

Sycamore Music Boosters

January 15, 2015

In attendance: Madelyn Anderson, Lisa Smith, Les Hecht, Janet Olson, Tom Petit, Cathy Lohse, Amy Cuthbert, Scott Mertens, Kristine Mertens, Peggy Diemer, Ken Olson, Kathy Reuter, Deb Loitz, Kristen Selig, Lisa Miller, Bob Atkins, Terri Goodman, Brian Kowalski

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

2. Approval of the Agenda –On motion by Madelyn, seconded by Bob. The agenda was approved.
3. Approval of the Minutes from the Nov 2014, on a motion by Lisa Smith, seconded by Deb the minutes were approved.
4. Treasurers Report – November 21, 2014-January 14, 2015.
Notes: The budget meeting was held in December and changes were made based on last years budget. There are outstanding invoices from 2014 that will be billed in 2015 from the music department. Items ordered have either just recently arrived or are yet to be shipped and billed by the school district. A \$5,000 transfer was made from the checking account to IllinoisCommunityCredit Union. The existing \$5,000 CD and transfer were combined to a higher yield CD. Previous CD was at rate of 0.030% and new 24 month CD is a 0.75%
 - a. Deposits: Other income \$827.00, \$10 late craft fair parent donation, interest income \$5.14 and ANTR ticket sales \$250 and sponsors \$2,400. Total Checking account deposits: \$3,492.14. Illinois Credit Union CD: \$3.80 interest income.
 - Expenses: Craft Fair expenses to Sycamore School District \$1800.00 for facility use, (this is down from previous years, this figure will be double checked), \$61.81 to Amy Cuthbert for supplies reimbursement and \$140.00 to Orange Peel Gazette for advertising. ANTR expenses Leprint Printing services \$149.75; Chocolate Shivers \$575.00 and MVP's bartending services \$300.00. Also paid to Sycamore School District \$8,326 for craft fair mailing, band trailer supplies, KSO concert transportation, uniforms, and music department instruments and supplies. Total Expenses \$11,353.55
 - Account Balances:
 - IL Credit Unions Savings: \$25.21
 - IL Credit Union CD: \$10,007.70
 - NB&T Checking: \$71,392.59

Outstanding deposits and expenses: Deposits from ANTR event. Expenses outstanding will be from ANTR and music department purchases from 2014 that have not yet been billed by the school district.

Note: There was a \$5,000 sweep for long term saving. Last year over \$12,000 on the positive side of income over expenses. Some expenses will hit in 2015. Our fundraisers increased and expenses decreased from our planned budget.

On a motion by Bob, seconded by Kathy, the Treasurer's report approved.

A large purchase was discussed at the December budget meeting. The major purchase will be ~\$14,000 for new choral risers at SHS from Wenger. The old ones are in disrepair and the NI Big 12 Choir Festival will be SHS in March. The cost of the risers will be about \$12,000 for 8 sections of 4 step risers. The old risers in good repair will be sent to SMS and to the elementary schools as a travelling set. The current risers at the elementary schools need to lock to one another and quite a few are loose or to not lock properly. A small portion of cost will be used to have the old risers repaired.

On a motion by Kathy/ seconded by Madelyn the large purchase was approved.

5. Peggy handed out a copy of this year's budget, a short discussion followed. A majority of the budget will stay the same. There was an increased projected income for ANTR and an increase in projected expenses for \$2,600 as all costs are going up (such as food and facility).
On a motion by Madelyn seconded by Lisa the budget was approved.

6. Music Department

A. Scott Mertens – Upcoming dates

- Jan 22, concert at DeKalb HS, 7:00pm, DeKalb Jazz band and SHS Symphonic band in preparation for ILMEA concerts in Peoria
- Jan 23, SMS middle students will join the SHS pep band for pizza.
- SHS curriculum night Jan 27. Also the Collage Concert, grades 5/8/SHS Symphonic Band
- Jan 30 SHS Symphonic band has a 9:00am concert time. Mr. Goodman has passes. After the concert there will be exhibits, instrument vendors, food, colleges/universities.
- Feb 2, 6/7 bands
- Feb 5, SMS Choir, 7:30pm
- Mr. Tonaki is working with the Avalon String Quartet (NIU) to start a Chamber Music workshop. This will be similar to the one at UIUC. Students will apply and those accepted will pay a fee of \$120/student in the group. Teachers \$70. If the student don't need lodging it will cost ~\$550.

B. NI Big 12 Choir Festivals at SHS, Tues. March 10th, 2015. On a motion by Tom, seconded by Bob, \$350 for the hospitality suite, and lodging for one of the directors was approved.

C. ILMEA - 17 individual students will go to Peoria on Jan 28. Send off at 3:45pm, SHS Choir room. Mr. Tonaki will get \$50 meal money for each of the students. The SHS Symphonic Band will stop at Avanti's Friday evening in Peoria. All State students will be recognized at the Hall of Fame Induction Feb 14. Letters will be sent inviting the students to the ceremony.

D. Faculty Presentation

Terri Goodman and Brian Kowalski SMS

Brian is a new SMS teacher having taught 10 years in Kaneland.

Choir Program

- 6-8 grades have 120 students in the choir groups. Selected students will perform in the May NCJC music festival.
- Curriculum work with students on ensemble, voice techniques, music theory, note reading, ear training, working with multi styles of music. The students are looking at the music in a larger context with critical thinking and history.
- A new ensemble year Spartan Singers-This is a jazz style group with 26, 6-8 grade students out of 54 who auditioned. This is to help prepare the students for SHS groups. The will be performance of this new group planned.
- Goals- recruitment/retention, there will be concert with the elementary schools, there will be a MS/HS get together for QA about high program. Clinics with MS/HS for music and social events to foster cohesiveness for the groups. Also combine 6-8 grades for a presentation.
- In April students will be going to the Paramount (Aurora, IL) for a matinee performance of Les Mis.
- Working on music literacy with Drayton.
- SMS Musical auditions will be held shortly for "School House Rock".

General Music Program

- Terri-general music, students spend one quarter of the year in general music
- 6th grade general, prepare a listening journal, with different genres, they listen to one song every day and record the time frame, mood, how they feel and what does it remind them of. The students can give suggestions of songs. The songs are on UTube Safe Share (no ads) to allow for make-ups. Students also learn rhythm skills, treble and bass clef and a prelude to piano and keyboard so they know their way around the keyboard. Students in piano lessons can use the time to practice their lessons. Music business, how it works, who makes music and how concert ticket prices work. Music history, American music theatre, viewed a documentary about middle school students putting together a production of "Into the Woods". Generations genre assignment, student received 4 sets of the same questions about music they answer one themselves then have to interview individuals for 3 other generations. Final project the students write up 12-16 songs of their choosing and 5 songs are from the first 5 years of their lives.

- Drayton Eggleston was not present. 7th grade works with music skills with keyboards and guitars, harmonies and note reading, composition and basic chords.
- 8th grade Brian training educated consumers of music, listening, form and structure, music's role in pop culture, cartoons, TV, movies. Non-performing music careers, music therapy, apps for iPods.
- The SEF wants to support middle school music and the MS teachers are writing a grant for 30 iPads, covers, cart, cables, apps for music. The grant will be for \$14,500.

7. ANTR

- Mardra and Reggie Thomas are confirmed. Jazz in Progress will perform during 10:00pm set.
- Volunteer sign up are on sign-up Genius, this can be accessed from the Facebook if you did not receive the email.
- More sponsors are on track.
- Shawn's is set for coffee.
- Shawn's, Riccardis, Carefree Flowers and SHS are selling tickets.
- Publicity, one press release prior to and after the performance.
- The Bar is set. Food for the backroom is set. Lori and Kris will purchase the rest of the food.
- Marianne passed on the info. The meatballs, venue, chocolate, linens, are all set.
- We will get the coat racks from SHS.
- Will check with Blumen Gardens about heat in the backroom and to see if the back door will shut.
- Cathy has one grant from Kohl's for set up. A second one will be requested for putting the program booklets together.

Meeting Sun., 6:30 at the Selig's house.

8. Hall of Fame- Sat Feb 14, 2:30-4:00 with the reception at the end.

- Paul Marchese, Karl Montzka, and Eric Montzka. Scott will facilitate a set up for instruments and a performance. Madelyn is working on the bios.
- ILMEA All State students will receive certificates. A letter will be set to the All-State students about the reception.
- Janet will help set up the reception.

9. Promotional Activities-

- Work on the video has started. Hunter Thomas (SHS band student) and Amani interviewed alum Sarah Grant. The will interview past students, and alum. Hopefully something will be ready for the Collage Concert.
- The poster has been repaired (pictures fell off) and is ready for the Collage Concert.
- The concert presentation at the Collage Concert will occur between groups.
- There will be program inserts or info on the concert programs.

10. Newsletter/PR/website/social media-

- Deb sent articles about ANTR, the trailer, and joint SHS/DHS concert.
- Also a public service announcement was put together.
- Glenna sent out the newsletter

12. Craft Fair-no report

13. Smaller Fundraisers-We will try and get a day and time for Culvers in the late spring.

14. Scholarship Program-forms are updated and will send to Jen McCormick for the website

15. Nominating Committee for up coming elections to be formed. Election for Treasurer and Scholarship Chair in May.

16. Next general meeting, February 19, 2015. On a motion by Bob, seconded by Lisa. The meeting was adjourned.