

Instrumental Music Boosters

Board Meeting Minutes

March 26, 2008

Opening and Welcome - 7:07 P.M.John Sayre

Minutes..... John S for Jill RachBeisel

Minutes from the previous meeting held on October 17, 2007 were reviewed and accepted.

REPORTS:

1. **Treasury Report**.....Dave Harris

- Report was circulated:

- Closing balance.....\$12,462.

-Operations balance.....\$2827

-Uniform balance.....\$29

-Student accounts.....\$9,606

Notes: Checks in from prior restaurant nights as well as B&N Book Fair.

Patron program is down about \$1300 this year from last.

CD was renewed per last meeting motion (26 month - matures March 2010).

-Report reviewed and accepted

2. **Band Director Report**..... Chris Campbell

- Dr. Harlan Parker from the Peabody Conservatory will work with the Wind Ensemble on Fri, 3/28.
- Evening rehearsals and concert next week: 3/31 Jazz Band 6 - 8PM; Wind Ensemble Pre-adjudication Concert 4/1 at 7PM, students report at 6:15; Wind Ensemble rehearsal 4/2 7:30PM. April 7 - Jazz Band 6 - 8PM, April 8 - Marching Band 6 - 8PM. See calendar on line for other evening rehearsals coming this month.
- Howard Count Band Adjudication April 5 for Wind Ensemble - students meet at HHS 8:45AM the adjudication will be at 11:10AM at River Hill HS - parents are invited and encouraged to attend.
- Jazz Band will perform at the Spring Festival at Waterloo ES on April 12.
- Music Trip to Myrtle Beach: Chaperone meeting April 22 at 6:30 in the Band Room; Mandatory parent meeting at 7:30PM the same evening in the auditorium. Trip departure April 24, arrival for the students to be set (it will be early <5:00AM).
- Spring concerts will be May 6 and 7 this year. Tuesday - Jazz Band, Wednesday will be Concert, Wind Ensemble, String Orchestra and String Ensemble. Start time is 7:00PM.
- Instrumental Music Awards Banquet will be May 13. Invitations will be sent out.
- Graduation for HHS will be at 8AM on May 29 at MWP Pavilion. Wind Ensemble to play.
- Tentatively the Senior Recognition ceremony will be May 27, Wind Ensemble to play.

3. **Orchestra Report**.....(Ben Denne)

Had a conflict for the evening.

4. **Dance Team**.....(Doretta Boazzo)

No Report.

COMMITTEES

A. **Fund Raising**.....Berta Sabrio

1. Low turn out for Feb restaurant night at Don Pablos - it was a snow day.
2. November Restaurant night at Fuddruckers - \$150 - still need to get check.
3. April 9th Barnes & Noble Book Fair - still trying to arrange groups to attend. eSchoolNewsletter to be sent reminding broader audience - mention AP Test books - good hook.

B. Social.....Jean Plants

Senior Night went well. Next activity is the Awards Banquet in May.

C. ConcertKate Benedict

Will need to get a refreshed list of Patron Program Donors for the May concerts.

D. UniformKen Robinson for Pam Robinson

No more activity planned for the remainder of this year.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. Patron Program - do reminders at next general meeting and possibly the Pre-Adj Concert.
- B. Barnes & Noble Book Fair went very well. The small group performances and Dance Team wrapping station brought in a large number of family members and other friends. Keep the format the same.
- C. Super Bowl Pizza Sales (Dec - Jan) coordinated by Laura Johnson did well. 37 Students participated, selling 97 items for \$3500 making \$1100 for the program.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Survival Kits for the Music Trip: Decision to keep them minimal. Plan for bottled water to be available through out the trip (students needed water after events), provide Sunny-D or similar with Granola bars in the morning and a light salt snack (eg Goldfish) for the afternoon. Wayne Gass volunteered to help purchase the items. A final head count (computed item count) will be sent to Wayne.
- B. Spirit Order for the trip: it was decided that there would not be enough time to obtain orders and get products before the trip.
- C. Officer Recruiting: Many of the current officers have agreed to remain on the slate for next year. 4 members of the executive committee will be 'graduating', Mary McKitrick (VP Public Info), Jill RachBeisel (Secretary at Large), Dan Beisel (VP Orchestra), and Ken Robinson (Information Technology). Members volunteering to be added to the current slate: Peg Miller to co-chair Fundraising, Andy German for VP Orchestra. The members passed a motion to consolidate the Information Technology Administration position with the Web Master position. We still need a Secretary at Large candidate and a candidate for Public Information.
- D. Motion was carried to purchase a new web account to prevent size limitation problems currently experienced. Cost should be under \$100/year. Scott Loiselle volunteered his company, L2M, will donate the funds to cover the cost of the new web site. Current web address (URL) of www.HowardMusic.net should be good for another couple of years.
- E. Motion carried to investigate holding a Cookie Lee Jewelry Fundraiser. 20% of funds go to the organization. Consider pre-prom party with an open house format. Berta volunteered her house as the venue. We will seek refreshment donations from booster members.
- F. Spring Car Wash was rejected
- G. Suggestion made to Chris to expand the June evening rehearsal to which incoming freshmen band students are invited to include a social for parents with refreshments to be provided by the boosters. We will have to coordinate invitations.
- H. Instrumental Music Awards Banquet - Tuesday May 13 in the cafeteria. We will hold a pot luck supper. Details will be coordinated through the Social Activities committee. Chris, Ben, Jean, Patty, and John will coordinate. Written invitations will be sent out to all booster members.

Meeting adjourned at 8:22PM.

Next Meeting April 22 @ 730PM during the Trip Meeting

Submitted by

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