

Sycamore Music Boosters

April 21, 2016

In attendance: Peggy Diemer, Ken Olson, Janet Olson, Deb Loitz, Kathy Reuter, Debbie Baugus, Julie Breidenbach, Sarah Ward, Laurie Emmer, Jill Frank, Bob Atkins, John and Laura Hulseberg, Mitch Irwin, Lisa Smith, Cindy Prebil, Duff Harris, Cara Jovanovich, Scott Mertens, Ken Tonaki, Jeanne Flaherty, Les Hecht

President Ken Olson welcomed everyone to the meeting and introductions were made around the table, as part of the introduction please include what student(s) you have in the music program.

2. Approval of the Agenda –On motion by Peggy, and seconded by Lisa the agenda was approved.
3. Approval of the Minutes from March 2016- Several corrections made:
 - The date on top should read March 2016.
 - The Treasurer’s report, CD 1 should read \$10,082.81 (per Peggy).
 - Fundraisers, “another order” should read “another T-shirt order”.
 - Music department (5b), The Wurlitzer grant was submitted March 1, 2016. A short explanation of the by-law policy and what was brought forth at the March 17 meeting. The decision on the Wurlitzer grant will be June 1.
 - On a motion by Kathy R, seconded by Bob the amended minutes were approved.
4. Treasurer’s Report for March 18, 2016-April 21, 2016.

Deposits: \$30 miscellaneous donation from Catherine Harned, First Midwest Bank interest \$2.18.
Total deposits \$32.18 to checking account. Illinois Credit Union interest, CD 1: \$18.82, and CD2 \$11.96

Checks written: \$1,220 to OC Creative for Hall of Fame awards and \$6,100 for camps scholarships.
Kirk will give checks to Lisa for his scholarships. Total Expenses: \$7,320.00

Account Balances:

IL Credit Union Savings: \$25.21
IL Credit Union CD: \$10,101.63
IL Credit Union CD: \$5,011.96
First Midwest Bank: \$77,592.39

Outstanding Deposits: none that I am aware of.

Outstanding Expenses: School district-music invoices and Sycamore Middle School musical (\$1,500).
No other expenses have been submitted.

On a motion by Deb, seconded by Kathy R., the Treasurer’s report was approved

5. Music Department

Scott Mertens-Music Department Update.

IHSA organizational performances by all groups received I rating except for concert band and concert orchestra received II rating. At this time it looks like we will be rated #5 in the State. Orchestra received 3rd place over all. We are a well-rounded department with solos and ensembles for the extra points.

Best of day was a bassoon and trombone ensemble (Deb will get out a press release). The music department has placed in the top 5 in the last three years.

Concert dates for the remainder of the year

- Apr 21, last Spring Sing
- Apr 23, SHS Jazz band at North Central College in Naperville
- Apr 29 & 30 musical at SMS
- May 2, SMS 7/8 band
- May 5, SHS Choir

- May 9, SHS Jazz night
- May 12, SHS band
- May 17, SHS Orchestra
- May 10, 4/8 grade Orchestras
- May 16, SMS Choir
- May 23, 5/6 Bands

Budget update-

- Funding was cut for the after-school elementary band.
 - The last of the Spring Sing is tonight--the stipend was cut for next year. Course work is being cut at SMS: 8th grade and 7th grade general music are being cut. 6th grade general music is intact and the schedule is not changing.
 - Melissa Marberry was cut from 0.6 FTE to 0.4 FTE
 - There has been pledge by Kathy Countryman not to cut the 4/5 grade music lessons this year.
 - Everyone is still listening and trying to figure out what exactly will happen for next year.
- a. Motion – Sycamore Music Boosters will provide up to \$6000.00 (\$5,400.00, staff extra pay and \$600.00 transportation) to fund the after school elementary band and orchestra program for the 2016/2017 school year.
- Ken Olson met with Kathy Countryman regarding the details of the after school program. In the past, the staff has been paid a stipend based on number of years in the district, but to make this manageable for music boosters for the 2016/2017 school year, the staff will be paid an hourly rate. The staff will submit their time to the district and the pay expense will be passed through to MB. This expense will be spread over two budget years for the boosters.
 - Music Boosters wrote the Wurlitzer grant (\$6000.00) and will hear back from this grant application by June 1.
 - Music Boosters or MB via the Wurlitzer grant will pay for the after-school program. To sustain the program for the future, this program may require a student fee. If a fee is implemented, future MB leaders should consider supplementing families who cannot afford this type of fee.

On a motion by Bob, seconded by Lisa, \$6000.00 will be provided to cover the costs of the after school elementary band and orchestra program was approved.

- b. Motion – Sycamore Music Boosters will provide up to \$800.00 to fund a recording session in Nashville in June 2016 for the SHS orchestra and choir students.
- There was brief discussion about whether or not this should be funded in light of MB funding the elementary band and orchestra program for the 2016/2017 school year.
 - This is a good experience for the students.
 - The money is available for both the recording studio trip and the band and orchestra program.

On a motion by Lisa, seconded by Jeanne \$800.00 was approved for the recording studio visit during orchestra/choir trip to Nashville was approved.

6. Promote Sycamore Music Boosters

Press releases were submitted and published about:

- Jazz Band performance at the Grand Victorian
- More press releases about IHSA Best of Day and IHSA.
- Hall of Fame applications are available online.
- The Concerto Competition winners: Mary Flaherty, Jessica Luo, Emma Olson and Kailey Mulligan
- Mr. Carlson's Monday memo and Spartan TV showed vimeos at SHS promoted music students and the music department.
- Craft Fair new vendor applications are available on the website.
- A new newsletter person may need to be recruited.

7. Fundraisers

- a. ANTR-No report.
- Date for next year February 11, 2017.
 - Meeting in late summer or early fall.
- b. Craft Fair-Wed Oct 26-Sun Oct 30
- This brings in about 75% of our budget for the year.

- There will be an early bird and a late fee for vendors this year.
 - We need to contact Brian about food.
- c. T-Shirts we will try again next year as it is a little late in the school year to put in an order.
 - d. For next year we should look into Give Local DeKalb County. Local groups can sign up to receive donations. Deb will look into it with the DeKalb Community Foundation and the possibility of matching funds for money donated.
8. Scholarships
 - These are given to 6-11 grade students for residential (\$250) and day (\$75) music camps. This year 24 residential scholarships, (0 day camp scholarships) we awarded.
 - There are 2 special scholarships, the Weaver for \$350 and the Lundbeck for \$250.
 - Senior scholarships are due April 29. One each for band, orchestra, and choir at \$500 and one from Kirk Lundbeck for \$500.
 - During the summer the two college scholarships are due. One for a college junior and a college senior in music.
 9. Senior Recognition
 - 25 orchestra, 19 band and waiting to get the number from the choir director.
 10. Hall of Fame
 - Nominating forms are on the website.
 - We need nominations.
 11. Election May 2016 - President, Vice President, and Secretary
 - a. Appointment of a nominating committee - Bob and Ken will be the committee
 - b. Slate of candidates at this time
 - i. President – open
 - ii. Vice President – open
 - iii. Secretary – Les Hecht
 - c. Looking for nominees if folks are interested please talk to Ken or Bob. Other officers will be coming back. Lisa Smith might be run for president but someone would need to step in a scholarship chair.
 12. Next general meeting May 19, 2016.
 - Prior to the motion to adjourn there were some questions about the Spring sing such as stipends, buses, renting the auditorium. The music dept. budget covers some of the costs but cuts listed by the School Board included the Spring Sing.
 - There were discussions about ways to raise additional money; Deb will look into the DeKalb Area Arts Council seminars for non-profit groups.

On a motion by Bob, seconded by Kathy R, the meeting was adjourned.
 13. Possible date for the transitional Board of Directors meeting June 16, 2016.