

Sycamore Music Boosters

November 19, 2015

In attendance: Ken Olson, Peggy Diemer, Cindy Prebil, Lisa Smith, Scott Mertens, Les Hecht, Kathy Reuter, Deb Loitz, Kristine Mertens, Clare Dempsey, Lisa Miller, and Ken Goodman

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

2. Approval of the Agenda –On motion by Bob, and seconded by Kathy R. The agenda was approved.
3. Approval of the Minutes from Sept 2015-Correction to the Treasurer’s report, Illinois Credit Union CD interest earned \$1.90 instead of \$190.00. On a motion by Lisa, seconded by Kathy R. the corrected minutes were approved.
4. Treasurer’s Report –October 16 – November 19, 2015.
 - Notes: have issued stop payments on the two scholarship checks that were never returned. Will be reissuing a scholarship check to Western Illinois University for \$210.00. A student had switched campus during the summer. The original check issued was cashed and is being refunded. The unsold raffle tickets and \$660 cash for the FMSC-Make a Difference DKC fundraiser have been turned in, we should receive a check in the near future for participating (MB should make ~\$264). We received a check for \$6,400 from the DeKalb Count Community Foundation. It is the Wurlitzer grant money to purchase a sousaphone.
 - Deposits and credit to expenses: The majority is from the craft fair. Admissions: \$10,050.50, Vendor booth rental \$4,140.00, concessions \$6,314.51, donations \$1,912.00, pie sales 636.00, CD sales \$25.00 (MB portion), window cling on sales \$95.00, \$3000 return of working funds for craft fair, NB&T band interest earned \$1.90 and DeKalb County Community Foundation \$6,400.00.
 - Expenses/Checks written \$18,813.39. Breakdown includes working funds of \$3000 for craft fair, \$10,171.72 for contract pay to general manager, vendor concession, volunteer & publicity chairpersons, advertising, disposal services, field house rental, concessions food/soda. Reimbursement of \$150 to vendor for overpayment of booth rental, \$126.50 printing of window clings and \$75.50 for printing of ANTR tickets, SHS musical \$1000, Sycamore school district \$3,455.67 for a 2014 purchase and \$834.00 for the elementary concert at KSO.
 - Account Balances:
 - IL Credit Unions Savings: \$25.21
 - IL Credit Union CD: \$10,063.77
 - NB&T Checking: \$86,887.79
 - Outstanding deposits: FMSC raffle ticket sales.
 - Outstanding Expenses: Pumpkin Fest committee (typically \$1500) and school district invoices (transportation)

On a motion by Kathy R, seconded by Janet the Treasurer’s report was approved.

Comparison of craft fair income/expense

After the Treasurer’s report was approved comparative numbers for the 2015 and the 2014 Craft Fair were given: expenses were down overall, the kitchen was \$1000 lower, profits were close to projection with pre-sales down, as were space rentals were down, cafeteria sales were up \$317, donations were up \$112. Some ideas/ changes were put forth for next year such as better use of Constant Contact, early bird discounts for vendors. There will be a follow up meeting with the date TBA.

5. Music Department

A. Scott Mertens-Music Department Update.

Request for funds was made: SHS/SMS Choral festival with a high school director would take place after school and the two groups would work through dinner.

On a motion by Kathy R, seconded by Bob up to \$400 was allocated for dinner that evening.

- An ILMEA press release about the choral/band concert at DeKalb HS was in the paper.
- Remaining 2015 concert dates were provided
- Jan 19 8th grade and SHS choir
- Jan 21 Collage Concert, with 5th, 8th and HS Symphonic band

Presentation by Lisa Miller and Kristine Mertens

- General music 1 full time faculty/2.6 people see students once a week for 40 minutes; they work on pitch, rhythm meter, and form.
- Starting in Oct every month a composer is researched modern composers and historic composer are researched.

Kristine Mertens works on vocal and singing vs. speaking voice, steady beat and move to finding the beat in music.

- There are 5 different sets of activities the students work on through the year.
 - Pitch, sol, mi, la, these are the first 3 pitches everyone sings, quarter notes and rests
 - Re, do, rhythm, half and whole notes
 - Pentatonic scales, xylophones, canon and syncopation
 - Recorder, reading basic treble clef, add rhythm with sixteenth notes and getting into a practice routine
 - Projects, to tie it all together, harmony modes such as Dorian, major/minor, compound meter such a 6/8
- performance-informance with family members have activities work with the parents
4/5th graders will be in the spring sing at the High School

Lisa Miller works with the choir and extracurricular activity some before and others after school, one time a week for ~45 minutes

- In October had a choir festival w/ Brent Goad
- Groups sang at the Craft Fair
- There will be a big holiday concert with the SMS/SHS with audience participation in December
- Each school will be doing their own thing for the Spring Sing
- During the month of May the choirs sing at nursing homes (part of community service)

- The students in 4/5th grades take general music, also take drum and recorder
- 27 students participated in ILMEA activities for drum, dance, recorder, and sing. There is also a 6th grade option in ukulele that might be explored in the future.
- The State will be rolling out new music standards in Jan/Feb. There may not be too much new requirements to describe music, experience music, evaluate music making and change

6. Promote Sycamore Music Boosters

- Submissions:
 - About ILEMA participants
 - Letter to Chronicle about the Craft Fair
 - Instruments donated from Paul and Marcia Watsons friends
- Starting on ANTR- general info to community, getting the event on calendars, posted will be printed this weekend. Some ads in Environments and Save-the Date.
- There will be a ½ page flyer about music boosters to include with concerts

7. Fundraisers

a. Craft Fair-

- Numbers given in the Treasurer's report
- Brian J. would like to back away from Craft Fair- suggests we get a GFS account, we need to find a new person to replace him
- Committee will have a recap meeting

- Only a few small complaints about the fair
- b. ANTR-
- Bob did get Blumen Gardens to agree to the same rate for the next three years.
 - The program will be Pete Benson and Jazz group at 8:00pm, SHS Jazz at 9:00pm, Todd Donnally a steel drummer from Sycamore at 10:00pm
 - The venue price held steady for three year
 - Basket Committee/sponsor set
 - Tickets are being printed
 - Will charge \$30 a ticket
 - Linens set
 - Bar set-up is set, Jesus (Taxco) will be back
 - Chocolate fountain OK
 - Shawn's in Sycamore will provide the coffee
 - Emails set out for items needed and appeals will be made at the Dec/Jan concerts for the event
- c. T-shirts
- Forms have been sent out
 - They will be available in adults sizes
 - Available the week of Dec 14
8. Hall of Fame
- The extended deadline resulted in the nomination of 4 individuals.
 - There was short discussion on how to get more nominations.
9. All State recognition
- Student leave Wed Jan 27
 - A small send off like 2015 will be held, lockers will decorated and bags will be prepared
 - Recognition ceremony will be the same time as Hall of Fame
 - Deb will promote
10. Scholarships
- A short discussion was held about funding students for Drum Major camp. It was decided that scholarships should be given to first year Drum Majors.
 - On a motion by Lisa and seconded by Bob first year Drum Majors will be given \$600 scholarship to attend camp.
11. Auditorium
- Not forgotten, the architect was coming by and they did mention the auditorium.
12. Elections May 2016 - President, Vice President, and Secretary.
- A nomination committee will be formed and present a slate at the Feb meeting.
13. Budget Committee meeting, Thurs, Dec 17, 2015, Taxco, 6:00pm
14. Next general meeting January 21, 2016.
- On a motion by Bob, seconded by Lisa, the meeting was adjourned.