

SMS BAND BOOSTER MEETING MINUTES

AUGUST 20, 2019

MEMBERS PRESENT

Julie Bogner, Donna Brandt, Doug LaTessa, Grace LaTessa, Jenny Hull, Craig Herrmann, Jenny Herrman, Liz Sears, Kristi Velicer, Gina Horner, Joanie Nicholas, Tina Monks, Debbie Schluben, Karen Spratlin, Art Spratlin, Melanie Davis, Craig Wood, Janice Wood, Tiffany Horsely, Don James, Lorinda James, Celeste Kirmer, Doug Wolff, Julia Arb, Chara Mock, Stacy Wilson, Laurel Allison, Tracy Reynolds, Lynn Rasmussen, Janice Levorson, Paul Schapker, Pat Duff and Band President Brandon Kirmer

Booster President Julie Bogner called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. Everyone present introduced themselves.

Doug LaTessa motioned to approve meeting minutes for the 4/30/19 meeting. Art Spratlin seconded. Minutes were approved.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Adams welcomed the great turnout of band boosters tonight and emphasized that the band boosters do so much to enhance the program, as well as noting that band boosters are a model of what other booster groups want to be.

Mr. Adams noted that we haven't met since the Europe trip. The trip students became a tight-knit unit of their own group. The trip was a little hot, but a great success.

Summer band again benefited from reasonable weather and a little rain, unlike the extreme heat of this week. There was again amazing participation and spirit for the theme days. Mr. Adams told the group that he'd asked the booster board to think about ways to improve the freshman attendance for summer band.

The band has two of the show tunes down. Mr. Schapker revealed the show name is Twisted Roots using music from the early 2000's King Kong movie. Mr. Schapker wrote a really good drill.

Thanks to Amy Knudsen for leading the uniform effort, Liz Sears for the form and fee collection.

Band boosters contributed to three marching baritones to arrive in mid September and a 5 octave marimba.

Band has two primary fundraisers which also contribute to student band accounts, the 5K race and the mattress sale. Band students receive \$10 in their account for every 5k registration. Mattress sale contributes \$25 for the first mattress, then \$50, then \$100 in addition to the money raised for the booster program. Everyone get the word out for the mattress sale. Last year was the most successful year by far.

This will be the 5th year for the mattress sale.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Booster Treasurer Doug LaTessa distributed the monthly review of booster expenditures and income. Based on the current balance, Doug will look at getting a CD for a year for \$10k at Community America for funds which will not be needed in that term and create some earnings.

The proposed annual budget includes an instrument replacement fund which began last year. The proposed budget including the CD will be presented for approval at the September 6 booster member meeting at the potluck.

Mr. Adams will forward Doug a current list of band students. Parents may e-mail Doug to check on the balance of their students accounts which can be used to pay for band fees or applied to future band trip expenses.

We do participate in Amazon Smile and receive funds from our participation.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

The boosters have funded individual senior banners for the band this year from the senior recognition budget. Pictures were taken yesterday by Mrs. Levorson and it is planned to have the banners from the district printer by the first game. Mrs. Brandt asked for volunteers to put the banners up each game. They will be close to the location wear the band spirit wear is set up.

Band president Brandon Kirmer would like to turn over the parent shirts to the boosters. The band students receive show shirts each year that they wear under their uniforms and is sometimes their uniform in extreme heat or rain. Brandon coordinates the student shirts through the StuCo vendor.

The Potluck before the game of the first halftime show on September 6 is at 5:00 p.m. and is for all band students and parent. There is a sign-up genius on the volunteer tab of the booster website.

Mrs. Sears reported that 48 out of 148 still need to pay dues. She will reach out after Labor Day. Band boosters had band members sign transportation release forms this year which were formerly done by the school, but not last year. Mrs. Sears will turn over transportation form copies to Karen Wagner at the office.

Mrs. Knudsen submitted a uniform update. There are 150 marchers this year! New shoe order will be placed shortly. New shakos were assigned mostly to seniors in the hopes that they take care of them better. Uniforms are being steamed and hung out for the kids to take this week; through seniors and juniors so far. Trying shako box stickers that will come off easier at the end of the season.

Mrs. Wood report \$681 in sales for spirit wear. We have ordered more stadium chairs which are \$45 for regular size and for the first time we have ordered plus size which will sell for \$60.

Mrs. Horner said 5k has 96 registrations from Strike Up the Band Night, and we have received another \$160 from the Chronotrak registration site. There will be a 5k meeting on August 29 at Martin City Brewing. Track cannot participate in the 5k this year due to the dates of the track season. It was suggested that we reach out to football and basketball to participate in the 5k as the band supports their games.

ELEMENTARY UPDATE

Mr. Schapker said the elementary program averages 110 to 125 elementary fifth graders among the six elementary schools. This is Mr. Schapker's fourth year and the initial number this year is 170, which he expects to settle to around 150. Mr. Adams attributes the high turnout to bowties and orange pants (which we assume reflects Mr. Schapker's magnetic personality). Mrs. Hoelscher also has 14 seventh grade beginners.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Adams will talk to Karen Wagner about having a first hour and fifth hour photo for the football program this year, primarily because we can't afford the time during one of the few Wednesday rehearsals for a combined photo before the September 6th game. Last year was the first year of the single photo of the band in the football program due to the outsourcing of the football program guide. Previously, the band had section photos.

Paul Kutz will be coordinating the meals at the two marching festivals (Blue Springs and Warrensburg) if needed based on performance time and scheduling.

Sign-up genius has openings for 2 chaperones per bus for the marching festivals, (4 buses). MVP certification is required to be a chaperone.

The updated Band-Aid guide has been posted thanks to Tina Monks. The Band Aid document is in need of complete overhaul and reduction of duplication throughout. The Band Aid document has its origin in the pre-electronic era when it was sent hard copy to all band families.

Craig Herrmann reviewed the band booster website and the parent booster tab. You can sign up for e-mail communication when band news is updated. Updates are in two sections, boosters and Mr. Adams. The volunteer tab has all upcoming sign-up geniuses which need volunteers. The band roster will be updated when it is received from Christie Ross. The Band-Aid and Roster are password protected on the website. smsband1920

Next Band Booster Meeting is September 17, 2019

Tiffany motioned to adjourn. Art Spratlin seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Duff
SMS Band Booster Secretary

All information from band boosters, Mr. Adams and the calendar is on the website at **www.smsraiderband.org**