

Clare Band Boosters Meeting

May 6, 2019

Present: Tomi Parsons, Lucas Romatz, Sam Joseph, Alisa Joseph, Sharon Middleton, Jenni Krause, Jen Campbell, Shari Lowe, and Band Director, Jason Lowe

Meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm by Jenni.

Secretary's Report

Shari had emailed the minutes from the April 2019 meeting to everyone in attendance. **Motion was made by Tomi and seconded by Jen to approve the minutes from April 8, 2019. All approved. Motion passed.** Discussed who will provide the verbal report to the School Board this month. Jason will be there to honor the senior band members as well as to present the trip proposal for next year.

Treasurer's Report

Jen reported that the total revenue for April was \$8595.46 made up of Bear Claw Bags and NoNO. Expenses for the month were \$4321.01, including the awards, festival plaques, uniform parts (bow ties/cummerbunds), Bear Claw Bags, and bus fees (that will be reimbursed from Compass Coach). We made almost \$700 from the Bear Claw Bags fundraiser. NoNO profit was \$3372.79. Discussed different savings avenues for the money that is in the Booster account. Scholarships and uniforms would be the designation for this account. Jen will explore rates at Mercantile Bank and follow-up with the information that Jenni shared from Members First Credit Union.

President's Report

Jenni stated that the Chamber of Commerce approached her about the band performing at Summerfest at the end of June. There was a question about the beer tent at this event with the kids performing. She found out that beer would be served after the band performs. A percentage of the proceeds would go to the band program. It would be on June 27. Jenni passed the information onto Jason.

Director's Report

Jason thought NoNO was great and that the band performed really well. He thanked Sam for the recording. He is not sure about them performing in the front corner window. Next year, he thinks they will move to the back where they were last year. The WSU clinic and visit to the DIA went really well. WSU is very interested in doing this again. The students had a great experience playing alongside collegiate musicians. We have 43 students and 17 adults who have expressed interest in the Gatlinburg trip. In regards to Summerfest, Jason has decided to hold off on it this year. He talked with the Chamber this morning. The Chamber wanted "a band". He would have to decide which band would be feasibly

able to participate - jazz band, jazz combo, concert band, marching band. Instrumentation and availability of students is a concern since this is after school is out for the summer. He would like to talk with students about this as a possibility for next year. Clare Pride Day went well. Jazz band played at Golden Pioneer Estates. The band was able to meet with Lloyd Conley, the former Clare Band Director. Discussed the SWOT (strength, weakness, opportunity, and threat) analysis that he did with his high school students. Complacency was the biggest issue that came out of this. Jason spoke with Duane Huff about a leadership opportunity for all of the students that would occur on August 3rd and 4th. This would be right before marching band camp. It would cost \$2500 for the two days, which would include the entire Marching Band (not just leaders), Directors, and Boosters. Students could help raise money for this through community sponsorships. He would need \$500 as a security deposit. **Motion was made by Tomi and seconded by Jenni to approve \$500 for a deposit for this leadership opportunity for the band. All approved. Motion passed.** Jason picked up two shirts as a thank you for Dana Molands. He dropped them off at Hangin' by a Thread to be embroidered. He picked up the senior backpacks. Tomi said she can pick up the year-end awards at Simply Engraving on Friday. Jen said she can pick up the shirts on Friday.

Old Business

1. Notes of New Orleans

Discussed how the event went. Shari sent a letter to Dairy Phil with their donation to the band (discounted meal price and ice cream during marching band camp). Profit from the event was \$3372. 85 tickets were sold. We ended up with about 124 meals (including the 85 patrons, jazz band students, student helpers, and directors). We had paid for 150 meals. Discussed the food. Discussed some pros and cons from this year and potential changes for next year. Thank you to Alisa for having the students write the thank you notes. We still have a few to do and Shari will have Annika write those. Decided to include one of the Heart of Michigan gift cards to Joe Walters for being the MC for the event again. We will also give one to Dana Molands as a thank you for being our student-teacher this year.

2. Clinic with Wayne State University

Discussed in the Director's report. Jason sent a thank you card with the check to Damien Crutcher. Alisa described an organization that is called Returning the Favor. She will send information to Jason.

3. Bear Claw Bag Fundraiser

We have figured out the one error in the orders between two families. The orders were sorted incorrectly. Profit from this fundraiser was about \$700. If we do this again, maybe we create our own order form (that is simpler) and then use Bear Claw Bag's order form to turn in our entire order. We would use the same price point for the bags. If we do this again it will be in late January.

4. Leadership Opportunities

Discussed in the Director's report with Duane Huff coming to conduct a leadership clinic with the band right before marching band camp.

New Business

1. Memorial Day Parade

Shared the information sheet with the group. Sharon agreed to pick up hot dogs and buns for 150 and condiments. Shari will contact the Allen family about using their grill. She will also check on the paper products and bring the warming tray. Jen will bring a cooler and her roaster pan. Jenni will pick up hand sanitizer and wipes. Tomi will bring coolers. We can use the tables from the band room. Jason will invite the 7th and 8th graders. Information will be posted on Facebook. Shari will send out an email.

2. Fundraisers for next year

Tabled until the next meeting.

3. Other

Jason said to spread the word that for PMB, all evening rehearsals will be on Tuesday nights, rather than Wednesday nights. Concerts will all be on Sundays next year.

Round Table

Jen discussed a fundraiser from Kiwanis where there is a monthly raffle. Sharon asked about Michigan Adventure for this year. Jason is not sure how it can happen with the current busing situation with the district and that as of right now, school is in session until June 20. Sam brought up an idea to use Facebook as a way to create a group of District 9 Booster groups. Jason has his District 9 meeting this week and he can suggest this. There could be one member from each school in the Facebook group. This would be a way to share ideas, especially about fundraisers.

Next Meeting

Our next meeting will be on Monday, June 10 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 9:11 pm. All approved. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Shari Lowe
Booster Secretary