

## Band Boosters Meeting Minutes Oct 12, 2021

I. The Vice President (Jane Brown) called the meeting to order at approximately 7:05 pm.

II. The minutes were approved from the last meeting.

### III. Officer Reports

A. Amanda Reed (President) was unable to attend. The vice president reported in her absence: She thanked everyone who has been helping out and reminded everyone to continue to check the Signup Genius and sign up as needed, especially for the Tremont spread for nonsenior families.

B. Vice President report: nothing to report

C. Past President report: nothing to report

D. Treasurer/Asst Treasurer report: The Treasurer (Christine Foulke) reported that we have ~\$150,000 in assets. She also stated that the Bleacher Buddy ads have brought in ~\$1800 thanks to Anne Harrison's efforts. Bleacher Buddy sales have been in the \$80-100 range so far. Donut sales are growing. The Boosters will need to make payments for the uniform accessories. Spread costs have not been very high because of family food donations.

E. Communications Manager: nothing to report

F. Travel Manager: In Brian Scheltz's absence, Jane reported that we will need to plan to feed the band for the October 29 playoff game (with the assumption that the game will be at home). Also, we will need to plan for third quarter refreshments. Nov 4 is also the Bandquet prior to the concert. The tentative schedule is 6:00 food/awards, then 7:00 transition time for kids to get into their uniforms, and at 7:30 the concert will begin. A question was raised about ensuring that Mr. Fessler has reserved the concert space. There was additional discussion about the current school policy regarding serving food for banquet-type events. Spencer Smith is the best contact for this. The travel band will play at the Hastings and Jones concerts, Nov 16 and 18, respectively.

G. Fundraising/Community Development report: Becky McClung reported that the 99 Pledges fundraiser has been successful so far. With 10 days left, 37% of kids have donations made in their name. There are also some donors who are not band families. So far, this fundraiser is at ~\$7400. The car wash brought in ~\$3800. There was a discussion about whether the larger donors should get handwritten notes from the President. Becky also reported on the trailer purchase. We have three substantial corporate sponsors which will likely mean we won't have to pay for the trailer although there will be advertising commitments. The trailer that seems to be the best choice is \$10,000 cheaper if it is picked up/purchased in Cleveland. Becky is looking into the logistics for that. Once purchased, we will need to outfit the inside to ensure the proper storage for the band equipment. There was a suggestion to find a future Eagle Scout in need of a project. The senior center may also be a resource for finding people who can help with woodworking. In addition, Mr. Fessler has a wish list of additional items the band needs (sousaphones, mellophones, baritones, drill-writing software, sound system, new folders, metronome, shields for horn players, and saxophone fronts for jazz ensemble. This will be \$19,000-20,000 in total.

E. Senior Night report: Suzanne Smith presented the plans for senior night. The Tremont spread will need to be shifted earlier to ensure seniors and their families can get to the stadium in time. There will be two flowers per family, one for each parent.

F. Uniforms: Mickey Merritt reported that we still need to order 10 uniforms, large gloves, squad leader cords, and new uniform racks. Except for the racks, these purchases have been approved by the Boosters. There was additional discussion about drum major uniforms as new ones need to be ordered as well as hats, although the hat order may be placed after next year's drum majors are chosen.

IV. Old Business: A general question was asked/answered about past traditions to honor loved ones' memories, if there is a connection to our band or other local bands. The Boosters have typically commemorated/assisted in these instances.

V. New Business: There was a motion to buy two new drum major hats. Discussion included the topic of who the drum majors will be. The motion was amended to buy new full uniforms. The motion passed although the hat purchase will wait until the spring. There was a discussion about the playoff games and the need to keep in mind that from week to week we will need to assess the plans for the band. A motion was made to purchase Mr. Fessler's wish list in its entirety. The motion was seconded, and the motion passed. A motion was made to set aside \$1000 for uniform racks with approval coming in the future from the executive board once pricing is determined. The motion was seconded and passed. Wal Ozello gave the rights to the band and band parents to use the photos he has taken of the band. A discussion was revisited about instrument rental fees; this was tabled to next month when the directors are present.

VI. Directors' report: With the directors not in attendance, Jane provided this report. Awards for the Bandquet have been ordered. The travel band will perform at the middle school concerts. Mr. Fessler thanks the parents for their efforts. Clinicians have finished up the marching band sectionals for the season. On Oct 23, 25 students are volunteering at the Mid-Ohio Food Bank. In early November, auditions will be held for the concert bands. Mr. Fessler is waiting on samples for the new summer uniforms.

VII. A motion to adjourn was made and seconded. The motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:15.

Respectfully submitted,  
Katie Petronella, Communications Manager

Attendance:  
Jane Brown  
Wanda Berk  
Katie Petronella  
Noelle Fox  
Greg Stevens  
Suzanne Smith

Christine Foulke  
Wal Ozello  
Scott McWilliams  
Kate Diday  
Shannon deJong  
Doug Burton  
Soozi Cole Hamilton  
Sue Van Benschaten  
Phebe Barrett  
Nancy Stevens