

Clare Band Boosters Meeting

March 11, 2019

Present: Tomi Parsons, Sam Joseph, Alisa Joseph, Pebbles Adsit, Sharon Middleton, Sherry Camp, Jen Campbell, Emmy Krueger, Amy Allen, Lori Palmer, Stephanie Bell, Shari Lowe, Student-Teacher, Dana Molands, and Band Director, Jason Lowe

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

Secretary's Report

Shari had emailed the minutes from the February 2019 meeting to everyone in attendance. **Motion was made by Tomi and seconded by Jen to approve the minutes from February 11, 2019. All approved. Motion passed.** Discussed who will be attending the School Board meeting this month to give a verbal report. Senior Drum Major Caleb Camp has agreed to attend and update the school board. Shari will give him highlights to share with the board.

Treasurer's Report

Jen reported that the balance in the checking account as of today is \$20,010.94. The savings account balance is \$48.24. Total revenue for February was \$1987.00, mostly from Spirit Wear. Expenses for the month were \$1170.47, including equipment, all-star band lodging, and clinicians. Jen sent in the final payment to the Venue for NoNO. She put down a deposit for the catering with the Dairy Phil.

President's Report

Jenni was ill and not at the meeting. Tomi reported that Jenni had found some ideas at MFCU for investment options. Tomi will email the information to the Booster Board.

Director's Report

Jason stated that he still needs to meet with the business administration about the money in the band school activity account and how to turn it into a restricted account to protect the money that is being saved for uniforms. He is happy with how Festival went for the middle school bands and the high school band. He was very pleased with the results in sight reading (2 for 7th grade, 1 for both 8th grade and high school band). He was aware of the nerves of being on stage with the middle school bands. Discussed the results from the high school band and how some of his colleagues have shared with him that with any other judging panel, the group would have gotten a 1 rating rather than a 2. Discussed how judging occurs at band festival. Jason is very proud of how the bands performed. Parents discussed how the students are proud too, but frustrated with the judges.

Old Business

1. Notes of New Orleans

Discussed adding cheesy potatoes to the menu so the cost per plate is \$6.75 with a total catering cost of \$1012.50. Discussed the donation spreadsheet. Joe Walters from CFX has agreed to MC the event again this year. Shari bought 50/50 raffle tickets. Pebbles has taken care of the raffle license so we should be receiving that soon. Showed everyone the ticket design. Jackie Randall has agreed to print the flyers and the tickets. We have catered 150 meals, we will have Jackie print up 150 tickets. If we sell all of the tickets, we can give pizza to the jazz band kids, especially if Jason has the middle school jazz band play. Student baskets will be divided into High School and Middle School. Shari will be sending out an email to the families about this. Discussed having the students write the thank you cards after the event. Jason is looking at getting colored floor lights for the event.

2. Clinic with Wayne State University

Damien Crutcher is the Interim Director of Bands at WSU. Jason is in contact with him about scheduling a day for our bands to go to WSU for a clinic. He is looking at going on a weekday the week after NoNO. WSU may help cover the cost of bussing. There also could be a visit to the DIA.

3. Bear Claw Bag Fundraiser

Discussed the at-cost price of the bags and what we want to price the bags at to sell. Decided the 16 gallon bags will be \$15, the 30 gallon bags will be \$15, and the 33 gallon bags will be \$30. Decided that the sale dates will be next Monday, 3/18 - Wednesday 4/3. Delivery is usually about 2 weeks after that.

New Business

1. St. Patrick's Day Parade and MB Uniform Turn-In

There will be quite a few students that will not be able to participate in the parade. Some high school students will be at BPA and Quiz Bowl and some middle school students will be at Delta Math. Students should arrive around 11:00 am. Any middle school students that wish to participate will just wear Clare Bands clothing. Jason will order the pizza on Thursday from Buccilli's. We usually order 8 cheese and 8 pepperoni. Shari and Jen will pick up the pizza on Saturday. Jason will sign out the cafeteria from 12-2. Shari will check the paper plates and napkins in the Booster closet. We need 2 kids to carry the banner. Discussed the marching band uniform turn in. Shari will send out an email to families and post it on Facebook. We will have the carts in the Commons and will stack the hat boxes. After the parade, students need to assemble their uniform on the hanger and in their garment bags in order to put them on the cart. They also need to stack their hat boxes.

2. 2020 Trip Meeting

Discussed the trip itinerary to Gatlinburg that Jason handed out. Dates would be from 4/16-4/19 due to the Smoky Mountain Music Festival that we would

participate in. The cost would be \$740. All payments would be online. The purpose of any trip he takes is to provide an educational and musical experience, not to provide a vacation for students. Boosters are supportive of this trip. Discussed having a trip meeting on Tuesday, 4/2. Amy and Lori remember taking a trip with Clare bands when they attended. Mr. Feneley had everyone attend and there was a lot of fundraising. Discussed how we can not force everyone to go on the trip, but if someone was in need of help paying for the trip, the Boosters could offer a scholarship.

3. Other - None.

Round Table

Shari thanked Sam and Alisa for the awesome photos they took at the Pre-Festival Concert and at Festival. The photos have been published on Facebook and have been a big hit with families. Sam suggested a photo yearbook and maybe line the hallway with photos of the seniors. Alisa would like to take pictures of the marching band in the fall. Shari also said that Tustyn Yarger had a great evening at Timeout Tavern and donated \$1000 to the Clare Band! Alisa stressed the importance of having the students hand write thank you notes after NoNO. She is willing to come in and help them with this task. Sam stated that the Gateway Band Concert is this Thursday, 3/14 at 7:30 pm. Their french horns are looking for more reflectors. Jason found more for them. Pebbles has agreed to take over the Booster President role next year from Jenni! Hooray! Emmy said we could do another group photo at NoNO and include those in the thank you cards. Dana thanked the parents for the opportunity to teach and work with their kids! We all thanked Dana! Jason stated that Dana also works with Zach VanderGraaff at the primary school. Jason emailed Jim Walter, the superintendent, about starting a dialogue about facility improvements, specifically a performing arts center.

Next Meeting

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

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

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn was made by Tomi and seconded by Jen at 9:10 pm. All approved. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Shari Lowe
Booster Secretary