

Clare Band Boosters Meeting

August 13, 2019

Present: Tomi Parsons, Sam Joseph, Alisa Joseph, Stephanie Bell, Kristina Self, Jen Campbell, Pebbles Adsit, and Shari Lowe. Band Director, Jason Lowe was at PMB rehearsal.

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

Secretary's Report

Shari had emailed the minutes from the June 2019 meeting to everyone in attendance. **Motion was made by Sam and seconded by Tomi to approve the minutes from June 10, 2019. All approved. Motion passed.**

Treasurer's Report

Jen reported that the total revenue for July was \$0. Expenses for the month were \$2913.79 for music, uniform cleaning, awards, and the drone. Names on the bank account at Mercantile Bank still need to be changed for the new president.

President's Report

Pebbles will report in old and new business.

Director's Report

Jason was at the PMB evening rehearsal.

Old Business

1. Fundraisers for the year

Century Resources fundraiser started during Band Camp for trip expenses to be applied evenly to all participants. Jason still needs to contact Evening Post about their Bar-ath-alon fundraiser for the band. That too is for the trip. Trip fundraising money will go into the savings account at Mercantile to keep it separate. We will do Cheesecakes in the fall and NoNO in the spring. Tomi would like to organize a fundraiser as a parent for vendors to sell their business items. She will talk with Jason about this and reach out to her contacts about interest in this. It could be during opening day for hunting weekend.

2. Uniforms (Inventory and Rain Coats)

Uniform fitting went well. It was spaced out well and everything went smoothly. We are thankful for the parent helpers. We found the bibber pants that we thought were missing. They were in the back of the uniform closet, hanging on the top rack. We have fabric labels now to inventory the tuxedo jackets and pants. We can do that before the concert band uniform fitting in October. Students that already have their pants need to bring their pants to check the fit and to get the inventory label. Pebbles will have her sewing machine ready for hemming. The

rain coats need to be cleaned since they were put away after a rainy game last fall. There is some mildew on the coats. Shari will contact Alma Cleaners to see if they could wash all of the coats and what that would cost. **Motion was made by Tomi and seconded by Kristina to have Alma Cleaners wash the rain coats, as long as it is less than \$1000. All approved. Motion passed.**

3. Marching Band Camp

Everything went smoothly. Jason was pleased with his camp staff. The kids did a great job with the two longer days. For the First Aid Kit, we need gloves, tweezers, anti-itch cream, fingernail clippers, ace bandage wrap, and medical tape. Having the Boosters provide the dinner for the two nights was a good idea. We had Subway on Monday and Buccilli's pizza on Thursday. The kids' attitudes were really good this year. The consistency has helped the kids. Discussed how much water and Gatorade we went through at camp. A lot of kids did not bring anything to drink. We need the mini water bottles and mini Gatorade bottles. We can ask families to bring a case of water or Gatorade to the uniform fitting. If not, they will be asked to donate \$5 as a drink fee. We also need to make sure that the water hose fountain on the track needs to be turned on daily. For the ice cream, Dairy Phil only sent one person to scoop. We may need to have another helper to scoop the ice cream. Having them on Thursday worked out well. They may need to come at 12:30, so that lunch time can remain the same. The pictures from the Fire Department were in the Clare County Review on Friday.

New Business

1. Ideas for Boosters

We had a meeting with Duane Huff before band camp as part of the leadership retreat for the students. We brainstormed ideas for the Boosters. We would like to explore revenue outside of the family base for fundraisers, such as businesses. Discussed having a Bingo Night during St. Patrick's Day weekend. We would also like to encourage social gatherings for the middle school and high school parents where there would be no pressure to volunteer with Boosters. We also discussed promoting Band and Band Boosters via a commercial that we could post on social media. We could have a table out in front at meet the teacher night at the middle school, which is 5/21 from 5-7. We could use the marching band banner. Shari will ask Steve Newkirk for permission. Alisa will put together a photo board. Jason needs to talk to Lisa Burns about getting on the 50/50 schedule for a football game. He also needs to talk to Lisa about the concession for the PMB showcase.

2. Gatlinburg Trip

Pebbles agreed to be the trip organizer that can help monitor the payments of the students. Jason needs to get a list to Pebbles of who signed up for the trip. Pebbles can reach out to the families. First payment was due on 8/10. Jason put out information on Facebook with the payment link.

3. Other

We still need to explore options for senior night instead of corsages. An idea was to have green/white/silver cords that they could also wear at graduation. Tomi will talk to the counselor about cord colors and what is available. Alisa would like to get pictures of the sections and individual senior pictures in their marching band uniforms. We can organize a time before the first game where they would need to show up in their uniforms for the pictures.

Round Table

Sam will ask school personnel about flying the drone at a game. Shari said thank you to all of the Booster and parent helpers at band camp.

Next Meeting

Our next meeting will be on Monday, September 9 at 7 pm in the band room.

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 Sam and seconded by Tomi at 8:27 pm. All approved. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Shari Lowe
Booster Secretary