

## **Band Booster Meeting**

April 9, 2019

**Attendees:** Laura Jane Tay, Heather Halligan, Greg Wells, Jennifer Simpson, Jennifer Fitzgerald, Jennifer Cardwell, Ann Oom, Melissa Thomas, Yolanda Shafer

Meeting called to order at 7:03 pm by Laura Jane Tay.

Review of March meeting minutes. Motion to approve by Greg Wells, seconded by Jennifer Cardwell

**Treasurer's Report:** Presented by Jennifer Cardwell. Not yet brought funds from the Student Accounts Fund or Scrip account into General Fund. Paid Image Tours for all amounts from the recent fundraising activities and from amounts already accumulated by each family with a student or students attending the trip. Will transfer amounts that had already been accumulated in the Student Accounts Fund (around \$3,400) to the General Fund this month. Amounts we paid out and are still in the Scrip account add up to around \$2,400. When all of that is done, our General Fund will gain around \$5,800.

During March, we gained net income amounts from raffle ticket sales and Legomania (there were also expenses related to both of these in February, as well as proceeds from Legomania registrations). Based on the information I have received about expense classification, and including donations for these efforts, the net income from the raffle is \$5,146.05 and the net income from Legomania is \$2,767.04. The net amounts from those events is reflected in the 2018-2019 Fiscal Year Budget & Actual Income and Expenses.

We received \$1,000 in Patron Drive checks and \$330.50 from band apparel rebates during March.

We awarded \$1,370 for two Blue Lake Scholarships.

As of March 31, 2019, we are showing a General Fund net loss of -\$9,044.21. Once we add back the \$5,800 for Europe Trip disbursements, that puts us around a net loss of around -\$3,200.

As of March, 2018, we had net loss of approximately -\$250 for the year, after taking out all the student deposits and fundraiser proceeds for the Jazz Band trip to Savannah. The biggest differences are:

Patron Drive was at \$12,000 by March of 2018 and I have recorded deposits of Patron Drive donations of \$4,300 this year.

The raffle netted us \$6,821 last year and \$5,146 this year

We spent \$1,726 on programs last year and we spent \$3,865 this year.

Improved performance of the cookie dough sale made up for part of the deficit between last year and this year.

Discussion regarding how much we should carry in our General Account and what constitutes a “healthy reserve”.

Question: Who writes the budget? Answer: President, Treasurer, Band Director

Motion to approve Treasurer’s Report by Greg Wells, seconded by Jennifer Simpson.

**Band Director’s Report:** Presented by Greg Wells. Meeting next week with Orefice about uniforms and initial ideas. Tried to get a second quote, but did not hear back from other company.

Jazz Band district festival went smoothly. Jazz band received “1” again at State. Western event went well. MSU jazz band this weekend; playing a 4:30 pm which allows students to participate in their other activities in the am.

All Solo & Ensemble students receive a “1”, with exception of one student receiving a high “2”. Two students received invitations to the Youth Honors Arts Band.

Sept 21, 2019 Rockford will be hosting two shows same day; we may participate in both of them. Reeths-Puffer will have their MCBA show at Sparta this year.

Europe stuff going well. Have a parent connection to Affordable Limousines who will provide us with a savings on transportation to airport.

Received some donations in mail: Elaine Baker passed away and donated \$25 to NV Band. Joy and John Lloyd donated \$100 in memory of their mother, Henrietta Mark, a former NV bus driver and supporter of NV Band. We need to consider a new “In Memory Of” category for Patron Drive.

Europe Farewell Concert is at Blythfield on front lawn on June 24; details to follow.

**Committee Reports:**

**Raffle:** Presented by Laura Jane Tay. Brought prizes over to Crossroads to be distributed to students. Possible that the weather related school closings and cancellation of Crossroads concerts is cause of lower ticket sales this year.

**Patron Drive:** Presented by Jennifer Simpson. Have been working on contacting new patrons and have received \$550 so far. Will pass list of business that need f/u to Laura. So far received \$3500 from business, the rest from individual donations. It was noted that there was no record of connections to the various patrons; Jennifer Simpson created a new Patron list with that information to help with future drives. Laura Jane Tay: Much appreciation to Jennifer Simpson and Heather Halligan for their effort on the Patron Drive this year.

**Texas Hold 'Em:** Presented by Laura Jane Tay. Finally got all volunteer spots filled!

**Coffee Sales:** Presented by Ann Oom. Will be selling at Spring concerts; shifts covered by Middle School parents. Ann will follow up and confirm.

**Old Business:** Presented by Laura Jane Tay.

Where to have next month's meeting as activities are scheduled at school that day. Greg will follow up.

**New Business:**

Greg has MB photos framed, signed, and ready to auction off at April concert. Discussion regarding price for second photo. Decided both should sell for the highest bid price. Will need a few people to help as spotters for auction.

Marching Band Meeting - Tables set up for Cat pack, Sewing/Flag Making (Sewing Committee will be changing their name to: Flag Making Committee" in order to attract non-sewers along with sewers), Props, Scrip, LEGOMania, Patron Drive, Coffee, Raffle, 5K, and a new Hospitality Committee. Encouraging Committee Leads to speak to group about what their volunteers needs.

Discussed the idea of having requiring volunteer hours for band families. Greg has experience trying this in the past and had some thoughts: Would need a designated Volunteer Coordinator position as tracking can be difficult. Follow through/enforcement was difficult. Discussed ideas: page on program dedicated to volunteers who hit their required hours, using a text/app system to track hours/contact people/get info out, recruiting the new Color Guard parents to the sewing committee. Decided that we would continue discussion/planning and look toward implementation in 2020/2021 school year if necessary.

Discussed if we should we have a Hospitality Committee to coordinate events next year.  
Consensus was yes.

**Open Forum:**

Scrip discussion regarding whether our new Committee Leader should transition this spring or in fall and if we should try to further promote SCRIP this spring or wait until fall.

Motion to adjourn 8:22 pm by Greg Wells, seconded Jennifer Cardwell .

**Upcoming Dates:**

April 11 - 14 - Texas Hold "Em

April 29 - Marching Band Meeting

April 30 - HS Band Concert

Europe Trip: June 25 - July 10