

# Clare Band Boosters Meeting

## May 14, 2018

Present: Jenni Krause, Sharon Middleton, Tomi Parsons, Sam Joseph, Emmy Krueger, Shari Lowe, and Band Director, Jason Lowe

Meeting was called to order at 6:02 pm by Jenni.

### **Secretary's Report**

Shari had emailed the minutes from the April 2018 meeting to everyone in attendance. **Motion was made by Tomi and seconded by Sharon to approve the minutes from April 9, 2018. All approved. Motion passed.**

### **Treasurer's Report**

Jen's email report stated that expenses for the last month (April) were \$725.98 and revenue was \$6064.57. The revenue for NoNO was \$6060.07 and expenses were \$1438.07 with a net of \$4622.00. The balance in the checking account is \$28,104.50 and in the savings account is \$48.24. We do not think we have paid the bill for catering to Cops and Doughnuts yet, but we will check with Jen so that we can determine our net profit for NoNO. Discussion ensued regarding the large balance in the checking account.

### **President's Report**

Jenni will contact Jen regarding meeting with the bank about options for the balance in the checking account. She will stay in contact with the Sports Boosters regarding the concession stand for the Marching Band Showcase.

### **Director's Report**

Jason said everyone in District 9 is on board with the District 9 Marching Band Showcase and we can extend an invitation to other schools. Sports Boosters will allow us to use the concession stand for the event. Jason has emailed Crystal Vida regarding splitting the profit between Sports Boosters and Band Boosters. The date for the event is Wednesday, September 26. Jason is now President of MSBOA District 9. Jason asked for feedback regarding Festival on a Friday versus on a Saturday for next year. Consensus is that for parents, Saturday is better. Jason asked for feedback on the Sunday concert. Many positive comments were received. There were some mixed reviews as well, such as events encroaching on a Sunday which is family time and that it was a long day for families with young children. Other families wanted to pull their child from the concert due to non-school related sporting events. Jason is thinking that next year's Spring concert will continue to be on a Sunday, especially with the athletic schedule. He is also looking at the possibility of having it on the second Sunday of May, even with it being on Mother's

Day. Another thought would be to have the concert after graduation and have the seniors come back for the concert. Jenni suggested having band parents help with passing out awards at that concert. Jason is looking at purchasing a 6 channel mixer and more recording microphones for the concerts.

### **Old Business**

#### 1. Notes of New Orleans

Thank you notes were distributed. Emmy gave everyone pictures of the jazz band to include in the thank you notes. Discussed Shari's notes on the event. Everyone liked the meal and the garnished sodas. The MC was a great addition this year and we hope Joe Walters can do it again next year. Discussed the comp tickets that were given to the school board and how to handle that next year. Talked about having a mix of round tables and long tables downstairs so that everyone could sit downstairs. The jazz band will remain downstairs to play and the silent auction will be upstairs. A few round tables will be upstairs for the jazz band and student helpers to eat up there. Payment for the silent auction items will happen upstairs. Ticket prices and sponsorship prices should remain the same. Suggested doing Facebook videos during jazz band to advertise the event next year. Asked everyone for any ideas for NoNO to share throughout the year, especially ideas for raffle items. Shari had found some past minutes on NoNO and shared some of the past ticket prices and history of raffle items and silent auction items. Profits for this event has remained steady over the years.

#### 2. 2018 District 9 Marching Band Showcase

See notes under Director's report.

#### 3. MB Hats

Shari still needs to contact DeMoulin regarding the marching band hats and the broken plume sockets. She will report back once she has done this.

#### 4. Marching Band Staff

Kevin Schutte is on board unless he has found a band director job. Zach VanderGraaff will also be returning to work with low brass. Josiah Bear will work with trumpets again. Jenni will check with Mabel to see if she can work with mellophones. Ashley Hayer and Mickey Bertelson will work with percussion. Grace Pawluszka will work with saxes. Rachel Robinson will work with color guard. Student leadership positions will be set soon. Drum Major auditions are this Thursday. Color guard captain will be decided next week. Parent helpers will be needed the week of band camp, 8 am - 5 pm.

### **New Business**

#### 1. Memorial Day Parade

Sharon can bring 3 tables, anyone else can bring tables as well. Tomi will get condiments and can bring her cooler. Shari will double-check the paper products. Jenni will buy hot dogs and buns for about 100. Shari will share notes from the parade to the Booster folder. Shari will send out email to families and post it on Facebook a week before.

#### 2. Michigan's Adventure

Jason spoke with Owen Malson about taking the band to Michigan's Adventure on Tuesday, June 5. Buses will be available then. Jason has filled out the paperwork and will pass it out to students this week. He will invite incoming 8th graders who march in the Memorial Day Parade and PMB members 2017 and 2018. **Motion made by Tomi and seconded by Jenni to offset the group rate of \$25 by \$5 per student, so the student cost would be \$20. All approved. Motion passed.**

#### 3. Marching Band Uniforms

Jason has asked the PMB to return their marching band uniforms this week so that they can be cleaned this summer.

#### 4. New Band Parent Information Letter

Discussion regarding Sam's idea about educating parents about supporting their band student. This information will come from the Band Boosters. Asked for everyone to think about ideas for this and give them to Shari. She will start working on a letter for the band families.

#### **Round Table**

Sam showed us some microphone stands without a boom and with a tripod base. Jenni asked about drum majors and having both conduct on both sides of the field.

#### **Next Meeting**

**Our next meeting will be on Monday, June 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 Tomi and seconded by Jenni at 7:16 pm. All approved. Motion passed.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Shari Lowe  
Booster Secretary