

Northview Band Boosters Minutes

Tuesday, April 10, 2018

Meeting attendees: Ann Oom, Laura Tay, Jennifer Cardwell, Kristie Houseman, Patty George, Jennifer Simpson, Nate Simpson, Greg Wells, Mark Lago

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

Reviewed minutes from March meeting. Motion to approve by M. Lago. Second J. Cardwell. Approved. Thanks to Kristie Houseman for serving as secretary. She is stepping down. Jennifer Simpson will fill in until a permanent secretary is found. Group is looking for parent of a younger student.

Treasurer's Report presented by Jennifer Cardwell.

Positive balance for the school year. Great fundraising efforts. Still waiting for final expenses from Jazz Band trip to Savannah. Ending March balance of \$92,997.75

Motion to approve by G. Wells, seconded by A. Oom. Approved.

Band Director's Reports--Greg Wells

- Jazz Band trip to Savannah over spring break was fantastic. Stayed in a condo. One visit to the beach. Minor glitches with room changes for clinics. Overall very smooth and students were great. Try to fit in a rehearsal before the first clinic in the future. "This is the best jazz education opportunity that I've ever been a part of." Will not consider for 2019 because of the Band trip to Europe. Possibility for 2020. Remember that it is an auditioned event so in addition to deciding we want to go, we also must audition and be chosen.
- Northview was well represented at the state Jazz Fest in March. Elite ensemble included Northview students: Ben Piela, Evan Davis, Isaac Rohwer, Collin Bradley, Brendan Kinnell, Jacob DeWitt, Ham Gil. Ham and Evan have been selected for the State Jazz ensemble for Youth Arts Festival this spring.
- Band students enjoyed working with guest clinician John Varineau of the Grand Rapids Symphony. He will be back to do another clinic this month.
- Spring concert theme is transcriptions & adaptations - music not composed for a concert band. Seniors will be recognized during the Spring Band concert in April. A senior student will create the power point presentation.

Band Directors Report – Mark Lago

- April 21 Middle School Solo & Ensemble with 40 students participating
- April 26 Krispy Cream Clinics – rehearsals with clinicians and donuts after
- May 15 Crossroads Concert
- May 21 Highlands Concert
- Craig's Cruisers for 7th and 8th graders and 5-8 band year end party are in planning stage.
- Mark is checking with Apple on status of donation for employee volunteerism (lego mania) which has been \$250 in the past.
- Discussed concern about decreased number of students enrolled in 7th grade band for next year. Currently 60 band students for 2018-19. Average is 80 students and it has been as high as 110. This will seriously impact the HS band program quickly. Estimate 9th grade class from this year may only be 30-40 kids. Band or choir are required for 5th and 6th grade. In 7th grade, music is no longer required. Curriculum changed, dropped one elective hour. Added a new class that is a combination of gym and wood shop (alternating weeks). Its new and has large numbers. Kids are choosing an extra PE class & woodshop over music.

Committee Reports

- Raffle was a huge success raising \$6,696.80. Very few expenses (tickets, envelopes, license, top seller prizes -\$483.20) Top winner donated half of prize money (\$250) back to the band. Noted that funds raised from Raffle, Lego Mania and Ornament Game have replaced former Auction revenue.
- Ornament Game at the December band concerts was a huge success and raised \$1200. Needs chair & committee to solicit gift certificates from the community. Lynn Raskowski is a senior mom, retiring.
- Run Like Band-Its 5K Run scheduled for spring 2018. Plan was to convert to a trail run and hold at Robinette's this year. Date has been set and location booked but nothing else has been done. No publicity or registration. Participation numbers down and it is not a big money maker. There isn't really a committee and Del Todd can't do this alone. After discussion, it was decided to cancel the event for this year, look for interest/ a committee to bring it back for 201, perhaps reinvented as a trail run.
- Patron Drive – Patty George. Family and business donations continue to arrive. \$1,000 donation from Tony Benton will include displaying a car at home football games. Discussed the Saturday morning event to visit businesses and distribute patron drive info. Did it work better than asking kids to visit businesses on their own? Consensus was Yes. Is it too much work to organize? Did the follow-up phone calls pay off? Mr. Well thought the kid participation was good and said that should not be a concern. Discussed changing verbiage on patron drive literature to be less specific about events. "Patrons will be recognized at Band events like –list examples." Leaves room if an event is cancelled. Should we recognize patrons at Lego Mania?

- Texas Hold'm is this weekend and all volunteer spots filled. We made \$3,000 last time. Hoping for another good weekend. Time/date changes may have improved the \$\$
- Coffee Sales – Ann Oom will plan to sell coffee before and after all concerts. Needs helper to watch merchandise during the HS concert. Approved incentive for coffee sellers – ability to buy one bag of coffee at cost for each concert/sales date.
- Spring Concert – We will auction the Marching Band photo in autographed mat. Follow up with Dodd on his availability to be auctioneer. Mr. Lago is back-up auctioneer. Photos are framed and ready. Publicized in advance. Auction at 7:15 before concert begins at 7:30. Lots of music so need to keep things moving. Will need 4 spotters – 2 on stage, 2 on edges. Laura Tay will speak briefly at the marching meeting and ask parents to stop at Band Booster tables in the lobby. Laura to contact current committee members to be at tables and answer questions. Tables to have signs and sign-up sheets. Hope to generate interest in booster involvement and recruit potential volunteers.

Mark Lago moved to adjourn, seconded by Nate Simpson. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.