

## **Band Booster Meeting Minutes**

November 13, 2018

**Attendees:** Greg Wells, Joyce Antel, Laura Jane Tay, Jennifer Simpson, Nate Simpson, Jennifer Fitzgerald, Melissa Thomas, Mark Lago, Chantil DeWitt, Jennifer Cardwell, Ann Oom, Martie Bradley, Kimberly Buchnan

Meeting called to order at 7:02 pm by Laura Jane Tay.

October meeting minutes will be emailed to Booster members by Jennifer Fitzgerald.

**Treasurer's Report:** presented by Jennifer Cardwell. Net Balance YTD is (-\$9,585), however none of our biggest fundraisers have taken place yet. Discussion regarding what to do with the current Auction Account. Jennifer Cardwell will call Diane at the bank to close the Auction account and transfer it to the General Fund. Motion to close Auction Account by Ann Oom. All approve. Motion to approve Treasurer's Report by Greg Wells and seconded by Mark Lago.

**Middle School Director's Report:** presented by Joyce Antel and Mark Lago. Best cookie dough fundraiser yet. \$23,898 sold, \$10,924 profit. 187 of the approx 420 kids participated in the sale, selling 1770 units. NV makes 46% profit; Savory Sweets charges us \$7.60/ unit sold with volume discount. Currently pricing items for \$14. Will need to consider whether to keep or change our price next year.

Instrumentation was done three weeks ago and band is now heavily into the holiday music.

Jazz Band and Percussion Ensemble will be starting up soon. Mark Lago noted that Crossroads policy is for students to leave building at 2:45 pm, however, Jazz band does not begin until 3:45 on Mondays and Wednesdays. Jazz and percussion students have been given permission to use the library from 2:45-3:30 on those days, until start of practice.

7th/8th grade has 150 band members

5th grade - 150/160 members

6th grade is smaller - about 110 members

Also noted that if we are planning tags for next year, we will need to order more soon enough.

**Band Director's Report:** presented by Greg Wells. Thanks to everyone for the MB season! Last week was a transition week. Mr. Colley helped put on the Veterans Concert. Are now in full gear toward December events.

Nov 26 - Europe Meeting- the extra day works out well for us

December 2 - Wind Ensemble at Blythefield Church NV campus morning services, still figuring out details

December 9, 4:00 pm. - We are hosting Jazz concert w/Rockford and MSU. Tickets can be purchased in advance. \$10 adults/\$5 students and seniors. Rockford is doing the posters. We get the profits from this concert.

December 11 - All bands concert

December 13 - Jazz Band at Boulder Creek Army Navy Dinner

December 16 - Combo at Woodland Mall, hopefully money will go to participating students for their Europe trips.

Solo & Ensemble forms are out, due the week after Thanksgiving, or before

Jazz Band - Guest Star Terell Stafford (NY trumpet musician, has been to Savannah with us before) will be coming for half his cost for his visit in April.

Laura Jane Tay read Thank You card & message from Joyce Antel.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Cat Pack:** presented by Melissa Thomas - Everything broken down and put away for the season.

**Scrip:** presented by Jennifer Simpson. Need more volunteers; Jennifer Fitzgerald will email the link to everyone. 100% rebate to students November 18 - May 2019; hoping this will help reenergize the program. Robyne added every Thursday as a pick up in November and December. However, we need to help provide volunteers.

Discussion regarding selling Scrip after band concerts, in addition to before concerts. Will try this out at December 5 concert. Tuesday November 20th is Bonus Scrip Day.

**Coffee & Ornament Sales:** Presented by Ann Oom and Jennifer Simpson. Waiting for second (white) ornament to arrive. First batch was unacceptable and was sent back to be reprinted. Sold 20 ornaments at the Veterans Day Concert. Will send a sign up link for Coffee & Ornament sales volunteers.

Band Boosters purchased and ipod touch to run the Square for coffee/ornament sales.

**Legomania:** presented by Martie Bradley. Going well. Much easier the third time around! Library is bringing back their own tables/legos, great! We will acknowledge them as a donor. Hoping to get money from Meijer for items to raffle (Lego kits). Meijer is giving us 10% discounts. Still unsure how/where/which speed build kits to buy, need 20 identical. Past years used Toys R Us, need new solution this year. Potentially can purchase from Meijer, said they would let us return in March if necessary. Looking for local companies as donors/sponsors; working on a Patron schedule for this. Will need to keep in touch with Laura in case Patron Drive needs to be modified.

Great turn out last year; not just band families participated. Will still be free/no admission. This year will have a table of "trinkets" for sale as well as food. Discussion regarding T-Shirt sales as pre-orders with registration and/or on site.

**Patron Drive:** presented by Jennifer Simpson. Martie needs to know if there is anyone else who needs ad page space. Determined to have Patron Drive Saturday, January 26th. It's All State weekend which will affect a few kids.

**Raffle:** Presented by Laura Jane Tay. Lakeside has offered to donate first prize again. Need to contact Kool Chevrolet to see if they will donate the \$250 second prize again. May need to use Booster budget for the \$100 third prize. Perhaps purchase Scrip card over the holiday season if there is a good rebate to be used at third prize. Last year raffle tickets were handed out in February and drawing was in March before Spring Break.

Noted that Van Andel Flikkema has been bought out by Fox and they will be taking over January 1, 2019. This may affect future patron drive possibilities with them.

**Old Business:** Presented by Laura Jane Tay. Thanks for the GR Marathon help, we received \$500 check.

Lawyer has been working on the bylaws, things are moving along, going well. He's writing up formal amendment and will discuss formal procedure to have that approved by the group. Laura Jane needs to file a Request for Exemption with the Attorney General, Charitable Gaming Commission. Hoping this will be wrapped up in the next month or so.

### **New Business:**

Europe Fundraising: presented by Jennifer Simpson: Scrip 100% rebate to students November 18-May 2019

Wreath fundraiser: Getting wreaths at cost from J's Floral . Will arrive last weekend in Nov, need to add bows, then kids pick up and deliver.

Holiday Concert Gingerbread House Contest, 6"x6" or 8"x8", edible or not, thinkinking of a silent auction w/ bids to determine winner. Would like to announce before Thanksgiving so kids can consider over break.

Theresa Rameriz cannot take over Scrip as planned as she's been elected to the School Board. Will need to look for another person.

Motion to adjourn 8:00 pm by Greg Wells, seconded by Mark Lago.

**Upcoming Dates:**

December 1 - HS Craft Show

December 4 - Band Booster Meeting

December 5 - Crossroads Concert, 7:30

December 11 - HS Concert, 7:30

December 13 - Highlands Concerts, 6:30 pm and 7:30 pm