

## Sycamore Music Boosters

February 19, 2016

In attendance: Bob Atkins, Lisa Smith, Zabrina Atkins, Scott Mertens, Amy Cuthbert, Jeanne Flaherty, Peggy Diemer, Deb Loitz, Les Hecht, Ken Goodman, Donna Eng, Stacey Kurowski, Debbie Baugus

Vice President Bob Atkins welcomed everyone to the meeting; Ken Olson is traveling and thanked everyone for ANTR.

2. Approval of the Agenda –On motion by Lisa, and seconded by Jeanne the agenda was approved.
3. Approval of the Minutes from Jan 2016- A correction was made Treasurer's report "middle school music" should read "middle school musical", on a motion by Lisa, seconded by Deb the amended minutes were approved.
4. Treasurer's Report for January 22, 2016-February 18, 2016

Notes: A \$500 check was received from Ideal Industries for the 2015 Castle Challenge. The first check Ideal had issued last fall was never received. The 2016 Not For Profit Annual Report form was submitted to Secretary of State along with payment.

Deposits: \$500 Ideal Industries-Castle Challenge Donation, A.N.T.R. income of silent auction \$2,469.00, raffle \$2,132.00, sponsors \$1,850.00, ticket sales \$5,725.00. Spiritwear/window clings \$15.00 and bank interest \$2.08. Grand total of \$12,693.08.

Not included in above grand total is a \$250 deposit from ticket sales credited to the miscellaneous budget line. It is for the return of the \$250 working funds check that was written in November of 2015. The funds were used for change for the ANTR ticket sales cash bags.

Checks written: Ken Tonaki \$850.00 for 17 students attending All-State, Sycamore School District \$6,761.60 for 2015 charges for instruments, supplies, uniforms, and transportation for KSO field trip, Secretary of State \$10.00 for annual report fee, LePrint Express \$174.90 for A.N.T.R. and Hall of Fame programs, A.N.T.R. expenses for Blumen Gardens facility \$1,000.00, Essentials by House of Interiors \$500.00 for linens and décor, Musicians and sound technician \$1,300.00, Deb Loitz \$24.17 for reimbursement of A.N.T.R program and Hall of Fame expenses and US Postal Service \$60.00 annual post office box rental. Grand total of \$10,680.67

Account Balances:

IL Credit Union Savings: \$25.21

IL Credit Union CD: \$10,082.81

IL Credit Union CD: \$5,000.00

NB & T Checking: \$84,303.25

Outstanding Deposits: A.N.T.R. sponsor checks from KishHealth Systems and silent auction items yet to be paid for.

Outstanding Expenses: A.N.T.R. expenses, Krista Mulligan reimbursement for goody bags made for All State students.

On a motion by Jeanne, seconded by Deb the Treasurer's report was approved

5. Music Department
  - a. Augustana Performance
    - The concert came about because Augustana happened to have an open performance date in their schedule. As part of the performance, the group has to have a light meal prior to performing, and a small reception after. There is one former SHS student in the group. Press releases were sent and published in the DeKalb Chronicle, MidWeek. Information was sent to area schools.

- Zabrina Atkins brought a proposal before the group to fund the meal before and the reception after.
- Break down for dinner: Catered by Diann at Tom and Jerry's, Sycamore, Build your own subs, fruit salad (~6.45/person x 70 people), \$451.47 and sturdy paper plates, \$6.69, the remainder of items needed are donated. Total for dinner \$458.16
- Break down for reception ~70 performers and 80 Sycamore student attendees. Cookies ~\$45-50 and Drinks \$25-30 and the remainder of the items donated.
- Total for the reception ~\$70-85
- Request for assistance: \$528.16 to 543.16

On a motion by Lisa, seconded by Jeanne the bylaws were suspended waiving the first reading of the proposal, to the short notice for the performance. The motion passed.

On a motion by Les, seconded by Lisa up to \$600 was budgeted for the meal and reception for the performance.

b. Scott Mertens-Music Department Update.

Augustana Concert 2/20 at 7:00pm

- Jan 24, SHS Jazz Band at The House, 3:00PM
- Feb 22, SMS Choir
- Feb 23, NI Big 12 Band, Rochelle High School
- Feb 24-27, ACDA Regional - Mary Flaherty and Lauren Brazeau will be going to the Palmer House in Chicago. They will leave on Wed and come back on Sat.
- Mar 5, IHSA Solo Ensemble, Harvard High School
- Mar 7, Noon, SHS Jazz Band, Farm Bureau
- Mar 8, NI Big 12 Choir, Yorkville HS
- Mar 19, SMS Solo Ensemble, SMS
- Mar 22, SHS Orchestra Concert
- Mar 22 there will be a take out dinner fundraiser for the Orchestra/Choir trip to Nashville. Ken Tonaki and Drayton Eggleston are trying to set up an area for folks to eat prior to the Orchestra Concert that evening. More details to follow.
- Mar 23, SHS Band Concert
- Thanks for ANTR; the students had a great time.
- The students are using Spartan Stretch time to practice.

Going forward. Tues Feb 23 there will be a Sycamore School District Budget hearing at SMS. There will probably be cuts to music; Scott sent a letter of concern to the Superintendent for the Board Meeting. One of the potential cuts would be the after school orchestra/band practices for the elementary school students. The district is looking at 5.6 non-core cuts with the possibility of 5.6 FTE teachers. There is only one non-performance music course at SHS and one day of elementary general music in the district.

6. Promote Sycamore Music Boosters

- A great deal of publicity for ANTR was sent prior to Feb 13. A follow up letter to the editor thanking everyone was sent.
- Scholarship press release was sent about the opening of the applications.
- Hall of Fame nominations for next year (Spring 2017).
- The MidWeek had the article about the Augustana Band concert.
- Deb brought up that while the All-State musicians were in Peoria the Dance Team was in Bloomington for their All-State competition. The Dance team had a send off by the parents, Sycamore Fire, and Police. Is this something we can do for our students in the future?
- NIU Marketing students work with the KSO and other groups around town. Deb was going to check into this to get some help marketing Music Boosters and our activities.
- Stacy Kurowski presented a check for \$732.06 to the Music Boosters from the Valentine's Day craft fair at the VFW in Sycamore. Bob Atkins and Scott Mertens received the check. Stacy (mother of clarinet player) organized the fundraiser, in 2½ weeks time. Some of the vendors donated their food from the concessions to help increase the monetary donation to MB.

- Amy Cuthbert will need to step down from the Craft Fair. Lisa and Kathy Reuter will take over.
7. Fundraisers
    - a. ANTR-Success, the school groups that participated were very good, the food was good and no complaints (except the desire for bigger food plates).
      - Preliminary figures were available; a more detailed report will be available at the wrap up meeting.
      - Most figures fit the preliminary budget with some outstanding checks from raffles and sponsors will be coming.
      - Kris cannot be chair next year and we will have find some one to volunteer.
    - b. Craft Fair-Applications for the vendors will be available in May. Brian might step back from the food a little. Will need a volunteer for help.
    - c. T-shirts-maybe in the spring. K. Mertens will need a check for reimbursement
  8. Hall of Fame.
    - The induction ceremony but a bit too long.
    - Will streamline for next year.
  9. Scholarships
    - \$10,000 for resident and day music camp scholarships.
    - 4 senior scholarships given to one student from band, orchestra, and choir plus one from Kirk Lundbeck
    - One continuing scholarship
    - There was a short discussion regarding the senior scholarships. With so many seniors pursuing music in college from this class (at least 7-8, maybe more) should there be more scholarships? The consensus was that the scholarships should be competitive among those that apply.
  10. Elections May 2016 –
    - a. no committee chosen
  11. Next general meeting March 17, 2016.

On a motion by Jeanne, seconded by Lisa, the meeting was adjourned.