact Craven to get more information about their fundraisers.

CHOCOLATE SALES: All of the money is due TOMORROW—10/5. Students can continue selling if they have chocolate out but must have the money in before the grace period ends.

CAR WASH: 9/29--43 students participated. Two students sacrificed their earnings for service hours. This means that the Boosters will split $1,128 between 41 students. Jen L. has everything washed, dried, and folded (towels, rags, buckets) for whomever wants to take this over next year

PIE FUNDRAISER: 10/10-10/29—all music students will be getting a flier. Renee and Kim are leading this fundraiser. Mrs. Reinhardt suggested 11/15 for the pick-up date; however this is the night of the NHS induction ceremony at 6p. The alternative suggested date is 11/14 at 630-8p. The orchestra concert is the same night; the cafeteria is already booked so we can use part of that space. Choir and band students will be asked to volunteer to help with distribution.

DECIDED: Pie pick-up night is 11/14/18 from 630p-8p.

Paypal has been set up to accept payments. Kim Kerry will do a test purchase after the form has been finalized. There will be incentives—pizza party for students that participate (last year was for students that sold 5 or more). There will be an opportunity to win 1 of 3 Amazon gift cards (that are being donated by a local company)—top prize may be as large as $100 and the other two will be $50.

DECIDED: Change the minimum number of pies sold to participate in the pizza party to 7.

Every pie we sell we get 30% until we sell 600 pies and then we get 43%. Last year we sold 450-460 pies; we did not make our budget last year. 55 students participated last year; the hope is that more students participate this year. There was an appeal to the directors to encourage student participation. It was suggested that having samples available at upcoming music events might help promote purchases.

ACTION ITEM: Music Boosters website will link to the online purchase and information.

HAUNTED HOUSE: 10/26—Students will run the haunted house as in previous years. Ideas were collected from the students on 10/3. Robin Rustad will make a list of required materials and coordinate with the music directors/Boosters to get the needed items. Parent volunteers will help collect money at the entrance and watch the back door of the haunted house. Jen Larsson bought the walls and they should arrive soon; 100x10 sizing. It was suggested that we have Music Boosters t-shirts available for sale.

ACTION ITEM: Procure black duct tape. Robin Rustad requested an online sign-up for volunteer recruitment be created.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: We had 70 members signed up at the end of September. We have collected:

$1360 in membership dues, $867 in donations, $11.08 in online fees, for a total of $2215.92. We are currently only $200 off the budget for membership. Charmian Mohammed will try to be available to sell memberships at the Haunted House. Most members are in band (40); orchestra (12); then chorus (5)

Several magnets (2 packages) are left. It was noted that only 14 members registered online.

NEW BUSINESS: Spring Trip—the first payment will probably be due to mid-late November. It will cost roughly $510-520.

BUDGET: none

OLD BUSINESS: none

CLOSE MEETING Mrs. Reinhardt moved to adjourn the meeting. Charmian Mohammed seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 8:04 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Hillary Bierce

Secretary, Hammond Music Boosters