

Music Boosters meeting minutes 5/3/2011

Moosters 5/3/11 7:00pm-9:13pm

Attendance list : Andy Vetter, Marlene Beckmann, Mark Borden, Denise Okita, Barb Mueller, Kristine Thompson, Donna Watts, Steve Lau, Milt Mashner, Kim Brienzi, Ken Goold, Suzanne Marcellus.

1. Corrections - None

2. Additions to agenda - None

3. Treasurer's report -

Checking \$8,974.02

Savings \$7,914.82

Donation to community band - in memory of Barb Johnson

Community Band and Music Boosters graduation scholarship - 2011 winners were announced

4. QED / Budget Update

budget vote 5/17 - difficult budget cycle across the board - Music cut a .2 position and reduced another full-time position to .8. Music K-12 DIU also gave up some accompanist money, supply money, equipment money, repair money, extra curricular stipends,...

Problems created by reductions in terms of class and teacher schedules are significant. 3 people are out of their areas of expertise as a result. The Music DIU are trying to work with the administration to lessen the problems and improve the resulting teacher assignments and scheduling difficulties.

Meeting pending between teachers and administrators.

Other schools are facing similar challenges as a result of budget cuts.

Q: does Music Boosters support this budget? A: be sure to not lose repair/equipment money's for too long so as to not cripple the program. It sounds like The Music Department was cut appropriately and equitably in balance with other programs and DIUs. Though cuts are not recommended or appreciated, it seems appropriate at the current time in the current climate and with dialogue and input from the music teachers.

Can contingency funds be used to add .2 to address scheduling needs? That may mitigate some of the hardships created by the cuts. It will be brought up with administration.

5. Co-op - provides lessons for interested students privately and camps (piano, jazz,...).

Boosters has taken that money from the lessons and distributed it to the lessons. Monies are large enough that alternate systems are being explored so as to avoid any potential IRS classification issues for Boosters. Milt has explored a not-for-profit arts organization and is finding reasonably priced options. Liability and HFL space fee structures need to be followed and it may well work. The organization would be not-for-profit. Annual revenue is between 20k and 30k making the paperwork not too bad. \$1050 to set up the organization. Insurance quote for 435/yr, software = \$250, stipend for bookkeeper. All told, overhead may be in the 4-5% range.

Music Department meeting on the 18th - discussion on the co-op issue

Art Boosters join the organization? Wait and see?

Set-up time will take the lawyer 1-4 weeks. In time for band camp?

Timing? When can we start the process? Summer programs? We are exhibiting due diligence towards a better option and may be best waiting until we are sure and ready before implementing any major changes.

Proposal : continue programs through Music Boosters during the summer and begin with the new organization on September 1? Yes

Proposal - Boosters is interested in funding a maximum of \$1525 and loan insurance cost of \$435 to be paid at end of 1st year to fund the start of an organization charged with managing lessons and camps offered to HFL students at HFL facilities should the music department approve the change at the meeting on 5/18. (approved with no dissenting votes.)

6. Sound Board Update - system tuning took place last month with great results. Next step will be adding wireless mics and training in the fall for MS and HS students by Applied Audio professionals. We are currently waiting for the bill from AA for tuning and looking for what monies remain.

7. In-House Solo Festival 6/1 - 9th year - largest in-house festival in Monroe County. Scheduling is on-going and adjudicators are confirming. Parent volunteers are needed!!! Please contact Kim Brienzi if you would like to help. Registration table needs 8 volunteers. Andy Vetter agrees to chair any solo festival committees which are in need :). Snack table coordination volunteer?

Independent School students who reside in the district - can / should they register through us? Those who have already registered may perform.

SmartMusic sound system needs/requirements - Kim will check NYSSMA manual for guidelines.

8. Dallas Brass 3/2/2012 (change due to April Break)
\$8500 - grants? (Kristine, Ken), Atlas Music? (Mark), other thoughts?
Scheduling issues being explored. Decision moved to next agenda.

9. Sound Fusions II - Fall '11? Moved to next agenda.

10. Volunteers

Secretary - Dan McCarthy (vote unanimous)
Chair/ President? Dan McCarthy (vote unanimous)
Treasurer? Steve Lau shadow Nancy Middleton

11. Open forum - nothing

12. Next meeting - Tuesday September 27th