

## Clare Band Boosters Meeting June 12, 2018

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

Meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm by Jenni.

### **Secretary's Report**

Shari had emailed the minutes from the May 2018 meeting to everyone in attendance. **Motion was made by Tomi and seconded by Sharon to approve the minutes from May 14, 2018. All approved. Motion passed.** Shari had emailed the report to the Boosters that is for the School Board. Accepted the report. Jenni will talk about the PMB Demonstration on Friday, August 3 at 4 pm and will invite the school board members to attend.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Jen's email report stated that expenses for the last month (May) were \$1252.05 and revenue was \$30. \$252.05 was for the Dairy Phil for the HS band and \$1000 was the catering bill for Cops and Doughnuts for Notes of New Orleans. Michigan's Adventure expenditure was \$405 which was to offset the cost of the student tickets. Memorial Day Picnic was \$120.33. The balance in the checking account is \$28,784.42 and in the savings account is \$48.24. Jen checked on QuickBooks with Harrison and Newman. Jen does not see the need to spend \$240 per year for QuickBooks. **Motion was made by Tomi and seconded by Shari to cancel the contract with Harrison and Newman with regard to QuickBooks. All approved. Motion passed.** Jenni and Jen discussed options with Mercantile Bank. An option would be a CD as a short-term investment but the interest rates are not great. A 12 month CD would have an interest rate of 1%. On a balance of \$20,000, it would earn us \$200. The names on the CD would be whoever is named on the Clare Bands Account. Discussed the money earned on a CD could be used as a scholarship.

### **President's Report**

Jenni shared information in the Treasurer's Report with Jen and Mercantile Bank.

### **Director's Report**

Jason said he spoke with Lisa Burns (Athletic Director) today about sharing the concessions from Sports Boosters for the District 9 MB Showcase. She said that the Sports Boosters will man the event but they will not share the profit from concessions. One idea would be to have them run the event but then the Band will request money from Sports Boosters due to them earning money from a Band

event. There is usually difficulty getting parents to run the concession stand. Would Sports Booster parents volunteer to work an event for the Band? What happens if they do not have volunteers to staff the event? Jason told Lisa there could be upwards of 350 kids so far with the bands that have signed up. Another idea would be to have food and drink available for sale and not use the Sports Boosters resources. Sam suggested selling novelties in the stands to make some money for the band (t-shirts, fidget spinners, etc). Another idea would be to have a donation winner (Clare drum, Farwell drum, etc). All money would be split between the bands. It would add rivalry to the event. Jason also said that beginning band camp is going well. His numbers are down a little bit from last year. He has about 35 students enrolled in 6th grade band. He may need to do more recruiting next year using current 7th and 8th grade students. Marching Band Camp Staff is coming together. Jason suggested we might do Bear Claw bags as a fundraiser in the fall. We also have Sharon's idea of the percentage day with Buffalo Wild Wings.

### **Old Business**

#### 1. 2018 District 9 Marching Band Showcase

5 bands (including Clare) have signed up so far. Jason is reminding other band directors that this is not a competition. Jason is securing clinicians still.

#### 2. MB Hats

Discussed Shari's email conversation with Michael from DeMoulin. She sent pictures of the different plume sockets. She has asked DeMoulin to extend the warranty on the hats. Everyone is ok with that request.

#### 3. Marching Band Uniforms

Jen and Shari went through the MB uniforms to inventory them before sending them out for cleaning. We are missing 5 uniforms from students. They have been notified that the uniforms need to be returned ASAP. If they do not return them, they are responsible for the dry-cleaning. Also, we have not gotten many tux jackets back to be cleaned. We think most of the boys are keeping them for next year. Unfortunately, there are no uniform numbers on the tux jackets or the tux pants. Discussed ways to inventory the concert uniforms. Jason can check with Dennis Ormsbee from Orefice regarding the price of outfitting the boys with new tux jackets and request numbers on the jackets. Mackenzie Bryans is collecting the color guard uniforms and washing them since they do not need to be dry cleaned. Shari contacted City Cleaners in Alma and they are picking up the uniforms on Thursday morning.

#### 4. New Band Parent Information Letter

Jason and Shari are working on the letter. Discussed information to put into the brochure. Shari will email it to the Boosters when it is completed.

## New Business

### 1. Marching Band Camp

It starts on Sunday, 7/29 with uniform distribution. Band week is Monday through Friday from 8 am - 5 pm. We may distribute the uniforms alphabetically, to help with families with multiple children in the program. We will set up the uniforms in the cafeteria in order to have more room. We need 2 at the table (Jen and Shari) right outside the cafeteria. We will have 2 at each cart with a clipboard of uniform inventory. We also need 2 at hats/plumes, 1 at gauntlets/shoes. We need at least 15 people total to help that day. We will have them fill out the papers and pay and then go into the cafeteria to get fitted. The PMB demonstration is Friday, August 3 at 4 pm. The picnic will be held at the cafeteria after the demonstration. Jason will sign it out. Jason is taking care of hiring camp staff for the week. Sam would love to help out with the trombones. We will need 2 parent volunteers for the morning and afternoon each day of band camp. Shari will send out emails to the families in mid-July and post it on Facebook. Snacks and drinks will be provided by the Boosters for the week. Donations will be accepted. Jenni will talk with the fire department and local businesses for donations that week. Dress code will be enforced. We can give families a letter on uniform distribution day regarding appropriate dress for the week. We will also get together when the uniforms come back from the cleaners to put together the uniforms for members from last year.

### 2. Drum Major and Color Guard Camp

Jason will be signing Caleb and Kayla up for CMU's Drum Major Camp that begins on 7/9. The Boosters generally help pay for the cost of this camp. The Boosters give a 40% scholarship which would be \$250 per drum major. **Motion was made by Tomi and seconded by Emmy to pay for the drum major scholarship at a cost of \$250 for each drum major with a total cost of \$500 for the Boosters. All approved. Motion passed.** Both Color Guard captains are unable to attend the CMU camp due to cost. Jason looked into Fred J. Miller camp at Northwood and they are still unable to afford that camp, even though that one was cheaper.

## Round Table

Jason announced that his student-teacher, Kevin Schutte is the new band director with the Whittemore-Prescott school district. Sam said that Amaris' old baritone is not being used and he wants to donate it to the band. Jason is very thankful for that. Sam also shared a potential warm-up for the marching band. Jason showed everyone a baritone bugle that his parents found. He would like to use it as a spirit horn for marching band camp. He might get it engraved for band camp. Jenni discussed the drum majors having maces (signal batons) that they could use for their salute. Jason will price them out. Shari had come across Booster minutes from 2014 and the marching band fees from that year. Total was \$67 with shoes,

\$37 without shoes. Our fees this year were \$55 with shoes, \$30 without shoes. We have actually decreased the MB fees over the last few years.

**Next Meeting**

**Our next meeting will be on Monday, August 13 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 8:50 pm.  
All approved. Motion passed.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Shari Lowe  
Booster Secretary