

# Clare Band Boosters Meeting

## August 13, 2018

Present: Jenni Krause, Tomi Parsons, Sam Joseph, Jen Campbell, Emmy Krueger, Pebbles Adsit, Ida Grob, 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 June 2018 meeting to everyone in attendance. **Motion was made by Tomi and seconded by Jenni to approve the minutes from June 12, 2018. All approved. Motion passed.** Discussed the report for the School Board. Accepted the report.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Jen's report is that expenses for June were \$2227.97 which included Michigan's Adventure, Memorial Day, uniform supplies, Drum Major and Color Guard Camps, Awards and Plaques, T-Shirts, and Tuxedo Shirts. Pre-paid expenses for July were \$1513.32 and revenue (donations) was \$225. There was a Marching Band Camp expenditure of \$509.18. Discussed staff fees for camp in previous years and the expenses for staff this year (about \$3500). Jen stopped QuickBooks so we will not have that charge anymore. The balance in the checking account as of today is \$23,491.90 and in the savings account is \$48.24.

### **President's Report**

Jenni submitted 3 different pictures to the Clare County Review from band camp. They showcased the picture with the fire department.

### **Director's Report**

Jason feels that band camp went really well. He was really pleased with student participation. The last count was 88 students. There has been a good turnout for beginning band camp in June and now in August. He is excited for his incoming 6th graders. Jason and Shari picked up 3 marching euphoniums (\$4500 from Boosters) and 2 mellophones (\$2500 from school account), saving the cost of shipping. Retail for those instruments new is \$13,000! By going through Legends Drum Corp we saved around 45%. We also were able to clean them at the Lowe house, saving on that cost as well. Jazz band is officially a zero hour class this year. He has 30 students interested in that class this year! He may end up doing auditions as there are many saxophones interested in jazz band. Jason was very pleased with the leadership training he did with his student leaders this summer.

## **Old Business**

### 1. 2018 District 9 Marching Band Showcase

We are at 7 bands including us signed up so far. Matt Bishop will be one of the clinicians. Jason is waiting to hear back from 2 other clinicians. Jason will send notice to Crystal Vida regarding concessions and sports boosters so that they are prepared for the large number of people at this event (around 400-500 students plus their families).

### 2. MB Hats

Discussed Shari's conversation with Michael from DeMoulin. She sent 3 hats back to the company and DeMoulin acknowledged in a letter that the plume sockets were still cracking, even after their repair. Their letter stated that the warranty will cover any future problems with the hats.

### 3. Marching Band Uniforms

Uniform distribution went well having it from 2-5 on Sunday, the day before band camp. Feedback is that it ran very smoothly. Putting students' uniforms together from the previous year was helpful. Discussed having clipboards in line so that form packets can be completed by students/parents while in line. Cindy Dietsch is donating her seamstress skills for the uniforms. We are very thankful for that! Ida also offered her skills as well! We do want to note that there are 8 pairs of bibbers that went missing in past years. We have posted it on Facebook in the hopes that the community will help locate them. This is the best argument if asked why we issue the entire uniform to the students. We received all of the uniforms last year that were checked out by students. Feedback from one parent is that we may need fans in the cafeteria for air circulation, but having it in the cafeteria was better than being in the band room.

### 4. New Band Parent Information Letter

Jason and Shari are still working on the letter. They will share it with Boosters when it is ready.

### 5. Marching Band Camp

The potluck picnic went well. Boosters provided table service and beverages. 9th and 10th grades provided main dishes, 11th grade was side dishes, and 12th grade was dessert. Having the families drop off food at the cafeteria starting at 3:15 was good. We may need extension cords for all of the crock pots that were used. We are thankful for the businesses that donated: Cops and Doughnuts, Clare Fire Department, and Dairy Phil. We were not aware of any health issues. The kids stayed hydrated, worked hard, learned a lot, and had fun!

### 6. Drum Major and Color Guard Camp

Caleb and Kayla had a great time at CMU's drum major camp. Boosters helped offset the cost of the camp. Both color guard captains were able to attend Fred J. Miller camp at Northwood University. We had an anonymous donor that donated the money for the girls to attend the camp. This was in addition to the Booster scholarship for the girls.

### **New Business**

#### 1. Fundraisers

Ideas for this year include Buffalo Wild Wings percentage day. We will check with Sharon about when we can do this. Tomi said that students can hand out the coupons on the sidewalk as long as they are not on BWW's property. Students would need to be supervised. Jason has a connection with Bear Claw Bags and we would like to do a fundraiser with them this year, possibly in the spring. Bear Claw Bags is donating the rolls of plastic that are being used at the end of the halftime show. We will again do Max and Emily's cheesecakes in the fall. We will need a point person for each fundraiser: cheesecakes, BWW, Bear Claw bags, and NoNO. Shari volunteered to do NoNO again this year. Tomi volunteered to do cheesecakes. Jenni will share the information with Tomi.

#### 2. Other

None

### **Round Table**

Jason and Shari and their kids will be visiting Kevin Schutte at his new school this Thursday to help him get organized. He is re-starting a program after 10 years of not having a band program at the school. Jason is reaching out to the new band director in Alcona as she is brand new to our MSBOA district. There has also been rumblings that Mio may restart their band program. Sam has experienced the trombone, trumpet, euphonium choirs and percussion ensembles performances at CMU. These are free and usually are at the end of the semester. Students may be interested in these events. Sam is willing to help transport students but would need chaperones. Tomi said she could help as well. Jenni said that band camp went really well. Shari would like to thank all of the parents, especially Sam (who was there everyday) who volunteered their time at band camp.

### **Next Meeting**

**Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, September 11 at 7 pm.**

Jason has his District MSBOA meeting on the Monday night.

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 8:10 pm.  
All approved. Motion passed.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Shari Lowe  
Booster Secretary