

IVC Band Boosters General Board Meeting August 4, 2014

Call to Order: 7:07 pm by President Chris Featherstone

Attendance: Karyn Terpstra, Steve Reginald, Kevin Hying, Beth Hying, Mark Cosner, Cara Encinas, Stacey Streitmatter, Leigh Bowen, Rod Davis, Rhonda Davis, Donna Daly, Karen Fenelon, David Graham, Amy Graham, Katy Fox, Terry Fox, Pam Welch, Lorelei Lawson, Lori Wilhelm, Matt Chapman, Shari Johnson, Deb Stoecker, Alanda Hunt, Lisa Mack, Traci Draper, Debbie Reginald, Chris Featherstone, Kathy Crank, Paul Weber.

Chris opened the meeting by welcoming everyone and introducing the executive board members. She let attendees know they can call on any executive board member at any time with questions, comments or concerns. She stressed we are striving for open communication and asked for ideas and input on ways to improve our communication to parents and students.

Chris asked if all had reviewed the minutes from June and if there was any discussion or corrections. Reminded all that minutes are emailed out and then posted to the web page after they have been approved. Kathy Crank moved to approve June minutes as submitted. Alanda Hunt seconded. Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

TREASURERS REPORT

Steve Reginald reported:

Income Budget \$30,140 current: \$13,732.96 difference: \$(16,407.04)

Expense Budget: \$39,649.60 current: \$16,990.09 difference: \$(22,659.51)

Current Deficit is \$9,500 but we have outstanding receipts of \$3,257

PAYPAL

Steve Reginald reported we have set up a PayPal account and the Donation portion is active on the band web page. It will soon be added to CHARMS for fee payments with auto posting of payments into student accounts.

The challenge is that PayPal charges fees and has a 'click' charge. To cover these fees, a surcharge will be added in the amount of 3.9% which is the "breakeven" point on a \$30 charge. Lower charges have a lower fee but higher charges have higher fee.

On the Donation side the fee is deducted from the amount the Booster receive back thru PayPal. On the Payments side, the fee is a transaction fee applied at the time the charge is being made.

Question – will it be used given there has to be a surcharge applied?

General discussion that it may be beneficial for out of town family members or corporate donations but some felt that parents would still pay by check to avoid the fees.

There is no cost to the Boosters unless the account is used.

Paul Weber made a motion to begin using PayPal for donations and payments. Deb Stoecker seconded. Motion passed.

DRUM CORE – BLUE DEVILS

In July IVC hosted the Blue Devils Drum and Bugle Core prior to their performance at the Metamora DCI music festival. They slept at the school and held rehearsal on our football field. The Boosters provided them with fresh watermelon during dinner break. The BLUE DEVILS were pleased with the arrangement and were very appreciative of the watermelon as they almost never get fresh fruit because of their schedule demands.

Doing this offers our students the chance to watch the "pros" rehearse as well as see the performance and learn from it. The Blue Devils captured first at Metamora and then went on to earn a score of 98.8 in Allentown, PA which is a record high DCI score! The Boosters plan to host a DCI core annually.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL

The ice cream social held after the July parent "orientation" event will also be an annual event. It has proven an effective way to share details and get to know parents and staff.

The only real concern with this year's event was the schedule changes caused by the threat of bad weather. Some parents missed out on the marching example which was moved earlier in the schedule.

Cara Encinas suggested it would be nice for the veteran parents and board members to have lanyards with name and position on them to help the new parents know who to address questions to.

Donna Daly commented that the uniform demonstration in the auditorium was hard to see, the room was too dark.

Some parents said it was hard to hear Mr. Chapman's marching directions in the gym without a mic. Mr. Chapman said it did not help that he was losing his voice as well.

Debbie Reginald said it would be helpful to do another parent meeting to provide an update on how the season is going. Kathy Crank said we have the banquet at the end of the season which provides a recap and that the season itself is so busy that it would be hard to find a time to do anything else during the season.

It was suggested that incoming 8th grade students and parents be invited to the banquet for exposure to the program. Kathy Crank stated we are trying to find ways to improve communication with the Jr. High programs prior to those students getting to IVC. Mr. Chapman suggested creating a liaison position to facilitate communications with the Jr. Highs. Several ideas arose: use JH newsletters, start a buddy program pairing 8th graders with HS band students, use facebook connections, hold a freshman pre registration and orientation.

Volunteers to be liaisons and refine the ideas are: Lorelei Lawson for St. Eds, Donna Daly and Cara Encinas for CEC and Katy Fox for Mossville.

BAND CAMP

Band camp went very well this year, helped by the great weather. Very few medical issues arose. Overall student behavior was also very good.

Chris Featherstone said we are working with the camp on improving the way the food is done with the camp.

Steve Reginald needs a count of the number of chaperones who participated at camp.

Chris Featherstone said the Chair persons for each segment of Band Camp will be revamping or creating new process binders to serve as the guides for future chair persons to follow.

Booster Committees

Sign up sheets were passed for parents to sign up to help out on the various Booster committees such as: uniform carts, transportation, props, bus chaperones etc.

The Booster General Board meeting schedule was discussed. Matt Chapman proposed meetings be held the second Tue night of each month at 7:15 pm in the band room. Deb Stoecker seconded. Motion passed.

BAND TRIP

The Band is planning for our small trip this year. We are proposing a trip in May to the Indy 500 in Indianapolis, IN. The trip will involve the students playing in the Parade the day before the race and then the opening ceremonies on race day. It will also include other educational and fun activities and will be a 4 day trip. Current cost estimate is approximately \$700 per student using quad occupancy in hotel rooms. There will be a payment schedule set up with payments beginning in Oct or Nov.

We need commitments as the number and mix of instruments will impact our ability to perform well and also the cost. Question from David Graham if there will be discount tickets available for families that want to go?

Kathy Crank said that families can add to the block of hotel rooms for sure. The availability or cost of other tickets and transportation is unknown at this time.

BAND TRAILER

The lettering on our band trailer was in bad shape so it was removed from the trailer during band camp. We have a quoted from a local supplier to reletter the trailer for the cost of supplies - \$350 with him donating his labor. We are also investigating the cost of 'wrapping' the trailer in a graphic design instead of lettering because the process to remove the glue residue from the lettering started to remove the trailer base coat of paint as well.

David Graham said he knows someone who does the wrapping and will ask him for a quote.

BAND BASH

A planning meeting is scheduled for 8/5/14 at Tim & Shelley's for 6:30 pm. After the meeting need folks to help prepare silent auction baskets at Mark Cosners shop.

The event will be advertised on KISS FAM 98.5 all week plus they will remote broadcast on the day of the event.

Wolf Hollow committed to bring their mobile archery unit as an activity.

Bucket Brigade solicits donations on a few street corners on the day of band bash. Adult volunteers are needed to stand with the students. It will be 1 adult per hour with 3-4 students. Contact Steve Reginald. Times are 11 am – 1 pm

Chillicothe Bulletin wants contestant names for the kiss the pig contest.

Portable Johns have been ordered.

Karyn Terpstra is working with Pearce Community Center to get tables and chairs donated.

We are trying to get a race car simulator.

Gil Colwell has donated a retro refridgerator which is being painted in maroon and grey with the Grey Ghost emblem on it. It looks awesome and is in good working condition. It will be a live auction item.

Set up on event day begins at 8 am – setting up the tents, table and chairs, and silent auction.

The Cruise In – plans are going very well.

O'Reillys Auto Parts is donating 3 baskets for the silent auction plus gift bags for the first 75 cars to arrive at the Cruise-In.

We have arranged for 3 trophies to be presented to Cruise-In participants – winners will be chosen by: O'Reilly's , Chillicothe Mayor, and Chillicothe Police Chief.

Volunteers are needed to help guide the cars to parking places.

Corvette Club is also planning to participate.

Thank You Mike Featherstone for working so hard on the Cruise-In.

FUNDRAISING

Fund Raising has extra importance this year for two reasons – the budget deficit and the student trip. The next fund raising opportunity after Band Bash is the Flower Bulb Sale. Students will earn 50% of their sales for their account. Leigh Bowen will hand out the order forms this week.

MR. CHAPMANS REPORT

The students learned 44 pages of drill at band camp, 17 pages with music. We have 10 more pages of drill still due from the drill writer. It was a great camp week! We got a lot of bonding time around the campfire at nights as well.

DCI live feed will be at Willow Knolls on Aug. 7. Students and parents are strongly encouraged to attend. Show time is 5:30-10:30 and tickets are \$16. Pre order tickets as it usually sells out.

Need Volunteers to help with hydrating the kids during the Labor Day parades and are looking for help designing and building equipment and props for the show.

He has ideas on two new possible fundraisers: Maui Wowi- Hawaiian Coffee. Could this possibly be run in November ?

Band-Cakes – ie. Pancake breakfast.... Possibly run this in conjunction with another school event or community service?

Our Show is Love is Louder and is based on an organization with that message. There are Youtube videos you can view on the science of compassion, and love. This is the underlying message and lesson from this years show.

STUDENT DIRECTORIES

Martee Lew is working to create and sell student phone directories. They had an order table at school registration and sold 88 copies! They will be created from a list provided by IVC office that will be available about 2 weeks after the start of school. An extra 30 will be ordered to sell thru the office for later orders.

MOTION TO ADJOURN BY ALANDA HUNT AT 8:44 PM. MARK COSNER SECOND. NEXT MEETING IS SEPT 9 AT 7:15 PM IN THE IVC BAND ROOM.