

Clare Band Boosters Meeting  
November 13, 2017

Present: Jenni Krause, Sharon Middleton, Devin DeLong, Tomi Parsons, Pebbles Adsit, Emmy Krueger, Jennifer Campbell, Stephanie Bell, Shari Lowe, and Band Director, Jason Lowe

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Jenni.

**Secretary's Report**

Shari had emailed the minutes from the October meeting to everyone in attendance. **Motion was made by Emmy and seconded by Tomi to approve the minutes from October, 2017. All approved. Motion passed.**

**Treasurer's Report**

Jim was unable to attend the meeting. He emailed that the amount in the checking account is \$33,903.05. Shari read the email the board received from Jim this afternoon. We will discuss the role of treasurer in new business.

**President's Report**

Jenni reported on the cheesecake fundraiser. There were two rounds of cheesecake orders as there were late orders turned in. We brought in \$15,811. A majority of them overpaid, which helped pay for some orders that were short. Amount due is \$10,864. Our profit is \$4,947. Tomi and Pebbles helped Jenni with the orders. Jenni has two parents for each of the time slots (3-5 and 5-7) to help with cheesecake delivery on Monday, 11/20. Jason will let Jenni know what time they should arrive. Jenni will send out an email and Jason will send out a Remind notice about the pick-up. Jenni made some bank deposits. She also paid some bills that were owed.

**Director's Report**

Jason is trying to address some instrument needs. He has gotten pricing through Herter Music and Marshall Music. The program needs 2 tenor saxophones and a baritone saxophone. He has been looking for used horns on eBay, wanting to purchase a horn and have it repaired, if needed. Jason would like to know if this is okay with the Boosters to purchase horns through eBay. Discussed the difference between horns on eBay versus ones from Amazon. **A motion was made by Pebbles and seconded by Tomi to allow Jason to purchase instruments as needed, up to \$600, not including shipping and to be reimbursed by the Boosters. All approved. Motion passed.** There are 11 rehearsals until the High School concert and 14 rehearsals until the Middle School concert. The Gateway Community Band Concert is on Friday, 12/15. The GCB would like to purchase something for the Clare Bands. Jason is in communication with them about what

that might be. In the last 2 weeks, there have been 3 students who have joined 8th grade band, 1 joined in high school, and potentially 1 or 2 in 6th grade.

## **Old Business**

### 1. Fundraisers

Drive for UR School event - Jason would like to have a few students and Booster members travel to Krapohl Ford to receive their generous check. It has been very difficult to find a time when this can be scheduled. We are tentatively scheduling it for Tuesday, 11/28 sometime after school.

Snap-Raise fundraiser - We collected \$6372 in donations and we will see \$4460 as profit. That should cover 3 marching euphoniums, hopefully.

Cheesecakes - Orders will be delivered on Monday, 11/20. Pick-up will be after school.

### 2. Cleveland Trip 2018

Currently, we have 20 participants. If we do not have any more interested by this Friday, then the trip will be cancelled. Discussed the timing of the trip and the cost of the trip. It may just be individual circumstances that have prevented the participation for this trip. Jason will look at another trip in 2 years.

### 3. PMB Pictures and MB Hats

Jason is not sure if the pictures will happen this year. The scheduling has been very difficult to get all of the students here in uniform. We need to send all of the MB hats back to DeMoulin so that they can be repaired. Almost a third of the hats are broken. Jason or Shari will contact Joe Lutes from DeMoulin about the hat repairs. The repair season is from January through March. Jason discussed the sizing of the marching band uniforms. We may need to get some more jackets. Dennis Ormsbee through Orefice can duplicate the marching band jackets. We may need some of the larger and smaller sizes.

## **New Business**

### 1. High School Concert Uniforms

High School girls were measured for black concert pants so that they will be all uniform, just like the boys. They were ordered through Orefice and have already been delivered. The pants are gender-neutral. Jason will pass out those to the girls during rehearsal this week. The pants can only be temporarily hemmed, preferably with hem tape. Shari and Stephanie will help out Tuesday and Thursday after school this week to make sure the boys are fitted with tux pants and jackets. Jason has already decided that he will have an extra marching band evening rehearsal next year so that we can issue concert uniforms at that time.

## 2. Band Posters

Jen Campbell presented an opportunity to sell posters. The posters are generic band posters that can be sold for \$10 each. The posters are extra ones from Bullock Creek Band program and we would see a profit of \$4 each poster. We could sell them at the concerts. Any ones we do not sell, we can turn them back in. **A motion was made by Tomi and seconded by Jenni to approve getting 50 posters from the Bullock Creek Band Program and asking for a \$10 donation for the poster at the two holiday concerts. All approved. Motion passed.**

## 3. 50/50 Raffle or Popcorn at Concerts

Jason asked to table this. 50/50 Raffle requires a \$5 permit that has to be done through the State of Michigan. We are still researching a popcorn machine. They are not that expensive, however there is a storage issue and a clean-up issue in the bleachers after the concerts.

## 4. Band Spiritwear

Jason is arranging for another Band Spiritwear order similar to the one last year through Hangin' by a Thread. There would be a performance fleece hoodie, the baseball t-shirt, sweatpants, t-shirt, and a baseball hat. We are also looking at a windbreaker and green knit gloves. There is some interest in band parent clothing.

## 5. Instrument Inventory

Discussed this during the director's report. Jason added that there are a number of instruments currently in the band inventory that can be repaired and others that may need to be "recycled." Jason will have some of the high school students go through and make a list of these instruments, after their December concert.

## 6. Treasurer Position

We accepted Jim's resignation through his email to the Booster Board. Discussed the open treasurer position. Jen Campbell has agreed to serve the 2 year term. Shari will talk with Jim about the email account, the online banking account information, and any miscellaneous bank items that can be dropped off with Jason at the school.

**A motion was made by Pebbles and seconded by Stephanie to nominate Jennifer Campbell as Treasurer of the Band Boosters for a 2 year term and serving out the remainder of Jim's term. All approved. Motion passed.**

**A motion was made by Shari and seconded by Tomi to remove Jim Cook, Former Treasurer of the Clare Band Boosters, from the Clare Band Booster Account held at Mercantile Bank and add Jennifer Campbell, newly-elected Treasurer of the Clare Band Boosters, to the Clare Band Booster Account**

**held at Mercantile Bank to take effect 11/14/17. All approved. Motion passed.**

#### 7. Vice-President Position

Discussed the open Vice-President position. Tomi Parsons has agreed to fill this one-year term. Jenni will give Tomi the information about the vice-president gmail account. **A motion was made by Jenni and seconded by Emmy to nominate Tomi Parsons as the Vice-President of the Band Boosters for a one-year term and serving out the remainder of Jenni's term. All approved. Motion passed.**

#### **Round Table**

Jason stated that Tustyn Yarger (a 6th grade band student) will be playing at the Doherty on Friday, 11/17 at 8 pm. He is donating any donations to the Clare Bands program! We are very grateful for his generosity. Pebbles said that we need a new self-inking stamper for the deposits. It should say "For deposit only, Clare Band Boosters," with the account number on it. Jason will look into that.

#### **Next Meeting**

**Our next meeting will be on Monday, December 11 at 7 pm.**

Information can always be found on the website: [cpsbands.weebly.com](http://cpsbands.weebly.com) or like Clare Bands on Facebook.

#### **Adjournment**

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Shari Lowe  
Booster Secretary