

Clare Band Boosters Meeting

November 12, 2018

Present: Jenni Krause, Tomi Parsons, Sam Joseph, Jen Campbell, Pebbles Adsit, Sharon Middleton, Shari Lowe, and Band Director, Jason Lowe

Meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm by Jenni.

Secretary's Report

Shari had emailed the minutes from the October 2018 meeting to everyone in attendance. **Motion was made by Tomi and seconded by Jenni to approve the minutes from October 8, 2018. All approved. Motion passed.**

Treasurer's Report

Jen stated that the revenue for October was \$19,353.51 which includes the cheesecake deposit. Expenses for October were \$1276.06 which included CMU fee, pizza for Homecoming, Orefice bill, MS Solo and Ensemble, Senior Night, Band Fun night, PMB supplies, and Jazz Band Binders. We sold about 872 cheesecakes with a profit of just over \$6000. The balance in the checking account as of today is \$35,335.65. The savings account balance is \$48.24. Jen is still following up with Cops and Doughnuts about the catering check for NoNO.

President's Report

Jenni emailed a middle school parent and invited him to this meeting. He had contacted her via the band website. She has not heard back from him. Agreed to include him in the minutes that are emailed out.

Director's Report

Jason thought that the Fall Concert went really well. He was pleased with how well all of the kids played. He has been trying different warm-ups with the sixth graders and it has been really helpful. There are only 14 rehearsals before the holiday concert. Veterans Day Assembly went really well with the High School Band last Friday. CMU Instrumental Workshop is this Friday, with 15 students attending. Jason connected with Shar Music in Ann Arbor to look over our string bass because we have a student interested in playing it. All students are now involved in Google Classroom in band and recordings for assessments. Holiday concerts is on Sunday, 12/9 at 2 pm. Jazz Band is playing in the commons during intermission. Jason got an email today from the jazz coordinator at MSU looking for a place to do a concert and workshop on Saturday, 12/8. All they would require is a meal between the workshop and the concert. Jason will talk with the jazz band about this. Jason still needs to order the 4 sousaphone covers.

Old Business

1. Charitable Donation Form

Shared the new form with the group. Jason will include this letter when he sends thank you notes to anyone who gives the Boosters monetary donations.

2. Middle School Polo Shirts

There was a lot of positive feedback about the gray Clare Bands polo shirts for the middle schoolers. Parents and students were very happy with them. Hangin' by a Thread was so amazing to work with as the owner was dealing with a family health issue and still got our order done in time for the concert!

3. Cheesecake Fundraiser

We figure about 872 cheesecakes were ordered with a profit of just over \$6000. We had 3 late orders come in and we got that emailed to Max and Emily's. One order was returned to the student for being 10 days late. Discussed the due date and that there always seem to be late orders. Cheesecakes will be delivered on Monday, 11/19. Orders will be sorted by grade. Tomi will be here sometime after work. Tomi said Emmy had said she could help as well. Sam and Pebbles are also available.

4. CMU Instrumental Workshop on 11/16

Jason said there are 15 students that will be attending this Friday. Boosters already agreed to cover their lunch expenses.

New Business

1. Thank you to our PMB Announcer, Joe Walters

Shari suggested a thank you note and a gift card to Joe for doing all of the announcing for the PMB this season. **Motion made by Tomi and seconded by Shari to purchase a \$50 gift card at Texas Roadhouse for Joe. All approved. Motion passed.**

2. Spirit Wear Order

We think the students are in favor of doing this again. We will try to get the order forms out prior to Christmas with orders coming in the middle of January. Jason will talk with Deana at Hangin' by a Thread. We could keep most of the items the same from last year. A parent suggestion was for a zippered hoodie. We can email out the order form and advertise it on Facebook.

3. Holiday Concert on 12/9 - Refreshments

We will be providing refreshments during intermission of the Holiday Concert while the Jazz Band plays in the commons. We will each bring baked goods and ask for donations via email and Facebook. We also can provide lemonade.

4. Communication with Midland Center for the Arts

Shari received an email from a band parent who works at MCftA. We are now in contact with the Center and they can provide discount tickets for students to various functions. We will continue communicating with them about opportunities for our students. There is an MSO Day of Brass on 1/31 with a festival and a workshop for brass students. Jason will check interest in this with the students.

5. Other

Sam took 2 students to the trombone and trumpet choir at CMU last week. He said it was really good. Tomorrow is the percussion ensemble. Jason said the information about these performances has been up on the slides, but he has not done a great job of promoting it. Sam said there will be other opportunities next semester.

Round Table

We looked at Sam's channel on youtube (Band Dad) and saw the Veterans Day Assembly. He also did videos from band camp. We can all subscribe to the channel. We thanked Sam for being our historian. Tomi will email Kevin from Max and Emily's about the total money due for cheesecakes and get that information to Jen. Shari will put something out on Facebook and email parents about needing to pick up their cheesecake orders on Monday. Jenni said we should communicate with each other about what cookies we will be bringing to the concert. Jenni will do peanut butter. Sharon will do no-bake. Tomi will do snicker-doodles and chocolate chip cookies. Sam and Pebbles will buy cookies and bring them. Jen will make monster cookies. Jenni thanked us for sharing her picture of the band students in NHS on the Clare Bands Facebook page. Jason is sending out a Remind to students that HS Solo and Ensemble registration deadline is Wednesday.

Next Meeting

Our next meeting will be on Monday, December 10 at 7 pm. We may have this meeting at an off-site location to celebrate the holidays.

Information can always be found on the website: cpsbands.weebly.com or like the Clare Bands page on Facebook.

Adjournment

**Motion to adjourn was made by Tomi and seconded by Jenni at 8:32 pm.
All approved. Motion passed.**

Respectfully submitted,
Shari Lowe
Booster Secretary