

Band Boosters Meeting Minutes Jan 11, 2022 (Zoom)

I. Amanda Reed, Boosters President, called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.

II. Officer and Committee Reports

A. Amanda gave the President's report. She stated that we need to start thinking about who will fill which roles next year. Some examples of roles/committees that will need to be filled include candy bar sales, 8th grade outreach, and uniforms.

B. Becky McClung gave the fundraising/community development report. We are planning to do the spring flowers fundraiser as we have in the past. Becky is open to hearing new fundraising ideas. She also is looking for someone to assist with the trailer purchase, as the pandemic has made the purchase more challenging. Anyone who has any knowledge of this kind of purchase should reach out to her.

C. Christine Foulke gave the Treasurer's report with comments from Assistant Treasurer Noelle Fox. Christine showed the budget/financial statement over the Zoom screen and reminded the attendees that money was previously allocated to the trailer purchase, equipment purchases, and uniform purchases. Mickey Merritt added that, in addition to the previously discussed uniform purchases, we will also need hats.

D. Mickey presented additional details about uniforms in the uniform committee report. Samples will be sent to the uniform company. Mickey will get information about the cost of hats. Uniforms also need to get picked up for cleaning by Dale Cleaners. This will happen after mid-February as some students will need their uniforms for 5th grade recruiting. Mickey also has the cash from the spats/gloves. Wal Ozello suggested asking the current drum majors for their input. For example, Mickey took in the sleeves for the drum majors because loose sleeves make the baton more difficult to control. Mickey also will ask about the cost of hat boxes because most of the boxes are in bad shape. Amanda thanked Mickey and Kristin Lach for all of their hard work this year. Mr. Redman mentioned the new summer uniforms. Mr. Fessler is still waiting to get the samples. The kids are excited about what they have seen so far.

E. No other officers/committees offered reports this month.

III. Old Business

A. Mr. Fessler followed up on the discussion about instrument fees. He met with the EZ Pay school representative to discuss how an optional payment can be made. One requirement is that some language must be generated by the Boosters and sent out regarding the optional instrument fees for students using school instruments. Katie Petronella will take care of this task and plan for an email to be sent out in July about this. The payment request should remain in EZ Pay for ~1-2 months but then will disappear. The school needs a list of which students should have this listed in EZ Pay. Mr. Fessler will take care of that.

B. Becky asked for assistance with purchasing the trailer. This has stalled somewhat mostly because of the pandemic.

IV. New Business

A. Mr. Fessler mentioned the Cedar Point trip in early May. He asked if there are conflicts with the May 6 and 7 weekend. Mother's Day is May 8, but students will be back May 7. There was

some discussion about finding out when local graduations are, such as Ohio State's. Wal thanked Mr. Fessler and Mr. Redman for all of their efforts this year in a tough situation.

V. Directors' Report.

Mr. Fessler said that the kids are very excited to play. It was disappointing that OSU honor band was canceled. There are some events planned for recruiting fifth graders (Feb 16, some students will travel to the elementary schools; Feb 28, informational night which will likely be at Hastings; 3 nights of fittings, with assistance from Buckeye Brass). The sound panels have been installed in the band room, and it sounds much better: quieter and crisper. New lockers will be installed over spring break.

VI. A motion to adjourn was made and seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 7:49 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Katie Petronella, Communications Manager

Attendance (Zoom):

Amanda Reed, Jane Brown, Todd Fessler, Kolin Redman, Becky McClung, Christine Foulke, Wanda Berk, Noelle Fox, Kate Ozello, Wal Ozello, Doug Burton, Soozie Hamilton, Greg Stevens, Kristin Lach, Mark van Benschoten, Janet Gerkin, Scott McWilliams, Mickey Merritt, Phebe Barrett, Katie Petronella