

Northview Band Boosters Minutes Tuesday, May 8, 2018

Meeting Attendees: Greg Wells, Mark Lago, Laura Tay, Jennifer Cardwell, Ann Oom, Jennifer Simpson, Nate Simpson, Kathy Fletcher, Jennifer Fitzgerald

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Laura Tay.

Reviewed minutes from April meeting. Motion to approve by Greg Wells. Seconded by Jennifer Cardwell. Introduced Secretary-elect Jennifer Fitzgerald. Jennifer Simpson continues to fill in as Secretary until fall.

Treasurers report presented by Jennifer Cardwell. Current balance is \$94,861.52 but Savannah Jazz Band trip expenses have not yet been paid. Anticipates fundraising for the year has exceeded expenses so even after paying Savannah bills the accounts will remain in the black for the year. One day of Texas Hold'em cancelled due to weather but we still earned \$2300 at the April event. Treasurer will move money earned via Scrip to student accounts in May. Motion to approve Treasurers report Greg Wells, seconded by Mark Lago.

Director's Report: Greg Wells- insert here.

Congrats to 5 of our students being nominated to the Michigan Youth Arts Festival –Colin Bradley, Hamin Gil, Brendan Kinell, Isaac Rohwer, and Ben Peila. One third of the 2018 MYAF Jazz Band is made up of Northview students.

Marching Band dates were NOT ALL CORRECT on the paperwork distributed at the MB meeting. Date correction: Homecoming is on Oct. 5. Band will attend Belding Invitational on Oct. 13 (since this is not a conflict with Homecoming). Cut the Portage Northern Invitational. Black out game is Sept. 21.

May 23 is Wildcat Dinner at Aldersgate United Methodist Church. Event begins at 5:30. Jazz Band and chamber groups will perform. Families are welcome to attend. Cost is \$8.00.

HS Choir teacher Judy Pellerito is retiring. School District is down 100 students which amounts to over \$700,000 per school year in state funding for current year and next year. District is looking at a 1.5 million deficit which may impact the music program. We need to keep a close and attentive eye on the 'restructuring' they are doing as it could have long lasting repercussions on our band program and the music program in general –i.e. may have busing \$ cut =less travel to competitions, etc. Teaching schedules may be restructured to incorporate the choir program. (Music teachers are licensed to teach music k-12, general music, band, orchestra, and choir, which means band teachers and elementary music teachers are eligible to become choir teachers if needed.) Nothing has been decided yet.

Superintendent is working on getting the JH schedule fixed... probably amongst the 'restructuring.'

Director's Report: Mark Lago report- Middle School Bands

5/15 Crossroads Band Concert @ 7:30 with special recognition for retiring principal

5/21 Highland Concerts at 6:00 and 8:30

4th graders will be visiting Crossroads to hear the bands play and explore which instruments they might be interested in playing next year.

Crossroads bands will go to Craig's Cruisers—May 23

5/31 Band year end parties at Highlands. 5th & 6th grades after school 7th & 8th grades in the evening.

Committee Reports

Coffee Sales- Ann Oom will sell coffee before and after all spring band concerts. Needs helpers to staff the sale table.

Marching Band Shirts & Swag – Eric Olman is coordinating. Looking for designs for this year's logo with the theme "When the Cat's Away..." Any student or parent is welcome to submit a design. Laura Tay to contact the art teachers. Eric will explore additional items (other than t-shirts and sweatshirts) but they must be pre-ordered. Band will not order and stock inventory for on-site sales.

Band Photos sold well at the beginning of the Spring Concert - \$350. Decided to auction at the December concert next year so they could be Christmas gifts. (Framed, matted photo of the entire marching band with matt signed by all the students.) Can this photo be taken in Wildcat stadium? It would be a nice touch to have the Northview N in the background.

The NHS Community Picnic is in August and the band's chairman will be Kristy Kodos.

Patron Drive donations are still coming in. Increase in revenue over last year.

Officers and Committee Chairs for 2018-19

- Jennifer Fitzgerald has agreed to be Secretary.
- Laura Tay is looking for a shadow for the president's job next year. This person would become president in 2019-20
- Need someone to update the Website. Greg Wells has someone in mind and will contact.
- Slate of officers will need to be voted on/approved. Laura and Nate Simpson to review bylaws for election specifics - Is the vote in June or August?

Future Meetings

June Meeting will be Monday, June 4 at Laura Tay's home – 3264 Blue Water Pines – South off 4 Mile, East of Beltline. We will enjoy sweets. Bring something to share if you like. This is the last week of school.

August meeting will be Tuesday, August 14 at 7:00 pm in the band room. This is during band camp.

Motion to Adjourn by Mark Lago, Seconded by Greg Wells. Meeting Adjourned at 8:05 p.m.