

Sycamore Music Boosters

September 15, 2016

In attendance: John McBride, Sarah Marsh, Laurie Emmer, Lisa Smith, Deb Loitz, Peggy Diemer, Amy Cuthbert, Kathy Reuter, Cindy Prebil, Kristine Mertens, Scott Mertens, Les Hecht

President Lisa Smith welcomed everyone to the meeting and introductions were made around the table.

2. Approval of the Agenda –On a motion by Sarah Marsh, and seconded by Peggy the agenda was approved.
3. Approval of the Minutes from Aug 18, 2016 - On a motion by Sarah, seconded by Deb the minutes were approved.
4. Treasurer's Report for Aug 19, 2016-September 15, 2016.

Miscellaneous Notes: Received a couple of thank you notes for scholarship awards. I have picked up the Make a Difference DKC raffle tickets that are to be sold at the Craft Fair. There is one outstanding college scholarship check that has not cleared the bank, will need to contact the recipient of the scholarship award.

Deposits: \$13,800.00 from Craft Fair vendors for booth space rental. \$2.06 checking account interest income. Grand total deposits \$13,802.06.

Expenses: Reimbursement to Lisa Smith for \$53.36 picnic meeting food and supplies and \$42.38 in scholarship supplies. \$5,585.69 to Sycamore School District for a bassoon, letters, awards and trophies, \$82.50 to Sycamore PumpkinFest Committee for Craft Fair registration fee and a \$99.00 reimbursement check to Jennifer McCormick for Wordpress (website) annual renewal fee. Total expenses: \$5,861.93

Account Balances:

ICCU Savings: \$25.21

ICCU CD1: \$10,120.48

ICCU CD2: \$5,027.56

First Midwest Bank checking: \$83,422.06

Outstanding Deposits: Craft Fair vendor deposits for booth space

Outstanding Expenses: High School Musical, craft fair expenses, school district billing

Questions, comments or concerns?

On a motion by Kathy, seconded by Sarah, the Treasurer's report was approved

5. Music Department

Scott Mertens-Music Department Update.

- Good start to the year.
- Beginner evenings ~ 100 band and ~75 orchestra, working on schedules
- Eight graders marched at the first football game with the SHS marching band.
- Sept 16, First National Challenge
- Sept 25, Rochelle Field Show, also Paint the Town, looking into getting another day for band members to decorate windows.
- Sept 28, Homecoming Parade.
- Sept 30, Homecoming Football game.
- Oct 8, ILMEA auditions at Huntley Middle School in DeKalb.
- Oct 9, Marengo Field Show.
- Oct 11, SHS Choir concert.
- Oct 13, SHS Orchestra concert.

- Information coming on Madrigals.
 - There are a good number of students for ILMEA auditions.
 - Elementary School choirs started.
 - One school doesn't have a director but the job is posted.
 - The choirs will sing at the Craft Fair during Pumpkin Fest.
 - The choirs will be signing on Veterans Day.
 - There will be a SHS/elementary choir concert in Dec.
 - An application was put in to sing at a Wolves game possibly in March
 - October meeting possible request for funding for the Chicago Trip.
6. Publicity.
- Releases sent about:
 - Hall of Fame applications
 - The orchestra and choir trip to Nashville
 - The Wurlitzer grant
 - Noelle Sharp's donation to Music Boosters
 - Early October to request more vendors for the Craft Fair.
 - The School District's goal is to communicate better by sending a newsletter The Torch. This will be sent three times during the school year. MB will have a short "column" in this newsletter.
 - Deb publishes most of the info on Facebook and she provides information for Spartan TV
 - The Sept newsletter was published and there will be one for October.
 - The website was updated for the Craft Fair, ANTR, tabs for contact for the Board and a Donations tab will be added.
 - Some folks mentioned they receive several Newsletters, Deb will check in to this.
 - An online link to sign-up for the email list will be added to the webpage.
7. Fundraisers
- a. Craft Fair-Wed Oct 26-Sun Oct 30
- There was a question as to whether we were covered by insurance under the school district. Problem solved and we have our insurance certificate.
 - Julie Brannon the vendor chair of the PumpkinFest committee asked about the percentage donated to the committee. This year we budgeted for the usual \$1,500.00 but the standard amount is 10% of the profits. If we are to meet that requirement we will have to rebudget for next year.
 - We will discuss this further at the next meeting; an incremental increase was suggested to take the bite out of the increase.
 - A vendor approached Amy about selling personal protection items (such as pepper spray and concealed carry items). Amy explained that the board at the June meeting discussed this and it was deemed by the board that these items were not appropriate for our show being held in the SHS Field House.
 - Concessions chair Jeff Hecht sent the menu to Cathie and it was approved by the PumpkinFest committee. Jeff reminded Cathie that only shelf stable items may be donated and all other hot/cold food would need to be prepared on site.
 - Vendor applications are doing well. There are still 39 spaces if we rearrange the back row of the field house to match the front row of booths.
 - Each year there have been fewer pies donated. Several ideas were offered to increase the number of donated pies, a raffle for a gift card with each donated pie given a raffle ticket. Perhaps celebrity pies.
- b. ANTR-
- Next meeting Nov 6, 3:00pm, at the Sycamore Public Library.
 - Things are coming along.
- c. Small Fundraisers-
- Mattress folks are coming to the November meeting.
 - Jamrah

- Ollies
- Culvers
- Non-profit day for organizations in DeKalb. There is a \$75 fee and someone will check on any other fees.
- Wurlitzer will award up to \$10,000 if we meet with them ahead of time to discuss the application
- Window clings are \$5.00
- T-shirts/sweatshirts

8. Scholarships

a. Vote on increasing Senior Scholarship amounts

- Senior scholarships have been \$500.00 since 1980. There are 3 senior scholarships (band, choir, orchestra) and 1 from Kirk Lundbeck. At the last meeting there was a discussion to increase the amount of the Music Booster senior scholarships. On a motion by Laurie, seconded by Les was made to increase the funding of the Music Boosters senior scholarships to \$750.00, the motion was passed.
- Kirk agreed to increase his scholarship an equal amount of \$750.
- There was a discussion to change the name of the Camp Scholarship to “grant”.
- Laurie is changing the Camp Grant application to make it shorter.
- After a short discussion a decision was made to keep the statement the students write about going to camp on the application.

9. Hall of Fame – no report

Next general meeting October 20, 2016, 6:00pm SHS Library

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