

Sycamore Music Boosters

August 18, 2016

In attendance: Lisa Smith, Deb Loitz, Peggy Diemer, Ken Tonaki, Jill Franke, Amy Tonaki, Ken Goodman, Donna Eng, Debbie Baugus, Bob Atkins, Clare Dempsey, Jill McDonald, Kristine Mertens, Lisa Miller, Garth Anderson, John McBride, Sarah Marsh, Keith Smith, Todd McDonald, Scott Mertens, Laurie Emmer, Les Hecht

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

2. Approval of the Agenda –On motion by Sarah Marsh, and seconded by Deb the agenda was approved.
3. Approval of the Minutes from May 20, 2016 - On a motion by Sarah, seconded by Deb the minutes were approved.
4. Treasurer's Report for May 20 - Aug 18, 2016.

Miscellaneous Notes: Received a nice thank you note from Ella Rose Atkins for scholarship award. The annual report and filing fee payment was mailed to Illinois Charitable Organization.

Deposits: \$2,000.00 memorial donation check from Frank and Suzanne Riccardi in honor of their son Frank Riccardi Jr., Kirk Lundbeck \$800 to fund the Lundbeck scholarships, \$4,000 from DeKalb County Community Foundation for the Wurlitzer grant, School District \$495.00 reimbursement check for the payment of choir/orchestra Nashville t-shirts, Noelle Sharp birthday money donation of \$118.00 and bank interest of \$5.71. Total deposits to checking account \$ 7,418.71.

Credit Union interest for CD's: \$18.85 and \$15.60

Expenses: \$123.68 reimbursement to Lisa Smith for gift certificates and supplies for outgoing board members, \$15.00 annual fee paid to IL Charity Bureau Fund, \$495.00 to Special F-X for choir/orchestra Nashville t-shirts and \$500 scholarship check to Sarah Grant. Total expenses \$1,133.68

Account Balances:

ICCU Savings: \$25.21

ICCU CD1: \$10,120.48

ICCU CD2: \$5,027.56

First Midwest Bank checking: \$75,481.93

Outstanding Deposits: Craft Fair vendor deposits for booth space

Outstanding Expenses: School district billing, picnic meeting supplies and craft fair registration fee

Questions, comments or concerns?

On a motion by Sarah, seconded by John McBride, the Treasurer's report was approved

5. Music Department

Scott Mertens-Music Department Update.

- Wurlitzer grant- \$4000.00 one time grant to help pay for the after school music program. Music Boosters will fill in the rest of the money (up to \$2000.00). There is continued dialog with Kathy Countryman about the after school program for next year. Perhaps a fee or shared fee but the district is still on a budget reduction plan.
- Scott will come up with a needs list for the music department.
- Aug 24, demos for band instruments
- Aug 25, demos for orchestra instruments
- Aug 31, Orchestra sign-up at SMS
- Sept 2, First marching band show

- Sept 7/8, Band instrument sign-up
- Sept 10, Saturday at 3pm Football with Marching Band performance
- Dec 16, Friday, SHS and SMS orchestra will be at the Midwest Orchestra Clinical at McCormick place. Groups from all over the world apply and put on performances.
 - The HS orchestra will be used as a demo group.
 - The MS orchestra will be in the rehearsal lab to rehearse in front of the group with a clinician from TX.
 - Logistics coming up

Ken Tonaki- CDs from the Nashville trip were very nice. Thank you to Music Boosters for making the trip and the recording in Studio B happen.

6. Promote Sycamore Music Boosters

The purpose of Music Boosters is to advocate for the Sycamore school music program.

- Lisa introduced Deb Loitz and gave a brief description of Deb's job(s). Deb in her role as publicity chair sends information to the district superintendent and school board. Deb works on the newsletter, social media, and publicity, programs for HoF and ANTR, and email.
- Press releases were in the paper about the Concerto competition winners, Riccardi donation, summer and senior scholarships and the continuing scholarship for Sarah Grant.
- Deb also works on getting the Craft Fair on the Community Calendars and listing the Craft Fair in the crafter books for shows.
- Press releases are being prepared for the Nashville trip, Midwest orchestra clinic, the Wurlitzer grant, and Noelle Sharp. Noelle Sharp was a 5th grader that donated over \$100.00 from her birthday party to the music boosters to go towards funding the elementary after school band and orchestra rehearsals
- MB puts information in all concert programs about our purpose.
- Website- publicity has access to website and backup personal are needed to help with updates. Also some money may need to be spent on the website as Jenn McCormick has been paying for it as a donation.
- The School District is starting a new newsletter to be sent to all in the district. MB has a short description of our function in this first newsletter. It will be published three times this year and music boosters will have a short report in each newsletter.
- Ideas for promoting MB - Speak with Chauncey about the Taste of Black and Gold. Sports Boosters have always done this fundraiser. Students in athletics from 8-18 get this notification so their parents know about and participate in the activity. Is this something we want to do for the music program?

7. Fundraisers

- a. Mattress fundraiser– there will be a presentation at the November meeting.
- b. Craft Fair-Wed Oct 26-Sun Oct 30
 - Jeff Hecht will meet with Brian next Wed about the concessions.
 - Last minute vendor applications will be coming in
 - Cathie L has no concerns at this time.
- c. ANTR-
 - Next meeting Sept 11 at the Sycamore Public Library.
 - Volunteers are needed; Tom Petit will be doing volunteer sign up. Other volunteers needed for mailing, baskets, and other organizational jobs.
 - Noelle Sharpe's dad would like to build a coffee table for the silent auction.
 - Clare will be selling tickets.
- d. Small Fundraisers-
 - Ollies
 - Jamrah

8. Scholarships

- 2015-2016, 24 summer camp scholarships at \$250 were given, 4 senior scholarships at \$500 were given, 3 from Music Boosters, 1 from Kirk Lundbeck, Music Boosters also pay for the SHS marching band drum major camp each year
 - There a brief discussion about raising the amount of the senior scholarships to \$750 as to make them more in-line with other scholarships given out on senior night. This discussion included ideas on how to fund the increased amounts. The discussion will continue at our next meeting.
9. Hall of Fame – no report
- We are still looking for a HoF volunteers
 - In the past Ken and Janet Olson donated the light snacks after the awards ceremony. We may have to find new donor(s).

Next general meeting September 15, 2016, 6:00pm SHS Library