

Clare Band Boosters Meeting
December 11, 2017

Present: Jenni Krause, Sharon Middleton, Tomi Parsons, Jennifer Campbell, Stephanie Bell, Amy Allen, Connie Lance, 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 November meeting to everyone in attendance. **Motion was made by Jenni and seconded by Sharon to approve the minutes from November, 2017. All approved. Motion passed.** Discussed the December report to the School Board. Accepted the report.

Treasurer's Report

Jen is still gaining access to the Quickbook information. Jen found old checks, cash, and a check from Notes of New Orleans, which she deposited. Jen is wondering about filing a tax return. She will be checking with Weinlander about a tax return. She hopes to have more information to report at our meeting next month.

President's Report

Jenni reported that she spoke at the high school concert last week. We are thankful for that!

Director's Report

Jason is pleased with how well the high school concert went last week. The jazz band played well at International Night. He received a request from the Chamber of Commerce to have a band/choir play at the Clare Christmas Festival on 12/2. They did not have enough time to prepare for the event this year but would like to put it on the calendar for next year. He sent the official letter of cancellation of the band trip to the travel company. They will send a lump sum to the Clare Band Boosters. We can reimburse the families from there. There is a nominal fee of \$10 per participant for a processing fee. He hopes the Boosters will cover those fees for the families that had signed up. All agreed with that. Jason is gathering information about day trips through this travel company. Jason bought 3 tenor saxophones for under \$600 including shipping. The school is covering the cost of repairs. Two of the horns have already been fixed for about \$160. He also found a $\frac{3}{4}$ size tuba and a baritone saxophone. Tustyn Yarger raised \$1060 by playing his guitar at the Doherty. He raised the money to purchase instruments for the band. Jason is looking at creating a Yarger family scholarship since Tustyn wants to do this annually. The Board agreed with purchasing a Clare Bands hat personalized for Tustyn as a thank you for his generosity.

Old Business

1. Fundraisers - Cheesecakes

We raised about \$4947. We sold the exact same number of cheesecakes as last year. Pick-up of the cheesecakes went really well this year. No mushy cheesecakes and nothing was left over the holiday weekend.

2. Cleveland Trip 2018

Jason sent the official cancellation letter to the company. They will be returning funds to the Clare Band Boosters as soon as possible. Jason will get the names of the participants to Jen so she can issue refund checks to the families. Jason will be exploring day trips for the band. Another trip will be looked at for spring of 2020. Planning for that could start in the spring of 2019.

3. MB Hats

Shari sent an email to Joe Lutes from DeMoulin about the broken hats. He first responded with the option of giving us a UPS label to ship the hats to them. She emailed him back and said that there are too many to ship and would prefer he come to Clare to pick up the hats for repair. We have not received a response back. We have asked the kids to turn in their marching band hats. We have almost all of them. We will be assessing the hats to see exactly which hats need repairs.

4. HS Concert Uniforms

The girls now have their tuxedo pants and wore them at the concert last week. There are still a few sizing issues so Jason will be ordering a few more pairs of pants. The Boosters covered the cost of these pants.

5. Band Posters

Jen sold 7 posters at the high school concert last week. She will be selling them again at the middle school concert tomorrow.

6. Band Spiritwear

There were quite a few orders for the spiritwear, including many 6th graders. Most students followed the deadline for the orders. The orders should be ready sometime early next week.

7. Instrument Inventory

Jason purchased 3 tenor saxophones, a baritone saxophone, and a $\frac{3}{4}$ size tuba. A trumpet, open-hole flute, and an alto saxophone have been donated to the program this year.

New Business

1. Notes of New Orleans

Jason passed out the school package event prices from The Venue. We will have to check the numbers from last year. Jason wants to find out if we will have access to the upstairs this year. He wants to have the band and places to sit upstairs with all of the food downstairs. He plans on meeting with them soon. We will also talk with Cops and Doughnuts about catering this event. We are penciled in for Friday, 4/13/18. They will want a deposit soon to secure the date. Shari and Sharon are co-chairpersons for this fundraiser.

Round Table

Jason added that the two events for Middle School Solo & Ensemble Festival earned first division ratings. The Boosters supported them by paying for their registration fees. There are 10 events registered for High School Solo & Ensemble Festival in February. Shari will be talking at the Middle School Concert tomorrow night.

Next Meeting

Our next meeting will be on Monday, January 8 at 7 pm.

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

Adjournment

**Motion to adjourn was made by Tomi and seconded by Jenni at 7:58 pm.
All approved. Motion passed.**

Respectfully submitted,
Shari Lowe
Booster Secretary