

# PLAINFIELD MIDDLE SCHOOL BAND BOOSTERS

## AUGUST 18, 2009

Present: Jeff Sager, Cheryl Sager, JJ Fleming, April Enos, Karlee Van Kley, Darci Condon, Ted Dolata, Colleen Dolata, Brent Rathgeb, Lindsay Rathgeb, Annette McCammon, Sharon Long, Heather Reddout, Valerie Page, Robert Page, Hubert Ley, Jeanette Soebbing, Jeff Kleinmeaier, Tom Ruzinok.

### Executive Meeting

Call to order: 7:10 PM

Minutes: Correct spelling of Ted's last name to Dolata.  
Move to accept: Lindsay Rathgeb  
Second: Darci Condon  
Accepted: 7:13 PM

### Treasurer's Report

We are down \$2300 for income for the year. Adjustments reduced the cookie sale.

Most schools are over their \$5,000 budget. The 5<sup>th</sup> grades schools have some left over.

Scholarships: We have approved budget of \$10500 but it shows lower on the balance sheet. We received back about \$350 we had sent for a student to go to camp at Illinois, but they never went.

There are some carry over funds for most schools. This year we are eliminating this.

There is about \$26,000 in checking as of tonights. Most things have cleared. Karlee got a refund check back and will give to Sharon.

There are some outstanding invoices from Music and Arts for about \$1300. Perhaps some of the 5<sup>th</sup> grade teachers don't know to send a check request to Band Boosters to get that paid. Music and Arts sends duplicate receipts/ Sharon doesn't cut a check unless she receives a check request.

Sharon has a lot of new membership forms.

Changes:

5<sup>th</sup> grade dropped to \$350 per school.

Honor band- we have raised the fee. We were under income about \$1000 and expended about \$2500.

Scholarships: dropped to \$8400 from \$10,000.

Income:

We have a projected membership of about \$2,500. We project about \$23,000 for cookie dough sales, and \$20,000 for candy.

The budget should be printed out and available by the next meeting.

Carry over funds:

We need about \$10,000 as a cushion. After this summer we will scratch carry over funds because we are worried about everyone spending it all at once. When we have accurate numbers (Sharon had some trouble with the form) we can decide on the carry over. Right now we are about \$15,000 over our \$10,000 cushion. Jeff doesn't want to cut off carry over funds because some may be saving up for something, but we may not have the money.

Form: We may change the form because the income for each school needs to be shown along with the budget from Boosters.

We need to get to the bank for signature cards. This should be done before school starts.

**New Business:**

Booster Enrollment:

Treasurer gets the information first. Checks are pulled and deposited, then the Vice President gets a sheet with the list of members. He will make a spreadsheet with contact information.

There is discussion of not offering stickers with membership this year. Last year it was a problem keeping track of who had been given their stickers and who hadn't. Membership fee is left at \$15. Perhaps we can send a sticker if we send a receipt or acknowledgment of membership.

Secretary position:

Colleen Dolata is the new candidate for the secretary position.

Motion to accept: Sharon Long

Second: Brent Rathgeb

Accepted: 7:29 PM

Handout:

The handout is not complete yet because of summer schedules. The main contact for Band Boosters is [treasurer@plainfieldbandboosters.org](mailto:treasurer@plainfieldbandboosters.org).

## Changes in staff:

Tom Ruzinok is now at Ira Jones as Karlee's assistant, under Computers and General Music with Band Support.

Karen Bedmore is at Aux Sable under Computers and General Music with Band Support.

JJ Fleming will be on leave when the baby comes until about the middle of October and through the cookie dough sales. His substitute will be Andy Alton.

## Meeting Dates:

Last spring we discussed moving the meetings from the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays. The general consensus is that Mondays will not work. The dates for the year are on Jeff's agenda handout. Meetings will still be held at Ira Jones. We do not meet in December.

## 5<sup>th</sup> grade orientation:

Orientation is on September 9 at Plainfield South and September 14 at Plainfield East at 7:00 PM. The Middle School directors are being required to attend so this is a district wide approach and parents get to meet directors throughout the district up through high school. The district also wants the directors to do the presentation of instruments rather than students this year. Jeff thinks that a student should present the instruments and maybe have a senior play in order to show what the children will learn over the years.

No one was aware they were going to make these changes- not even the 5<sup>th</sup> grade directors. Jeff Sager will send a note to Susan Blatz about the orientation.

A lot of directors are being told what to do and we are not sure why 5<sup>th</sup> grade registration is changing. This means that Middle School directors are required to attend 2 more additional nights in their schedule. Many changes are taking place and the directors are feeling left in the dark. Not everyone is even aware of the meetings taking place. The school district has not been discussing this with the people who have been running the 5<sup>th</sup> grade registration.

We aren't having a registration weekend like we have in the past. Now they are just information nights. There's more pressure to get all of the information out that evening. Vendors won't be present at information nights either. We don't know if we can get loaners for children to try different instruments. Will the vendors supply loaner instruments if they are not permitted to attend information night? We recommend that vendors names be available so parents can contact them. Parents may not know about Quinlan and Fabish loaners and now Quinland and Fabish may no longer offer them.

## Website:

Justin is still maintaining our website. We will pay him a stipend, which shows as an increase in the treasure report of \$500 a year. Continue to send things to him you want added on the website, but he no longer has a district e-mail account.

Possible fund raiser:

Ted has some information from H and R Block for a possible fund raiser. Boosters would receive \$25 for each new client who signs up through us. Jeff needs to look into any potential legal issues. The directors are interested in pursuing this.

**General Meeting:** none tonight

Move to adjourn: Annette McCammon

Second: Brent Rathgeb

Adjourn: 8:08 PM