

## HF-L Music Booster Minutes

Tuesday, November 17, 2009 7- 8 PM

**Visit the new Music Booster Website:  
<http://www.hflmusic.info/>**

Attending:

Mark Borden; Ken Goold; Suzanne Marcellus; Dan McCarthy; Barb Mueller; Steven Lau; Kim Brienzi; June Santini; Lauri Hofmann; April Mounts; Marlene Beckmann; Nancy Middleton; John Farrell; Cheryl Kelly; Carol Forstrom

Treasurer's Report

Checking: \$3,891.17  
Savings :\$7,866.24

QED/Budget Update

Music Decision Input Unit (DIU) is drafting an Operational Plan through the QED process; some specific goals are an instrumental method book pilot alignment two year plan, an exploration of the attrition rate through surveys and direct feedback from students. To address attrition rate the teachers are planning new bridging activities to help students become familiar with new teachers and a new environment. Also, planning a Darien Lake field trip for performance and play for choruses grades 7-12. Smart goals are measureable and will be featured in our operational plan for 2010-11. A Booster member suggested a guest teaching/conductor scenario so students could see the new teacher and ease the transition. To be considered.

Capital Project

Tuesday, December 8, 2009 9 AM to 9 PM  
More music space at Middle School, a benefit to everyone. More music space for Lima in the second phase of the project. Please vote.

"Skedi" Dinner

Friday, February 5  
Suzanne called and booked Jim Kimball & the Geneseo String Band; discussion about fundraising; June Santini will compose letters and select retailers to get donations; June will not run the event or the fundraising, however. Bread sliced/ bagged salads save times. Pre-sale will be \$6 adult/\$3 student/\$20 family maximum. (At the door price will be \$7 adult/\$4 student/\$24) No refunds will be

given for non attendance. Manor/Middle & HS (Chorus) School students will be asked to donate a dollar. High School (Band) students to donate Skedi and sauce. Volunteers needed for selling tickets. April Mounts and Lauri Hofmann agreed to help sell tickets.

#### Poinsettia Sale

Ann Reifstek & Emily Brinka, Chairs  
(THANKS!!)

Dan will send info to Middle High and Lima for upcoming newsletters. Sales going well according to Ann Riefstek.

All County – Friday, March 12, 2010  
1PM to 6 PM (“ish”)

June Santini will host the hospitality room with home baked goods (sweets and savories) for the **adults**.

Snacks will be sold to students (drinks, etc); we need volunteers to head this Snack Shoppe! We sold Mark’s Pizzeria pizza and it went quickly. Any volunteers? June can help to coordinate. Can students volunteer their time? Nancy will help volunteer and coordinate. Steve Lau; Lauri; Cheryl Kelley; Barb Mueller; Kim Brienzi; and Carol Forstrom; & John Farrell will also volunteer.

Hot Jazz on a Cold Night  
Friday, December 18, 2009  
7 PM to 11 PM  
Westminster Hall and Chapel in Mendon  
No “rain/snow” date

Yes, it’s happening! Ike Sturm, HF-L alum and professional bassist in NY with three other musicians are featured guests; Mendon Foundation is coordinating this effort! Tickets: \$18 for adults; \$15 for seniors and students; Advanced ticket sales will begin soon. Main Hall Capacity: 260; Chapel 60. 100 tickets given to Ken Gould and Mark Borden to help sell. Gabe Condon, HS select choir and HS Jazz Ensemble will also be performing. Any left-over poinsettias to John Farrell for decorating, 4-8 plants. Do we have an alumni database? Can we advertise through this event? Dan will check with Renee Williams.

Sound Systems at MS

Number of microphones? Issues with sound system on weekend performance. What can we do? Is there a tech person? HS sound system is new. It's great. MS District Auditorium is a larger room and hard to fill. We do not have a theater sound person on staff; Eric Waterstraat is excellent but he cannot be available for all practices...feedback happened at the musical. Equipment is capable, but perhaps there needs to be a stipend that can assist in having a sound person for rehearsals as well as for performances. "What do we need to fix this?" asked Renee Williams, assistant Superintendent in a conversation with Mark Borden, Music CARE teacher. There are technical issues which have grown out of recent FCC changes with frequencies for individual lapel microphones like we use... Applied Audio could be a resource for us to help us with training and practices. We will review this in future meetings to see how Music Boosters can assist with this problem.

Outside concert at Lima?

Suzanne Marcellus wondered out loud to see if such a thing was available. An outdoor covered stage was purchased for the Battle of the Bands performance during the summer at Lima. Open discussion...to be continued...

Next Meeting:

Wednesday, January 20, 2010 7 PM HS Chorus Room