

Sycamore Music Boosters Meeting

March 20, 2014

In attendance: Ken Olson, Bob Atkins, Les Hecht, Lisa Smith, Scott Mertens, Kathy Reuter, Deb Loitz, Zach Smith, Kristine Mertens, Lisa Miller, Amy Cuthbert, Jan Englum

President Ken Olson welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1. Approval of the Agenda – On a motion by Lisa Smith, seconded by Bob, the agenda was approved.
2. Approval of the Minutes from the February 2014 meeting – On a motion by Kathy, seconded by Deb, the minutes of the February 21, 2014 were approved as corrected. One spelling mistake will be corrected.
3. Bricks Project Proposal – Ken Olson met with Tim Carlson, Tim's Secretary, Mr. Wesley, and the President of the Sycamore Education Foundation in regards to reopening the brick patio project by the fieldhouse. A few years ago, the Music Boosters opted out of paying \$1500 towards the purchase of bricks in order to resell them. Engraved bricks are to be sold for \$100 each, with \$60 returning to the organization for each one sold. We are being asked again to invest \$1500. After much discussion, Ken O. will try to find out more information about the project including how many bricks we would get for \$1500. If we do not invest money, we would be willing to promote the project to music students and families through PR and our website.
4. Treasurer's Report - Ken O. gave Peggy's report. We are waiting on the Kohl's monetary donation. It may be a couple of months before we receive it.

Account Balances:

NB&T Checking: \$68,276.29

IL Credit Union Savings: \$25.21

IL Credit Union CD: \$5,000.08

On a motion by Kathy, seconded by Lisa Smith, the Treasurer's report was approved.

5. Music Department – Scott told of upcoming dates including IHSA organizational contests, Spring Sings, and concerts.

He found out the old marching band uniforms were disposed of without the approval of the school board.

Scott got an estimate from Rondo for a new marching band trailer. The estimate for a 26' x 8.5' trailer and licensing is \$9,155. With artwork or wrap, the total estimate would be about \$12,000. The district would supply a place to store it and would take care of licensing. We will vote on the proposal at the April meeting.

On a motion by Bob, seconded by Deb, we approved last month's request of \$1,250 for the Arts Midwest visiting music groups coming in the Fall and next Spring.

Scott received a message from Brian Carter asking if he would like him to do a clinic in April. The cost would be \$650. He would bring a trio and hold a clinic at the high school and middle school. We will vote on this proposal next month.

6. Vote on request for \$2324.54 for monitor purchase for the auditorium hallway - A request had been presented to us by David Olson last month to fund the cost of a monitor to be placed outside the auditorium. This would allow people to view the concert in the hallway and present information digitally before/after concerts.

Several questions were raised: Who takes care of content being displayed?

Repair responsibility

Does it follow our mission?

Original request was for camera & that goal was met

Could we pay a portion?

On a motion by Lisa Smith, seconded by Deb, we approved offering to partially fund this project with \$1,000.

7. Public Relations/Newsletter/Web – Deb recently submitted articles on scholarship deadlines, Hall of Fame inductees, and ANTR follow-up. She will do PR on the orchestra piece written by Casey Bunge, recently performed by the high school orchestra. Deb put out the newsletter for Glenna.
8. Craft Fair – Ken O. said we need a committee meeting with Kathy Lohse to discuss duties. It will be on April 3rd at 6:30 PM at Cuthbert's house.
Kathy reported an artist has been commissioned for the Wally Thurow statue project. She would like to see the Music Boosters contribute more. A 50/50 raffle was discussed. She will talk to Kathy Countryman/Nicole Stuckert about this.
9. Scholarship program and Senior recognition – Lisa Smith will get the number of senior students and will check on corsages. Ken O. and she will present senior scholarships at recognition night. Some camp scholarship applications are coming in.
10. Music Hall of Fame – The application information is on our website. A call was received about nominating someone.
11. A Note to Remember – Nothing new. The date for next year's event is February 14, 2015.
12. Music Parent Mentoring program – Ken O. wrote an article for the Music Boosters newsletter.
13. Nominating Committee
 - i. Election of President, Vice President, and Secretary in May 2014
The slate will be presented next month.

Next general meeting will be April 17, 2014 at 6:00 PM. The meeting adjourned.