

Clare Band Boosters Meeting
March 12, 2018

Present: Jenni Krause, Sharon Middleton, Tomi Parsons, Jennifer Campbell, Emmy Krueger, Sam Joseph, Stephanie Bell, Kevin Schutte, Shari Lowe, and Band Director, Jason Lowe

Meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm by Jenni.

Secretary's Report

Shari had emailed the minutes from the February 2018 meeting to everyone in attendance. Discussed ways to publicize the minutes. Agreed to post a link on Facebook to the pdf of the minutes on the website. **Motion was made by Tomi and seconded by Sharon to approve the minutes from February 12, 2018. All approved. Motion passed.**

Treasurer's Report

Jen stated that expenses for the last month were \$1270 (includes the deposit for NoNO) and deposits were \$198. The balance in the checking account is \$23,976.86. Harrison and Newman CPA debited our account for \$160. She is looking into what this was for. Jen took the bill to renew the PO box for the Boosters.

President's Report

Jenni has contacted various businesses for donations for NoNO. She will also report in Old and New Business.

Director's Report

Jason introduced the CMU teacher intern, Kevin Schutte. Kevin will be covering Jason's shift at State Solo & Ensemble Festival on Saturday, because Jason will be with the marching band for the St. Patrick's Day Parade. Everything went well with Festival with all three bands. The High School band was very close to a first division. Jason talked with the kids about their behavior on stage as well as off stage. Jason and Kevin worked in the sight-reading room at Festival on Saturday. Tomorrow the kids will begin working on Irish music for the St. Patrick's Day Parade. Jason has invited any 8th graders to march with the band. MSBOA Jazz Festival is on March 20 at 3 pm at Mt. Pleasant High School. Jason is discussing the idea of an auditorium with whomever will listen. His angle is needing/building a

new gym and converting the old gym into an auditorium. Discussion ensued. If there is a committee for this, there will need to be a representative from the Booster group.

Old Business

1. Notes of New Orleans

Shari can update the spreadsheet as we go. Please email her the information. More information packets are available to distribute to businesses. Jenni and Tomi will attend the School Board meeting on 3/19 and give out the free tickets to the board members. They will also bring band members with them. Jason contacted the art teacher tonight about the student design for the tickets. It is still not completed even though the deadline was the end of February. We need the tickets done as soon as possible. The student was tweaking the design but has not gotten back to Jason yet. Jackie Randall will be printing up the tickets for us again this year. Discussed that when we do receive the tickets, that Jazz Band families have first dibs on them. We did not know that historically that was the case and we made a mistake by not doing that last year. Jason will talk with students about signing up to help serve and clean at the event. Discussed the idea of gift baskets from the four Houses (Air, Earth, Fire, Water) as silent auction items. We will ask for \$5 per students. There are about 45 students/house. If 20 students donate, then that would be \$100 to buy items for each gift basket. Shari will email this information to the families. The MC for the event is Joe Walters who works for CFX and is a former student of Jason's. Shari will create a Facebook Page for the event. We can advertise the businesses that have donated for the event. Discussed the idea of having a card reader on a smart phone to accept credit cards at NoNo and future events for the band (ex. Marching Band fees). Discussed the square reader for \$49 from squareup.com. **Made a motion to purchase the square reader for \$49 from squareup.com by Stephanie and seconded by Jenni. All approved. Motion passed.**

2. 2018 District 9 Marching Band Showcase

Sometime next week, Jason will be finalizing the band schedule for next year with Lisa Burns. He also discussed with Lisa the concessions for this event. She said we would have to staff it. Jason said that we would need compensation for that. Lisa said to talk with Sports Boosters about that. Jenni will contact the Sports Boosters president about concessions for this event.

New Business

1. St. Patrick's Day Parade

Jason will get a list of those students who are marching and we will pull out those hats from the uniform closet. The Boosters bought pizza for the students last year after the parade. Jason can order it from Buccilli's and Jen will pick it up. She'll just need to know the time. We will need raincoats due to the weather. Jason and Shari will pick up the extras from over at the stadium this week. Students report at 10:45 on Saturday. New marchers will report at 10:30.

2. Update on Devin

Jenni stated that everything went well with the surgery. He came home yesterday. We would like to arrange a few meals to take over to their family. Jenni said that it would be helpful to make it in a disposable pan so they don't need to worry about any dishes. If anyone is interested in helping, please arrange it with Jenni.

Round Table

Emmy suggested that if we have a poster that could be signed by the students at NoNO, then we could give those to the Venue and Cops and Doughnuts for all of their help. Emmy will take a picture that night of the kids involved. She can get a bunch printed up and we can include those with the thank you notes for the businesses. Sharon talked with Buffalo Wild Wings and they are donating a silent auction item. They also suggested a fundraiser from them. We pick the date and they would donate 20% of food/beverage purchases for that given day. This is a great fundraiser for the fall. Sharon also asked about Jazz Band for next year. Jason said there was some administration concern about it being zero hour, but Jason thinks it will still be zero hour for next year. None of his current students could take it during the school day and it would end up excluding Freshman and 8th graders. He thinks there is an issue with dual-enrolled students and credits. Sam asked if the recording from the concert was good. Jason and Kevin both said that the Pre-Festival Concert recording was way better than the one they received from Festival. Sam also said that Robotics is now a class for next year, and he is worried that it will compete with band, especially since Freshman can choose only one elective. It seems that students can still be part of the Robotics club, just not sign up for the class that year. Shari stated that Gateway Community Band and Community

Chorus Concert is this Thursday, 3/15 at 7:30 pm in the High School Gym. It's free! Jenni would like a list of chaperones from Festival so that she can send an email to thank them. She asked if a student needs to be in Symphonic Band if they want to be in Jazz Band. Both Jason and Kevin said yes. An exception would be piano and guitar players since those instruments are not part of a Symphonic Band. Jenni also asked if it is possible to have a discounted fee for families. Discussion ensued. There does not seem to be any fees that we are making money on. In fact, most fees the Boosters charge, we are subsidizing portions of. Agreed that a family can write a letter to Jason and he would bring it to the Boosters anonymously. This will be decided on a case-by-case basis.

Next Meeting

Our next meeting will be on Monday, April 9 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 Jenni and seconded by Kevin at 8:43 pm. All approved. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Shari Lowe
Booster Secretary