

Sycamore Music Boosters

October 16, 2014

In attendance: Amy Cuthbert, Lisa Smith, Bob Atkins, Scott Mertens, Ken Olson, Kristen Selig, Peggy Diemer, Deb Loitz, Kathy Reuter, Ken Goodman, Joe Godinsky, Glenna Godinsky, Cathy Lohse, Brian Jungmann, Tom Petit, Les Hecht, Jeanne Flaherty

President Ken Olson welcomed everyone to the meeting. Introductions were made around the table.

2. Approval of the Agenda – Kris asked for the Agenda to be reordered to move ANTR up on the agenda. Joe and Glenna made a motion to vote on Constant Contact so we can start to use it. Asked to wait until we get to Newsletter. On motion by Bob, seconded by Peggy. The agenda was approved.
3. Approval of the Minutes from the Sept 2014, the minutes were amended Kathy Reuter's name was spelled incorrectly change her first name from Cathy to Kathy. On a motion by Deb, seconded by Bob the minutes were approved as amended.
4. Treasurers Report -Two camp scholarship checks totaling \$325 have been returned and voided. A check to a vendor from last year's craft fair for \$10 has also been voided. We received a returned deposit for insufficient funds from a craft fair vendor for \$150 plus \$7.11 bank fee. Amy Cuthbert contacted the vendor and it is being taken care of. Contracts have been prepared for the craft fair chairpersons to be signed.

September 19, 2014-October 15, 2014.

- Deposits: \$7006.07 total. Parent donations: \$1,100, booth rental for craft fair \$5,900.00, NB&T bank interest income of \$2.27 and \$3.80 from IL Credit Union for dividends paid for July, August & September.
- Expenses/Checks written: \$241.48 total. \$164.37 for check ordered from Deluxe, \$70.00 to Banner Up Signs for craft fair decals and the return deposit fee of \$7.11
- Account Balances:
 - IL Credit Unions Savings: \$25.21
 - IL Credit Union CD: \$5,011.31
 - NB&T Checking: \$84,971.29

Outstanding deposits and expenses: Additional deposits from craft fair and expenses from craft fair and new band trailer. Scott has invoices from some of the trailer expenses and Bob has invoice from ANTR and stakes for the craft fair signs.

Peggy asked how long before we will hear about the bill for the trailer from the school district. She will try and get the bills and pay before the first of the year.

On a motion by Kathy R, seconded by Lisa, the Treasurer's report approved

5. Music Department Scott Mertens, this is busy season, this evening during the meeting there is joint concert with the 4/5 and SHS chamber choir.
 - ILMEA tryouts this past week student from both SHS and SMS tried out
 - 19 MS orchestra, 1 choir, 17 MS band (this is a record), 3 MS Jazz band, 3 HS jazz band, 18 choir, 2 junior mixed choir, 16 HS band (9 orchestra), and 6 HS orchestra.
 - All-state selections will be done by end Nov/Dec
 - Special guest group for SHS jazz band rehearsal on Tues (may be NIU jazz)
 - Reggie and wife are confirmed for ANTR as the entertainment
 - Important concert dates were announced Concerts Marching band 7:30 Oct 27, HS musical Nov 6-9, MS orchestra Nov 11, ILMEA Jazz Nov 15, MS band Nov 17, 5th grade choir Nov 18.
 - HS jazz band started
 - Oct 30, Chinese group Shanren at SMS/SHS to give workshops, concert Sat, Nov 1, 7:00pm, DeKalb HS
 - MS jazz try outs Mon 1/20
 - Student ensembles will be at the craft fair. Board members asked if there was any funding required, no money was requested

- Scott will look at option for a middle school piece and the possible invitation to Tim Blickhan for a MS choir clinic

Scott made a request for \$100 to pay for Tim Blickhan to give a clinic for the MS choir. We will vote at the November meeting.

Faculty Presentation by Mr. Goodman about the SHS music program. He presented a slide show about the band groups, once school gets started there are presentations pretty much non-stop throughout the year.

- Highlighted group's achievements: Symphonic band will be performing at the ILMEA All-State festival. SHS ranked second in the IHSA competition (the two prior years ranked third). 2010 ILMEA All State Jazz performance performed in 2007 Basketball finals, a number of alum have music careers and 3 alum are teaching in the district.
- Music Boosters Partnership- 2014 equipment trailer and Blue Devils clinics, 2013 marching band uniforms, 2012 the commissioned music project, new instruments
- 2015-2016 will be the 75 anniversary of the SHS band.
- This year the marching band received the Best marching in class at Marengo, next year the band will be mostly freshman and sophomores.
- The board asked if the Concert Band members should be outfitted with Tuxedos and long dresses to give them a uniform appears. Mr. Goodman was worried about the extra expense of the clothing plus the expense to the students and families (the kids grow and have to buy new shirts). The projections for next year will 75 students in Concert band.
- The Regional Superintendent of School will be inspecting the building for storage on Monday Oct 20. Mr. Goodman had a parent volunteer to help tidy things up on Friday.

Kathy R mentioned that the Wally statue unveiling will be on Tues Oct 21 and be done about 4:30pm, did we want to send a representative from the group. The official time is 4:00pm.

6. Craft Fair

- Cathy L needed a key for the trailer and thanked Ken and Bob for putting up the signs around town.
- 5 spots left to fill
- Brian will show up Fri. about 1:00pm to load things and will come back after football to put things in the kitchen, two helpers are needed around 10:00pm
- 2 people are needed as guards, there are 2 for 6-8pm and 2-3 for 8-10pm to help keep the traffic down
- The north gate to the field house is shutting down at 3:00pm and everyone has to be out by 4:00pm
- Still looking for student shifts and will feed them a pizza lunch, student volunteers will be done by 7:00pm
- Golf carts need to be inside the north gate before it closes and will be stored in the field house
- Friday morning move in by 8:00am
- Things are fine for keys and the walkie talkies, there are two different sets of talkies, Linda has one set and will need to know who folks are, Chauncey has given us a talkies
- Peggy will need safe access
- A janitor will make a clean sweep of the kitchen, and we will need an inside guard.
- Sat morning, 5:30am Ellisons donating 10 dozen donuts, we will have to pay for the additional 2 dozen donuts
- Sign-up Genie seems to be working, and email will be sent 2 days before
- Scott Mertens will send out a paper or verbal reminders for the students
- Volunteers are still needed for the golf carts on Sun morning, selling raffles, some concessions
- Italian Dreams will bill us for the pizzas
- Red Ts for the students volunteers to will be picked up
- Taping for the Field house floor, Bob suggested rolling measuring devices to set up the 10ft lengths needed for the booths and signs will be placed.

11. ANTR

- Jesus can't guarantee a bartender that night (Valentine's Day) we might be able to borrow/buy through him if we can get someone to bartend, he might be able to help us set up and get started, MVP wants a \$300 deposit and \$300 for the bar
- Entertainment by student groups 8-9pm, Jazz ensemble 9:15-9:50pm, Jazz in Progress 10:00pm.
- Cost is \$450 for Blumen Gardens
- A clean up time has to be set (this will depend on the time of the next group in Blumen Gardens)
- Next ANTR meeting Nov 16, 6:00pm

7. Promotional activities

- Not much happening after the musical
- The Music Boosters Poster will be available by the Craft Fair and will be placed near the raffle table
- Presentation about Music Boosters and ANTR at Dec concerts and MS band in Nov
- Inserts for program
- The after concert reception dates were put on the backburner for now

8. Newsletter

- The free trial for Constant Contact allowed mailings to 10 email addresses
- The Newsletter was sent as a PDF to 850 email addresses (this puts us in the higher cost bracket for Constant Contact).
- Cost for 1 year with photo is \$336/yr.; a credit card or debit card is required to make the payment. On a motion by Joe, seconded by Jeanne the \$336 was approved. Music Boosters will reimburse Joe. This will be under the Music Boosters email. This will also be linked to music student's email (this will be checked for accuracy).
- There is a calendar for the district but not for the music department web page.

9. Public Relations/Newsletter/Web

- Craft Fair press release in the MidWeek on Wed. Also the MidWeek published the interview with Cathy Lohse about the Craft Fair. Ads were placed for next week and posters were put around town.
- Social Media-DeKalb Motors \$2000 Step It Up – go to the DeKalb Motors page and Like the Music Boosters page.
- After the Craft Fair press releases about ILMEA and the band trailer will be submitted.

10. Smaller Fundraisers follow up from prior meeting.

- Culvers pushed back until after ANTR
- Raffle tickets will be sold at the Craft fair and dates after that before we have to turn in the tickets
- Carmines, potential dates Nov 6, 13 or 20. Nov 13 will be the date Joe will make a flyer to the discount
- Chipolote has a similar type program and can follow up on that later on.

12. Hall of Fame- 3 nominees will follow up after the Craft Fair. There will be a reception at SHS before ANTR- will need to get the SHS Auditorium

13. Scholarship program- No report

14. Sat. Walk & Roll for Mobility, VAC fundraiser. Sneakeasy (Kevin Loitz, Matthew Johnson, and Seth Cates, all SHS students) will perform.

Next general meeting, November 20, 2014. On a motion by Kathy R., seconded by Jeanne. The meeting was adjourned.