

Sycamore Music Boosters

February 16, 2017

In attendance: John McBride, Sarah Marsh, Lisa Smith, Peggy Diemer, Cindy Prebil, Scott Mertens, Laurie Emmer, Dana Engh, John Hulseberg, Clare Dempsey, Laura Hulseberg, Les Hecht

President Lisa Smith welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Approval of the Agenda –The agenda was amended to add the John Cordis Memorial. On a motion by John M, and seconded by Sarah, the amended agenda was approved.
3. Approval of the Minutes from Jan 19, 2016 – One correction was made:
In the treasurer’s report the First Midwest Bank checking: \$106,755.98 should be \$106,755.58
On a motion by John M, seconded by Sarah, the amended minutes were approved.
4. Treasurer’s Report for January 20, 2017-February 16, 2017

Miscellaneous Notes: Annual report needs to be submitted. Will be meeting with SEF treasurer soon to discuss QuickBooks accounting program. Peggy has a breakdown of school expenses. ANTR ticket sales, raffles and silent auction bids were down.

Deposits: ANTR income: auction \$2,618, raffle \$1,834, sponsors \$2,700, and \$4,550 in ticket sales. Miscellaneous donations \$35, Jamrah restaurant fundraiser \$347.50 and bank interest earned \$2.80. Total income deposits \$12,087.30. Also deposited \$300 in cash to the miscellaneous expense account for the return of the working funds for ANTR ticket sales and raffle ticket sales.

Expenses/checks written: \$650 for meal stipend for students attending All-State, ANTR expenses of \$500 for linens and decor, \$1,350 for musicians, \$1,000 to Blumen Gardens for facility rental balance, \$209.81 reimbursement to Debbie Baugus for ANTR mailing and raffle basket supplies, \$180.25 for ANTR and Hall of Fame programs and a photo, \$100 for working funds for raffle/event, \$64 to US Postal service for annual po box rental fee, and \$16,206.93 to Sycamore School District for 2016 charges for instruments, transportation for the KSO field trip, balance of Orchestra Midwest conference meal and parking, uniforms and the after school program. Grand total: \$20,260.99.

Account Balances:

ILCCU Savings: \$10,184.12 (includes CD 1)

ILCCU CD 2: \$5,059.23

First Midwest Bank checking: \$98,881.89

Outstanding Deposits: ANTR auction proceeds, Portillo’s fundraiser.

Outstanding Expenses: ANTR food and supplies, Whitman’s table rental, Hall of Fame, school district billing, State of IL annual report fee.

Questions, comments or concerns?

On a motion by Clare, seconded by John M, the Treasurer’s report was approved

- a. Discussion on how to distribute surplus funds
 - There is \$26,000 extra
 - Suggestions were made about longer term CD but how do we get to it if needed.
 - Put money toward the next round of uniforms purchases
 - Get new music stands, there are a number of stands at SMS and they can be sent to SHS if requested. John H and John M will go to SHS and fix the broken stands.

5. Music Department
Scott Mertens-Music Department Update

- Feb 21, Band NI Big 12
 - Feb 23, SMS Choir
 - Feb 26, Jazz at the Egyptian, 2:00pm, SHS, DeKalb HS, NIU Jazz adult \$12, student \$10, children \$5. Reggie Thomas moved this along; this year the groups will share the proceeds. For future years a decision will be made among the groups how to split the money. Reggie will come and work with the jazz band.
 - Feb 27, SHS Choir
 - Mar 4, IHSA Solo Ensemble
 - Mar 7, Choir NI Big 12
- Budget and After school program update. Scott heard from Nicole Stuckert and Kathy Countryman about next year's after school program. This year Wurlitzer and MB are funding the program as the district passed the budget before any other fees could be added for the program. Part of the problem is that the State is shorting districts on their transportation costs. Most extracurriculars in the district are self-supporting from fees charged. Nicole said a \$20/student fee would be sufficient for the band and orchestra after school program. The budget meeting is Feb 28. One other issue would be the potential for staggered start and end times in the district and would faculty be available at the same time as the students.
 - Another issue is when to recruit for next year. The district would like to see if done in Apr/May so plan could be made but there might be some instrument issues.
 - While the \$20 might cover the costs there was a short discussion on how to cover the cost for those who cannot afford it.
 - A Note to Remember was good. The set up and break down went well and very fast. The Jazz band played well
 - Hall of Fame went well. The Hulsebergs did a great job. The nominees were great. Perhaps for next year we'll need to look into smaller tiles.

Funding and budget request.

- a. Vote on funding for 4-night stay for an Honors Choir student. First request was made at the Jan. meeting. The district typically pays for lodging at ILMEA in Peoria (4 to a room) and MB provides \$50/student for food. In DeKalb the parents pay the transport with the district and music boosters covering the rest of the costs. This is a unique situation is the lodging costs are in line with ILMEA but this would be for one student. A suggestion was made to increase the food allowance to \$75 because the conference was out of State. On a motion by John H, seconded by John M, a food allowance of \$75 (because the conference is out of State) was passed. Additional discussion regarding the \$600 for a single student. Some were uncomfortable with this amount as it might set a precedent that MB might not be able to fulfill in the future. The decision was made to give the student a \$250 scholarship for lodging (this student would only receive one scholarship this year). The hope was that is that some additional money will be available (from the high school and the music department). On a motion by John M and seconded by Sarah, the student would be given a \$250 music scholarship for lodging was passed.
- b. Amy Tonaki –First request to provide up to \$350 for refreshments and a few decorations for the SMS Jazz night. Last year the SMS jazz band and jazz strings performed in a “Coffee House” atmosphere. The parents and other guests really liked this but there is no money for this in the music activity account. A donation box will be put out to help support this in future years.

John Cordis

- c. Clare spoke to John's mom and asked for suggestions or requests. She would like to donate his trumpet and have it engraved. Perhaps a presentation at a basketball game (might need to be next year due to the basketball season winding down). (A suggestion was made to have a plaque made and give the trumpet to a student in need but there are extra trumpets available).

The trumpet will be put in small trophy case by the auditorium. The Hulsebergs will straighten and clean it out. Clare will check into the engraving on the trumpet.

As an aside to this discussion about the small trophy case, Mr. Carlson has a room available near the Sports Boosters case. Music Boosters/Music can use if they wish. No decision was made about the room at this meeting.

6. Promoting Sycamore Music – No report

7. Fundraisers

a. Craft Fair no report

b. ANTR

- Everything was bid.
- Three items need to be picked up (one person has to pay)
- ANTR went well
- The food was good

c. Small fundraisers-

- The Foundation sent out something but Lisa has no time to look into Give Local DeKalb.
- Wurlitzer grant due March 1. Scott has a meeting this week.

8. Scholarships –

- Lori feels she is behind with scholarships.
- The information is going to SMS and SHS
- Lori is making copies for the music teachers.
- Deb will get the information out so parents know the scholarships are coming.
- The change is being made on the Lundbeck plaque.
- Flowers will be ordered for Senior night and the Lundbeck winner.
- a. A proposal to table the discussion about raising the Continuing Music Scholarship was made by Les and seconded by Sarah.

9. Hall of Fame

- Went well
- We need to make sure the students next year get the info about the ceremony so they can attend. Once the All State selections are announced we should get the names and contact the students.

We had a small problem with the SHS musical conflicting with ANTR. Someone needs to email Mr. Carlson and Chauncey to remind them of the date for ANTR 2018.

Next general meeting March 16, 2017, 6:00pm SHS Library

On a motion by John M, seconded by Sarah. The meeting was adjourned.