

# **SMS BAND BOOSTER MEETING MINUTES**

**NOVEMBER 19, 2019**

## **MEMBERS PRESENT**

Julie Bogner, Donna Brandt, Doug LaTessa, Gina Horner, Liz Sears, Jenny Hull, Karen Spratlin, Art Spratlin, Don James, Lorinda James, Doug Wolff, Larry Hadenfeld, Jenn Dodson, Kevin Bogner and Pat Duff

Booster President Julie Bogner called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. Everyone present introduced themselves. Donna Brandt motioned to approve meeting minutes for the October meeting. Gina Horner seconded. Minutes were approved.

## **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

It has been one month since marching season ended October 19 at the Warrensburg contest. Thanks to the boosters during this brief but good season. The band received the top score in music and placed 3<sup>rd</sup> overall in the competition at Warrensburg.

24 students made district band and 3 alternates for the East Central district bands with over 60 auditions (multiple auditions for some students). This was the 3<sup>rd</sup> most in the district. District bands perform December 7 at Blue Valley High School.

State auditions will be January 11 with a coach bus leaving at 5:30 a.m. for Salina. Everyone who performs in district band is eligible to audition. (*Moved to January 18 due to weather*).

Symphonic band auditions are complete. Brass Band rehearsed last night. The Shades of Blue Air Force Concert at SMS was fantastic.

December 4<sup>th</sup> is holiday concert, uniform turn in and chili dinner. This is the concert where we pass the shako for 'Raiders Helping Raiders' 100% of the money goes directly to families that need it coordinated by the South counseling department to about 50 families a year from contributions at the choir, band and orchestra concerts. We will need about 6 volunteers to pass the shakos between the freshman band and Mr. Schapker's band. Bands are a little different at this concert with seniors and symphonic band conducted by Mr. Adams, the band conducted by Mr. Schapker, and the freshman band.

Mr. Adams is talking to a company about A/V for the band room the Friday following Thanksgiving break. The band room video system was updated by the boosters about 10 years ago for around \$12,000. This would update the sound system, speakers and recording equipment which is all significantly older. The project would be funded by the band club account and the boosters, and potentially activity funds from the school. The A/V company is currently doing the black box theatre and sound at SMNW. The work would happen this year, the soonest over winter break.

Mr. Adams suggested that Paul and Pat could create a video to instruct everyone how to find and download our photos from the BJohnson website which includes photos for all of our home games and both contests.

### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Julie got permission from Dr. Johnson to hang the jazz band senior banners at the basketball games. First game is 12/16/19, (*post-poned due to snow day*).

### **VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Vice President Donna Brandt noted that there is a Sign-up genius for the uniform turn-in and the chili supper that Karen Spratlin is coordinating. Liz Sears is coordinating the Masterworks reception on January 30, 2020.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Treasurer Doug Latessa reported that we received \$150 from the Dewey's fundraiser. We have \$9,680 of income from the very successful 5K.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Gina Horner reported that the 5k exceeded the budgeted \$6,141.16 for the band boosters fund by \$2,644! Expenses were less this year, and this was the first time the entrance fee has been raised, (\$5 higher than the preceding five years). There was also about \$2,000 more in sponsorships. Just over \$2,000 will go to student band accounts. Last year \$500 was awarded to the middle school and \$300 to the elementary program. Perhaps there can be contribution to the student accounts for the spring break 2021 Florida trip. We had 253 runners in the 5k this year and had 313 in 2018.

We still need a webmaster and a uniform chair for fall 2020.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Adams said we could forego the December booster meeting which was scheduled on December 17, (resulting from meeting the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of the month this year instead of the first week because of Doug).

It was discussed that we did not get a picture of the full band in uniform this year. The last year we did this was 2016.

Paul Kutz motioned to adjourn. Donna Brandt seconded. Meeting was adjourned.

Next Band Booster Meeting is January 21, 2020

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Duff - 20SMS Band Booster Secretary 2019-2020

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

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