

# Clare Band Boosters Meeting

## September 12, 2017

Present: Jim Cook, Sharon Middleton, Devin Delong, Tomi Parsons, Pebbles Adsit, Lori Palmer, Sam Joseph, Callie Archbold, Shari Lowe, and Band Director, Jason Lowe

Meeting was called to order at 7:01 by Callie.

### **Secretary's Report**

Shari had emailed the minutes from the August meeting to everyone in attendance.

**Motion was made by Tomi and seconded by Sharon to approve the minutes from August, 2017. All approved. Motion passed.** Another letter was sent out for a NSF check.

### **Treasurer's Report**

See attached report from Jim. Accepted Jim's report. Tomi agreed to help Jim with making deposits to the bank. Discussed having another account that would accrue more interest instead of sitting in the checking account.

### **President's Report**

Callie will report in old and new business.

### **Director's Report**

Jason reported that the first two football games went really well for the marching band. He was very pleased with the joint performance with the Beal City Band. The students have asked for more joint performances. Jason stated that if there are any concerns from community members, please refer them to him. He has had two MSBOA meetings in the last few days. Discussed having a marching band festival in District IX and how Clare could be the host of the event. Jason will put on the website the itinerary for the Marching Aggie Invitational next week. He will need 4 chaperones for the event and he will double-check about who can pull the trailer.

### **Old Business**

#### 1. Uniforms

Some of the hat plume sockets are broken. We have done our best to help secure the plume with gorilla tape for the games. At the end of marching band season, we want our representative from DeMoulin to come here and assess and repair the hats. Jason came up with an idea to have the kids return their plumes after halftime so that we are not trying to collect them after the game. All agreed it was

a great idea. Also discussed how the kids were very polite at the game and cleaned up after themselves after their snack. Jason will contact the principal, Matt Forsberg about having high school students stay away from behind the bleachers where the band stores their cases. Color guard uniforms can be machine washed so there will be no dry-cleaning fee for the guard. Discussed the shoes for the color guard and if they want the more expensive shoes, then they can purchase them since they do not have the dry cleaning fees. Shari will be here after school tomorrow to re-fit some of the students for uniforms that are too small.

## 2. Middle School Uniforms

Jason will put out the order form on Thursday for 7th grade band for the polo shirts. The cost will be \$10 for the student. Boosters will cover \$5 per student for the shirts. The color will be gray with the logo on the left chest. Jason said the 8th graders will continue to use their tuxedo shirts since they already have them. He will have 6th graders wear a white button down shirt and black pants since they have already paid money for their instruments.

## 3. Fundraisers

Drive for UR School event - We have not received an official count from James Yun yet. James mentioned having a Krapohl sign for the trailer. Jason will contact Fussman designs about the sign. In the past, we think that the trailer sponsors were for a certain time frame. But Jason is not worried about that. There is room on the trailer to keep the sponsors sign on there. Jason would like to arrange a time for the band to go to the dealer to play for them as a way to say thank you. **Motion was made to purchase a sign for Krapohl Ford for the trailer by Tomi, seconded by Sharon. All approved. Motion passed.**

Snap-Raise fundraiser - starts next week and will run for two weeks. We can make upwards of 87% on this fundraiser. This is an online fundraiser, like gofundme. Jason would like to earmark this fundraiser for some "newer" used instruments, such as marching euphoniums. Jason has a contact for this through Ed Falls in Gladwin. He is hoping to raise about \$5000 from this fundraiser. There is nothing the Boosters have to do for this fundraiser. The man from Snap-Raise will come to the school to work with the band to develop a video and do the emails for the fundraiser.

Cheesecakes - Jenni is the chairperson. Callie will ask Jenni to contact Max and Emily's to confirm that we are doing the fundraiser again this year. Jenni will talk with Jason about the dates for this fundraiser and get those posted as soon as possible. Pebbles and Tomi are willing to help Jenni count money for this fundraiser.

## 4. Cleveland Trip 2018

Jason received a parent question about when they need to be paid in full for the trip, especially if they do not pay in full until closer to the time of the trip. Jason will check on that but believes there needs to be an initial deposit so that he can check on the instrumentation of the participants. Tomi and Jenni are the group leaders for this trip.

### **New Business**

#### 1. PMB Pictures

Jason would like to arrange for pictures of the marching band outside of the band room and even have someone get on the roof of the school to take a picture. He would like to do it during school so that everyone is in attendance. It should be during the next month so the weather is still good. Jason will talk with Sarah Gray about her availability for this. She took a lot of great pictures at the last football game and posted them on the Clare Bands page on Facebook.

#### 2. PMB Aggie Marching Invitational at Beal City

Jason will post the itinerary on the website. It is next Wednesday, September 20. He will hand out information to the students tomorrow. Callie will send out an email to parents. We need 4 chaperones to ride the bus. Departure is at 4:45 pm. Return time will be around 9 pm. Students need to be here at 4:30. Performance time is at 6 pm. Jason will contact Darren about hauling the trailer. Devin can haul the trailer if needed. Concessions will be available for purchase. Tomi will make sure to bring the extra supplies for the hats, extra gloves, and extra gauntlets.

#### 3. Solo and Ensemble Fees

Jason would like to propose that to increase participation in Solo and Ensemble Festival, that for this year the Boosters cover the cost of registration. It is \$12 for a solo, \$14 for a duet, and then up from there for larger groups. There are high correlations between success in the band with participation in Solo and Ensemble Festival. If it is a solo, then the participant is required to pay for the accompanist. He hopes this would help participation since they will not have to worry about the fee for the festival. If the child decides not to participate after the fee has been paid, then Jason has a form that would require the student to reimburse the Boosters for the fee. This would only be for District Solo and Ensemble festival, not State Solo and Ensemble Festival since that falls on the Saturday of the St. Patrick's Day Parade. Discussed the potential of having Clare eventually host a District Solo and Ensemble Festival. **Motion was made to cover the registration fee for High School and Middle School District Solo and Ensemble Festival for participants by Jim and seconded by Tomi . All approved. Motion passed.**

### **Round Table**

Sam has one 8th grader that plays euphonium and more coming up the line. All brass players! Shari welcomes our new faces and we are glad to see them. Shari

said "thank you" for the flowers that were sent for her father's funeral in July. Callie brought up the idea of buying a popcorn machine. Callie will check out where to purchase one. We could set it up at concerts and sell popcorn for \$0.50 per bag. Discussed having water at the football game. Shari will bring the large water coolers to the game and students can refill their water bottles from the coolers. We can keep the coolers at the storage unit at the field.

### **Next Meeting**

**Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, October 10 at 7 pm.**

Information can always be found on the website: [cpsbands.weebly.com](http://cpsbands.weebly.com)

### **Adjournment**

**Motion to adjourn was made by Sharon and seconded by Tomi at 8:21 pm.  
All approved. Motion passed.**

Respectfully submitted,

Shari Lowe  
Booster Secretary