

PLAINFIELD MIDDLE SCHOOL BAND BOOSTERS

FEBRUARY 17, 2009

In attendance: Marybeth Miller, Cheryl Schmuhl, Lisa Wohead, Sharon Long, Robert Page, Heather Reddout, Jeanette Soebbing, Jeanine Marco, Valerie Page, Jeff Sager, Darcie Condon, Justin Koszarek, Jeff Kleinmaier, Annette McCammon, Karlee Van Kley, Susan Blatz

EXECUTIVE MEETING:

Meeting called to order at 6:07 PM.

Review of Minutes with correction of candy sale date from Feb. 2 to Feb. 6.

Move to accept by Annette McCammon, seconded by Jeanette, accepted at 6:08 PM.

TREASURER REPORT:

Sharon states that a few numbers need to be discussed with Jeff. Sharon passed out the budget report. She is trying to determine what should go toward each school's \$5,000 budget. For example, the Blue Man money did not go in and out of the budget. Sharon doesn't always know what goes toward each school's budget.

Sharon was asked directors to look at what things are supposed to go toward the budget and has it broken down by school.

The variance on the budget report may change once Sharon gets feedback. The restructure on the bottom includes carry over expenses.

The fiscal year starts June 1st, but there's been a question of it being July 1st, or maybe changing it to October or November because of the start up funds. Some items from June seem to go toward last years budget as well.

Collecting fees from students varies according to school.

Projected numbers for the candy sale is \$24,000 profit which is above out budgeted amount by \$4,000.

Bookkeeping issues: If someone bounces a check, and gives you a new check, Sharon asks that when you write out the deposit the please write it separately. It's easier to keep track off versus putting in in with a deposit for other things.

If it is helpful to have a check box to say if an item is a budget item or note, she can set it up a separate tag in the software. Sharon just needs information from the directors and to change the forms for deposits and check requests to keep track of whether an item is a budget item or not.

Sharon asks if we should keep track of the elementary schools separately. There is discussion that if they are not using their funds, whether can we drop them into a general funds instead of as a carry over

for the 5th grade. Sharon and Jeff agree to keep track of the 5th grade separately.

Marybeth points out that some items are partially funded by band boosters, such as t-shirts and books, so some things are budget items and some are not.

Basically we have three sources of income:

1. Memberships
2. Cookie Dough Sale
3. Candy Sale

This money is put into a general fund and \$5,000 goes to each school. Solo and Ensemble fees are offset by some schools receiving money from students. Other schools use their band booster money.

Perhaps we could change total available funds and expenditures to date instead of having the variance.

There is the issue of how to show that on the long form because it doesn't show additional finds being deposited (specific for each school). There is currently no way to show on the form what's coming from the budget and how much from deposits.

Candy Sale money: Sharon requests no change or coins. Money can be given to Sharon at the Solo and Ensemble contest. The money can be locked up in Annette's office there.

NEW BUSINESS:

Candy Sale: We can return any unopened cases. Open them only as needed. Any open cases can be brought to the Solo and Ensemble festival to be sold there. Directors need to keep track of how many they bring to the festival. We also need to know if candy is being transferred between schools. We can take extra unsold candy to Bristol Grove Music to sell there. Last year when Steve dropped off the candy he gave us 3 binocular prizes. Perhaps we can give those away to the top three sellers in the district.

Solo and Ensemble: We do have kitchen help available. The judges arrive between 7:30- 8:00 AM. Performances begin 8:30- 9:00 AM. Things should wrap up around 4:00 PM. In the morning we will mostly have coffee and doughnuts available. We will start serving lunch from 10:30 to 2:00 PM. We will ask the kitchen staff when they need to arrive in order for us to be able to start serving at 10:30. We expect they will need to arrive around 9:30 or 10:00 AM and stay until 2:30 PM. However, The kitchen staff will have cooked and wrapped hot dogs that we can keep warm in a crock pot. They will also cook the pizzas and keep them warm. We are responsible for providing the paper products.

Prices: Jeanine checked on prices. We probably need to bump them up. Papa Murphy's Pizza is \$10.00 a pizza. We discuss getting fresh pizzas from Sam's for a little less money. Jeanine will need a Sam's Club member to get the pizzas.

Last year we used Krispy Kreme doughnuts and charged 50 cents each. Krispy Kreme is no longer available, but we can get the doughnuts at Jewel for \$7.60 a dozen. We would then have to charge 75 cents a doughnut. The grocery stores are also not doing donations

right now. Dunkin' Donuts is cheaper at \$5.99 a dozen. We decide to use Dunkin' Donuts. We will need 6 dozen doughnuts.

The price for cheese for nachos has gone up \$3.75 a can. They are \$5.90 a can at Sam's and \$7.00 at Walmart. The price on nachos will have to go up. We will ask \$1.50 this year.

Pretzels: We had leftovers last year. We decide not to sell pretzels this year.

Drinks: Water and soda are donated.

Coffee urn: This will be provided by Marybeth Miller. It does not need a coffee filter.

Fund raisers for next year:

We may review our vendors for next years fund raisers. One vendor for cookie dough has brought on Otis Spunkmeyer. We like our candy vendor. We can have vendors for cookie dough attend a meeting and present to us.

As far as the candy sale, we have more conflicts with 4 other candy fund raisers going on at the same time. Jeanette suggests maybe January would be a good time to start the candy sale. We have a lot going on in February and it would be less to deal with then.

Dates for the fall fund raiser: We will wait a little longer to decide this. We will decide on the dates for the Fifth Grade Registration next month.

Scholarships:

We will finalize next month. Justin will update the sheet his year.

Honor Band:

The euphonium spot from Karley is open. The honor band will be held at Plainfield Central High School on April 24. We will need to provide dinner and people for serving. We should need about 7-8 people this year. We will need parent help for getting the adult food. We have about 20-25 adults needing food. We will need someone to order and accept delivery since the other adult on hand will be occupied.

Board Changes:

Eight grade parent members can stay on as board members next year if they would like. Jeff needs to know if they plan to be moving on. Jeff will be staying on at least another year.

Introduction to Susan Blatz:

Susan Blatz introduced herself to the Band Boosters.

GENERAL MEETING

General meeting begins at 7:04 PM.

Director Reports:

Ira Jones:

The Jazz Band performed extremely well on Saturday, February 7th at the Naperville Jazz Festival. It was a fun time had by all!

We have 45 students participating in the Solo and Ensemble contest at Drauden Point on February 28th.

Just got our times for the March 14th band contest at Hufford Junior High School. We are performing at 10 and 11 AM.

Candy Car Sales are going well. We only have 3 unopened boxes left and since we ordered more boxes than we did last year we obviously have sold more this year.

Erin had her baby on Thursday. Elsa Jai Thukkaram was born at 11:57 am and weighed 6 lbs 9 oz and was 19 1/2 inches long.

Today was Justin's first day at Ira Jones and he has already cleaned my office. Sweet.

Drauden Point:

February 26: Parent Volunteers meeting for Solo and Ensemble Contest.

February 28: Solo and Ensemble Contest at Drauden.

March 11: 7th and 8th concert.

March 13: 5th grade bands visiting Drauden.

March 18: 6th grade/Jazz concert.

Heritage Grove:

Preparing for Solo and Ensemble Contest on February 28th at Drauden Point.

Music In Our Schools month with a video and an essay contest.

Organization Festival on March 14 at Minooka.

Candy Sale going pretty well. Most students are participating. The highest seller has sold 5 boxes so far.

Feb. 26 is the 6th grade and Eagle Point Jazz Band concert.

Walkers Grove and Eagle Point:

Their concert was rescheduled. They will be going concerts with Heritage Grove.

Charles Reed:

Winter concert with band and choir was January 13th. The Cold Stone Fund raiser with this concert raked in \$60.00

Barnes and Noble Book Fair Fund raiser where the band and choir performed made about \$1000.

Music in Our Schools band performances on morning announcements.

Preparing for May 5th concert at Au Sable with the 6th grade band.

May 21st is band concert at Charles Reed.

Kennedy:

We took 162 total band and choir kids to see the Blue Man Group perform on February 11th. The kids were great and really seemed to enjoy the show.

The Jazz Band performed at the Naperville North Jazz Festival on February 7th. They had a good performance and a great jazz experience.

Upcoming events:

2/28/09- Solo/Ensemble (50 events)

3/3/09- 6th grade/jazz band concert at Kennedy gym

3/5/09- Jazz band at CAPE dinner

3/10/09- 7th grade concert 6:30 / 8th grade concert 8:00

3/14/09- Contest at Minooka. Both bands have morning performances.

Meadowview and Thomas Jefferson:

Dec. 17 Percussion performed with the 3rd grade.

Jan. 12 Meadowview Concert at Plainfield South Middle School

Jan. 28 Thomas Jefferson concert at Thomas Jefferson- almost snowed out but all went well

April 20 Meadowview concert

April 28 Thomas Jefferson performs at Fine Arts Night at Thomas Jefferson

May 5 Meadowview concert

May 6 Thomas Jefferson concert with Charles Reed and Aux Sable.

Indian Trail (read by Marybeth Miller for J. J. Fleming)

I apologize for not being at the meeting. I was sick all weekend, and I went home to rest for the remainder of the week.

Indian Trail had 20 7th and 8th graders perform at Plainfield Central High School with the pep band on Friday, Feb. 6th. They all had a great time.

Indian Trail members are preparing for the Solo and Ensemble contest on Feb. 28th. They will be performing in their band classes over the next few days.

All of the bands are preparing for our concert on March 6th at Indian Trail Middle School.

The 7th and 8th grade bands are preparing for the IGSMMA organizational contest on March 14th at Minooka Junior High School.

Timber Ridge:

Our candy is almost gone. Yum!

Thirty of our 7th and 8th grade students participated in the Middle School Pep Band night at Plainfield Central High School on Friday, February 6th.

Solo and Ensemble preparations continue. We have 9 soloists and 23 ensembles, consisting of 60 kids headed for Drauden Point Middle School.

Jazz Band will have an evening clinic on 2/23 in preparation for IGSMA contest on Saturday, March 7th.

Our Concert and Symphonic Bands will have their evening Clinic Concert on Tuesday, March 10th in preparation for IGSMA Organization Contest on Saturday, March 14th at Minooka JHS. March 19th is the 5th and 6th grade (Crystal Lawns) concert.

Ridge and Wesmere (read by Jeff Sager for Lindsay Rathgeb)

Nothing to report. Just getting back into the swing of things.

Website:

The website is not getting updated very well. Jeff has sent an e-mail to Jacquee. Maybe we need someone to take it over for her.

T-shirts and Stickers:

Jeanette reports that we have 17 shirts of various sizes left. We still have orders trickling in from the 5th graders. Only a few directors are using the shirts as uniforms. We still have a full box of stickers. We need to make sure that all the members got theirs. Michelle may have the list that we checked off as members picked up their stickers at the Cookie Dough pickup. We also have random candy left over from the Cookie Dough prizes. We really haven't looked to make a profit from the Booster Shop items. We need to talk to the 5th grade directors about whether or not they are planning to continue using the t-shirts. We will revisit this issue later.

Move to adjourn by Jeanette, seconded by Marybeth. Adjourn at 7:23 PM.

