

## Sycamore Music Boosters

March 19, 2015

In attendance: Ken Olson, Bob Atkins, Lisa Smith, Amy Cuthbert, Jeanne Flaherty, Peggy Diemer, Kathy Reuter, Scott Mertens, Les Hecht

President Ken Olson welcomed everyone to the meeting. A thank you note from Brent Brancato was passed around the table.

2. Approval of the Agenda –On motion by Bob, seconded by Lisa. The agenda was approved.
3. Approval of the Minutes from the Feb 2015, on a motion by Jeanne, seconded by Bob the minutes were approved.
4. Treasurers Report – February 20-March 19, 2015.
  - Deposits: \$1.73 in checking account interest and \$1,000 Kohl’s ANTR and \$1,900 ANTR Silent Auction. Total Deposits \$2,901.73
  - Expenses: Lisa Smith reimbursement for scholarship supplies, \$55.41 Whitman’s-ANTR Tables, \$120.00 Total Expenses \$175.41
  - Account Balances:
    - IL Credit Unions Savings: \$25.21
    - IL Credit Union CD: \$10,007.70
    - NB&T Checking: \$77,814.50
  - Outstanding Expenses: Drayton for the NIU Big 12 Choir Festival and invoices from Sycamore School District
  - ANTR Income \$15,983.00  
Expenses \$3,738.79  
There were a couple of bills paid in 2104  
Total \$12,244.21

On a motion by Bob, seconded by Lisa the Treasurer’s report was approved.

5. Endowment-Ken Olson met with Dan Templin of the DeKalb County Community Foundation. Ken met to determine if we could work with the foundation, as they give grants for educational organizations, arts and music and we would be a good fit. They can also help set up an endowment.
  - For a specific project, Music Boosters could write for a Community grant. We can still write for the Wurlitzer grant for additional money.
  - There would be two cycles of granting Mar 1 and Sept 1 for a Community grant and Wurlitzer Mar 31. We will work toward the Sept 1 Community deadline for a 2016 project.
  - Ken and Dan discussed what it would take the to put together an endowment for Music Boosters. We would need a minimum of \$10,000 and the Community Foundation would disperse 4% each year. Dan worked with the KSO to start an endowment. KSO used the matching grant idea to raise money. Sycamore Education foundation and Sports Boosters both have endowments.
  - Dan will come by a future meeting to explain the situation. We will invite him to the April or May meeting.
6. Music Department
  - Scott Mertens –
    - SMS solo ensemble was good.
    - Upcoming Dates-SHS Band concert tonight at 7:30pm
    - Apr 7, Jazz Band will play at Grand Victorian
    - Apr 9, MS Spring Show at the Middle School
    - Apr 18, IHSA performances by Symphonic Band, Jazz Band and Concert Orchestra, Harvard High School
    - Apr 23, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade Band Concert
    - Apr 24, SMS Talent Show
    - Spring Sing for the Elementary Schools, we will try and play the video at the spring sings

North Grove Apr 13      Southeast Apr 14  
West Apr 16              North Apr 20  
South Prairie Apr 21

- NI Big 12 Choir Festival maybe a little over budget for food but some funds might be obtained from the NI Big 12 Account.
- The music department budget was cut by 6/10 of a person.
- There might be a potential change in the HS curriculum for next year with more intervention and enrichment.

7. ANTR

- No report from the follow up meeting.
- Next year's date, Feb 13, 2016. Blumen Gardens has us penciled in. Hopefully we will have to little more time to turn things around.
- More committee members are needed.
- For next year there might be another musical instrument modification.
- No real complaints
- A short discussion as to whether or not to leave the speakers on the entire time or the change the location of the speakers.

8. Hall of Fame- Madelyn will be chair one more year but she will be training Lisa and Ken Smith for the following year.

9. Promotional Activities-nothing new we will just keep moving along

10. Newsletter/PR/website/social media-

- Deb wrote the community thank you for ANTR.
- Press releases for the Music scholarship announcement, Hall of Fame inductees, the Best of Day students for the Solo/Ensemble at Harvard High School.
- The DeKalb Motors Contest on social media, please vote for Music Boosters.
- Please sign up for the newsletter on the website.
- There was a short discussion about trying to keep a Music Boosters event calendar on the web site.

11. Craft Fair-no report.

- 2015 dates, Oct 23 (set-up), 24, 25 there is no football game that weekend.
- The school will be closed on Friday Oct 23.
- Amy is already getting calls for the applications.
- We will still do a mailing about donations and sign-ups for the parents and kids.

12. Smaller Fundraisers-

- DeKalb Motors.
- Nothing currently planned.
- Culvers requires folks to be there at certain times.
- Maybe we should do another Carmine's fundraiser.

13. Scholarship Program-

- Everything is available on the website for the scholarship applications.
- Applications for scholarships are due April 2, 2015.

14. Senior Recognition

- Senior flowers are \$6 a piece at Hy-Vee.
- Orders for flowers for the seniors should be ready by March 1. We will get the flowers from Hy-Vee again this year.
- Senior awards is the same night was the May 21 Music Booster Meeting. The meeting should be over by the time the ceremony starts.

15. Nominating Committee to organize the upcoming elections for Treasurer and Scholarship Chair in May at the May 21, 2015 Music Booster meeting.

- Janet Olson will create the ballot.
- Please nominate individuals for the positions.

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