

## **Music Booster Meeting Minutes**

**Tuesday August 11, 2015 at 6:30 PM**

Present; Mike Battisto, Kim Battisto, Kim Lambert-Haak, Eric Haak, Mrs. Johnson, Diana Lantz, Brenda Kuntz , Andy Kanturek, Julie Kanturek, Mark Pierce, Jim White, Karen Sapp, Dave Creighton, Kathie Bender

Called to order at 6:37pm

Welcome/Introductions

Approval of the 2015 June Meeting Minutes – motion by Julie Kanturek, seconded by Diana Lantz

### **Staff Reports**

Ms. Whisnant – currently at marching band practice

Mrs. Johnson – Lauren Whisnant is our new band director, and she is a great musician, is very organized and jumped right in with the band.

Hawaii trip was awesome, The kids were really good, everyone had a great time, even though there was more free time than expected, the kids were very responsible. The tour guide was wonderful, Katie. Performances went well, choir had one extra at a church, which was a wonderful experience. Hawaiian people want to share their culture, and we learned so much and how different it is from ours. Church congregants approached the kids and treated them so well, they were so excited that we were there. Pearl Harbor was a touching moment, and the tour company made a big deal of the performance - we received bowls with plaques, and flew flags on the bowfin. The mall performance was small and had a lot of construction, so there wasn't enough seating, so people did not stay to watch. Bishops' square was hot, but a great experience. Mrs. Johnson felt the entire trip was wonderfully planned and a great experience for all.

Fundraisers – will probably be the same this year as in years past. We may need a few volunteers for minimal items, except they may not do the play-a-thon.

Mrs. Johnson expects to propose Disney as the next music department trip, but if Lauren has another idea, they may explore.

Concerts will be the same, except for the holiday concert, in which they will sell actual seat tickets, due to seating limitations and because it gets so crowded. This should also help with people walking in, as there is no rush/push. She hopes to have this announced early in the year and maybe give some preferential seating, maybe to those

who have maestro memberships. Maybe Nathan King and his team will handle the tickets that evening?

Choir numbers are lower this year, about 70 kids. Decreased enrollment and increased class requirements are affecting the number of kids choosing electives. Some kids come in at lunch – and choir class will not run unless 20 kids, but lunch kids are not included. PE waiver has helped marching band a lot.

#### Treasurer's Report

\$19,554 currently in account

Music boosters equity decreased by \$9,381.54 this past fiscal year to a balance of \$3,760.81 before the current year senior student account forfeiture of \$1,301.58

There were 121 students who had account balances as of July 31, 2015 totaling \$14,492.05 to be carried for the 2015-16 school year.

Annual Audit – Brenda met with Tim and said he never did an audit. Andy Kanturek said that John Haines would do the audit for us, but could not do it last year, because he was involved in handling the money. At the end of the audit, there is a sign off by previous exec board and a few booster members. Kathy Howe has done it in the past, and may be willing to do again. Brenda has someone she can ask, the outgoing treasurer at Stratford, Barb, who has a son that is a now freshman, so we have a few options to get this handled in the next few weeks.

Motion to accept Treasurer's report by Mark Pierce, seconded by Jim White.

#### Upcoming Events

Pool Party- 8/21 8:15pm-10:00pm – Simkus is all set. Mrs. Johnson sends an email to the choir kids– we need to encourage choir students to spread the word Rumor that only freshmen choir kids attend, but all do attend! The band is working together now, so already know about the pool party. Entrance fee is \$3 to help cover half of the cost. Need a few volunteers, any parents can stay.

GBN music department calendar is updated for all events we know for this year, with some additional details in the description, if you open the event.

Uniforms 8/12, 13, 17, 18, and 19 – Jenny Gorr and Kim Clark are the Chairpersons for this year, and Kim volunteered to take on for the next year, as Jenny's student will be graduating next May. They should have enough volunteers for this and next week, but if you are interested, they will still take some assistance, it is a lot of work to match the

jackets and bibs. Mrs. Johnson gets volunteers to help in September for Gold Tones formal wear.

Parent Preview Night to see the marching band perform and Ice Cream Social is next Thursday, August 20 at 7:30pm - bars vs scoops of ice cream, still in debate. Mike Battisto will ask Kim Clark how many people. Culvers will do the already scooped cups with the spoons and Menchie may do this, as options. Choir kids and parents are welcome to come, but not well advertised. Mike Battisto has a copy of the tax exempt letter.

Membership-we will not have a table at Book Buy Week, as we do not have much success with this method, but will be at parent preview night. Julie Kanturek is looking for someone to take over this role next year, and can teach over this year. Karen Sapp volunteered to take this on. First night football game is really early and Julie will have a membership table so families can get their activity passes.

#### Old Business

Market Day Update –Mike Battisto received many calls about Market Day, but we are no longer doing Market Day, per Mrs. Johnson, as it is being taken over by World's finest chocolate and they are retiring the Market Day line as of June 2015. Old inventory is being sold at GFS through August.

#### New Business

Fundraisers for Fall of 2015 – cheeses/sausage will be in September, and cheesecake/citrus will be in October – snack packs may be done one more time this year, but the company we are using is taking over cheese and sausage next year. Janet Berger will be asked if she will count the money again this year, then we will need volunteers for distribution, about 10-12 people. 4 people needed for cheesecake tasting, which is during the day and with the kids, and will need to be set up the date before the sale as the kick off. Mark Pierce will handle the cheesecake tasting. Cheesecakes come in November and citrus comes later. We will then do cookie dough in the spring.

Family Nights are being organized by Kim Clark and she is currently working with 3 different restaurants;

- Jersey Mikes, Oct 7 and 8 – coupons get handed out by our volunteers, and with the coupon, the person will get a free sandwich, but have to make a min \$2 donation, which will go to GBN music boosters. Maybe tape to lockers to get to the most kids
- Olive Garden did it last year, and hopes to do it again, nothing set yet, but plan to do two events
- Potbelly in February – get 25% of all sales- can do April, too

Other suggestions;

- Chick-fil-a, Menchies (Barney,owner) may be other options
- Savers thrift store does donation drives and whatever people can collect – can either direct people to drop at the store, or we can have a truck here in the \$.20 per pound for soft and \$.10 per pound for hard items. Discussed doing this the Saturday before Thanksgiving, as this would be the same time as cheesecake pick up. Dave Creighton organizes this at Savers and will handle for boosters.They will provide a flyer, and will need just a few volunteers.
- Parent’s night out at Zanies – Sarah Hengesh handled last year, and not sure if she would want to do this year.

Volunteers for pit crew-we didn’t put anything formal out to request – Tim headed up previously, and in the past, we have parents help at preview night so they can learn and understand where all the items go. Mark Pierce, Kathie Bender, and Andy/Julie Kanturek have volunteered so far, but Lauren had definite ideas for what she wants to do, so may have already had an idea on how to make this all work. First game is Aug 28<sup>th</sup>.

Trivia night is also being worked on by Janet Berger and team – was such a fun night and gave us all great memories of the community being together. Everyone had such a great time.

Sarah Hengesh said thank you for sending the color guard to camp and they had a wonderful experience and feel much empowered.

The question was asked, why doesn’t anyone sing the national anthem? – maybe get a mic and have the choir do? Mrs. Johnson said that if they were asked, she would be happy to provide choir kids for this.

Curriculum night is Sept 9 and we have pencils and stickers to have out with a membership table.

Next meeting is September 1 at 6:30pm in the band room.

Adjournment 7:47pm