

Clare Band Boosters Meeting

April 9, 2018

Present: Jenni Krause, Sharon Middleton, Tomi Parsons, Jennifer Campbell, Sam Joseph, Stephanie Bell, Devin DeLong, Emmy Krueger, Kent Randall, Shari Lowe, and Band Director, Jason Lowe

Meeting was called to order at 7:04 pm by Jenni.

Secretary's Report

Shari had emailed the minutes from the March 2018 meeting to everyone in attendance. **Motion was made by Tomi and seconded by Sharon to approve the minutes from March 12, 2018. All approved. Motion passed.** Accepted the April report to the School Board of Education.

Treasurer's Report

Jen stated that expenses for the last month were \$1324 and deposits were \$1655, most of that is from NoNO. The balance in the checking account is \$22,845.91. She still needs to check with Harrison and Newman. She did find out that the \$160 was from past due QuickBooks. We are getting charged \$20 per month for QuickBooks. Discussion ensued about if we need QuickBooks. Jen also renewed the PO Box for the Boosters.

President's Report

Jenni went to the last School Board Meeting and presented them with comp tickets for NoNO. She also brought a few students with her. Caleb Camp explained NoNO and gave them updates on the bands. The Board loved hearing from a student. Kyle Camp was also there to talk to the Board about Jazz Band and Zero Hour. Jenni has her donation items for NoNO. She contacted Shannon Zinser about concessions for the Marching Band Showcase. Shannon will take it to the Sports Boosters and get back with her.

Director's Report

Jason presented a letter from Jason Aylward regarding a short partnership with the Clare Bands for the next school year. See attached letter. Travel expenses would need to be covered from Baltimore, Maryland. Discussion ensued about wanting to make this happen. Jason will move forward with this. Time frame would be late April/early May 2019. Jason reported that things are going well in the band classes. He has been collecting money from the students for the gift baskets for NoNO. It has been a little slow. He will be meeting with Lisa Burns tomorrow regarding the band schedule for next year, including Gateway Band Concerts. He asked everyone

to keep their ear to the ground regarding any/all feedback regarding the upcoming Sunday concert.

Old Business

1. Notes of New Orleans

Jackie is working hard on the placemats. There are 19 businesses on the placemats. We appreciate her help with all of that! Kent will ask Jackie about the certificates for the Event Sponsors and get back with us. The Event Sponsors this year are The Venue, Cops & Doughnuts, 515 Gallery, and McGuire Chevrolet. The timeline for the night will be first jazz set, dinner, the second jazz set, Joe will advertise the silent auction items, then the third jazz set. Silent auction items will be upstairs with the jazz band. Jason said that our MC for the event, Joe Walters is very excited. The auction will close sometime between 8:15 and 8:30 pm. We will use 2 dry erase boards for auction results. We need to number the silent auction items. On the board we will list the item number and the winning ticket number. Sam agreed to record the jazz sets. Jason has a sign-up list for students to help with serving and bussing the tables. Their work shift will be 5:30 - 9:30 pm. Looking for about 10 students. If any student gets tipped, they need to donate that to the band. We need to find out from Morgan when we can get into The Venue. We believe that we have access all day. Jason will have art students there in the morning to paint the windows. We need to check with Morgan about the bartender, the drink menu, and the wi-fi for the square. The jazz set lists and jazz roster will be on the tables. Discussed the percentage of where to begin the bidding on the bid sheets. Agreed to start at 50% of the value of the item. We will advertise that we can accept credit card payments this year. Ticket sales are kind of slow but we are hoping that it picks up. We will have Mercantile check off that the ticket number arrived so we have a count of how many attended. Shari will bring posters for Emmy to have the band members sign for the event sponsors. She will also take a picture of the group that night. Tomi will get metallic sharpies and pens for bid sheets. We can ask Bubba and Ryno to do a live Facebook post that morning while the kids are painting.

2. 2018 District 9 Marching Band Showcase

Jason will have the date ready after talking with Lisa Burns tomorrow. He will have a spring meeting with District 9 and discuss this. The big thing right now is finalizing the concessions with sports boosters.

3. St. Patrick's Day Parade (MB Hats)

We had 100% attendance for the parade, excluding the students that were excused for BPA and Science Olympiad. Jason heard positive comments about the band playing Irish music. We need to have the pizza picked up between 12:15 and 12:30 pm. Volunteers should probably leave to get the pizza as soon as the kids leave. Jason will sign out the cafeteria for the afternoon that day. Timing of having

the kids arrive at 11 am was great. It helps alleviate traffic for the race that happens that morning. All of the fixed marching band hats had plume sockets that were too small for the wire of the plume. We had an adult putting the plumes in and we still had problems with the sockets cracking on top. Shari will contact DeMoulin about this ongoing problem with the hats.

New Business

1. Marching Band Staff

Jason is starting to schedule staff for Marching Band Camp. He has about 8 people lined up to help that week. Their pay will be commensurate with others in the area. July 30 - August 3 is band camp this year.

Round Table

Sam sent out a graph to Jason and Shari about the benefits of being in band. He is concerned about other electives competing with band. Jason will put that as an insert in the concert program. A parent could talk about this at the concert. We could also post it on Facebook. Kent is excited about Friday. Everyone is happy to see Devin here. Devin reported that his surgery went well. It has been 5 weeks and he is feeling better every day! Morgan got back with Jason and we are welcome anytime on Friday. There will be garnished soda drinks. She will get the list to Jason. We are welcome to use their wifi.

Next Meeting

Our next meeting will be on Monday, May 14 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 8:40 pm. All approved. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Shari Lowe
Booster Secretary