

## Band Booster General Meeting 2 September 11, 14

Attendance: Chris Featherstone, Kathy Crank, Steve Reginald, Karyn Terpstra, Mark Cosner, Dan Terpstra, Alanda Hunt, Deb Stoecker, Debbie Reginald, Leigh Bowen, Kevin Hying, Beth Hying, Terry Fox, Katie Fox, Lisa Mack, Christy Eckoff, Julie Wunning, Mark Brabant, Bryon Griffin (Maui Wowi), Matt Chapman, Paul Weber, Traci Draper. Dave Graham, Amy Graham, Tammy Hollis.

President Chris Featherstone called the meeting to order at 7:06 pm.

Chris F. called for approval of August minutes. Mark Cosner moved to approve minutes with addition of Paul Weber to attendees. Alanda Hunt seconds the motion. Motion Passed.

Guest Spreaker – Bryon Griffin owner of Maui Wowi attended to present on a fundraising idea.

No Work fundraiser is the smoothie selling like he has done at Band Bash. This is a second methode to sell Maui Wowi Hawaiian Coffee. The company have offered coffee since 2003. Hawaii is the only source of American grown coffee. It comes from Kona Hawaii. The company won Roaster of the year for 2014 coffee.

Varieties include : light roast, dark roast, medium roast, flavored and Espresso. Proposing we sell at same price as they sell coffee in the store. He would then donate back to the band \$3.50 per bag. No other school in our area has done this fundraiser.

Product arrives 7 days after order is entered. It is delivered by the case in bulk.

Flavored coffee is ground all other coffees usually are whole bean. Bryon is looking at getting ground so buyers don't have to have the grinder.

No minimum order required from IVC.

Possible incentives to top sellers. : Maui Wowi Tiki cup and free smoothie refills for a year, Gift cards, or other ideas we think would work.

Kathy Crank asked Bryon to investigate with corporate if there is a best time of year to run a sale and if there is the ability to accept orders online and ship out of state. She also asked if there is a best seller variety of the coffee, what it is.

Steve Reginald asked if there is a way to run it as an ongoing year round fund raiser using Charms as an order entry point.

Kathy Crank is wondering about a taste testing at say a band concert to get folks interested. Bryon says he could probably make that happen – but needs to figure out the logistics of it.

Dave Graham asked if there was a k cup option. Bryon said no.

Deb Stoecker asked if there was a fee for the literature/order form. Bryon will produce the forms and provide them at no cost to IVC.

Deb asked if it would go into student accounts or general fund. Mr. Chapman is leaning toward student accounts since it is a trip year. We need to discuss that in executive board and decide how to distribute profits if we go with this fund raiser. We will wait for answers from Bryon on the questions asked before proceeding.

## Treasurers Report

Steve Reginald

Current Ending Balance \$63,438.88

Current Income \$38,011.82 , Budget \$30,140 Variance \$7,871.82

Current Expense \$ \$44,563.60, Budget \$39,649.60 Variance \$-4914.00

Steve R. stated we are tracking fairly well but still need more money – which is always the case.

Paul Weber states we are down \$6500 from the budget.

Running the Kroger Grill fundraiser is in the budget but we need someone to head up that effort.

Tammy Hollis offered to help with that.

Deb Stoecker said country fest will move to 3 sisters next July 17. Alanda said we need to check into pouring beer for that event to make even more money.

Beth Hying asked why Band Camp expenses were so much higher than the budget. Steve said it is not budgeted. We are tracking it differently. There is a cash adjustment from the kids deposits that is not shown on this report.

Terry Fox – aksed if the Band Bash proceeds are complete - Steve reports there is a little more but that amount is most of it.

Kathy Crank moves to approve the report. Deb Stoecker seconds. Passed.

Kathy Crank asked if everyone is receiving their student Charm account reports. If not getting it monthly, let Steve Reginald know. Check your Charms account for correct email is step one.

We will resend out the details for logging into your student account.

Paul Weber will put a tutorial onto the web page for how to get into Charms.

## Uniform Carts:

They have been completed. We have a uniform team in place. Student photos with names were placed on the carts to help the team keep track of things. There was a concern raised about having names and photos open to public so names have been removed. The carts will also be reloaded on trailer when we perform.

Debbie Reginald said carts look fabulous! The students from Streater Band were in awe of our equipment and the number of kids we have involved in the program.

Beth Hying said as a first time band parent it is a very impressive operation.. Kathy Crank asked the first time parents to spread the word to other freshmen parents to drum up more interest in participation. It takes a lot of people to keep the organization going.

Trailer:

Bob Goodman has completed the repainting of the trailer in white. He has charged us just for materials and donated labor. The trailer will go to Blankeships in the next week or so for new lettering. He is also charging only materials and donating labor. In exchange, both companies will advertise on the rear door. Total cost should be \$750 which is \$250 over the budget for trailer work.

Alanda Hunt moves we spend \$250 more than budget for paint and lettering. Second from Katie Fox. Motion Passed.

Indy Trip

Kathy C asked if everyone received the trip letter and request for payment. It is very important for us to get those forms back by deadline which is firm. The cost is \$740 split into 4 payments. Includes transportation, hotel, events and all food except 4 lunches.

Questions? Beth Hying asked if there is a certain number of parents we need to go? The cost is based on 120 people – combination of students and parents. If we have to add another bus then the cost will have to go up. Charter buses are \$1500-1900.

Three busses are planned at this time. Buses are 55 passenger.

Mark Cosner said at last meeting question was asked parents can go just to race. Yes but you could go cheaper on you own – our cost is for all 4 days of the trip.

Kathy C said these trips are what the kids really look forward to. The schedule gives each child one small and one large trip in their 4 years with the band. The trips are what alumni say they remember the most of their time with the band.

Alanda Hunt said civic center does not start until Bradley basketball – in February and then it takes 6 weeks to collect the money from the civic center. Therefore that may not be a useful way to help pay for the trip. She will ask for the earliest events possible.

FLOWER SALES

Leigh Bowen – orders are trickling in. They are due by the 19<sup>th</sup> of September.

Parade Shirts are done for each kid and we have extras now. There has been talk of a parent shirt which we will try to develop. There will also be a show shirt but that wont be ready for a few weeks yet. Kathy C. said – do we want a separate parent shirt. ?

General opinion was a parent shirt would be nice because it is not season specific.

Guard Flags

Alanda Hunt – about half the girls came and prepped the flags for the first show.

BOA – Reimbursement

Chris F. said we are working with the district to get the reimbursement check for transportation to BOA last year. Amount due is about \$1900. The District will not be doing that co-fund any longer because the budget is so tight with the state of IL not fully making payments to the school.

Mr. Chapman also said we have split the \$800 BOA entry fee with the District because we used to go to U of I and that was a \$400 cost the district would pay. He made sure the district understands that we absorbed the other \$400 of BOA trying to help out the budget. BOA this year is on Friday afternoon not Sat. It is a no school day. We will go down and come back same day. Will not have exact performance time until a couple weeks from now. Looking at leaving early in the morning, stop for lunch around Collinsville rest area. Ask kids families to donate water, Gatorade and healthy snacks. Will also need to stop for dinner. Kids are disappointed we know that it is not overnight but they were reminded we do have the opportunity to stay together in May on the Indy Trip.

Web page for BOA information is [Musicforall.org](http://Musicforall.org).

If you are hosting a German student, your band student will go to ST Louis with the German kids. Our kids will do all of the German trip except the ARCH. They will then ride home from St. Louis with the Band after BOA performance. We will stay until our block of performing bands ends at about 5 pm.

If we want a parent bus, we need to order that asap because that date is filling up with bus companies quickly. Parent bus would be about \$40 per person if we fill the bus. \$41 per person if 40 people ride the bus. At this point, parents will have to drive themselves down. The band meets in the tailgate area at the north end of the dome.

Karyn will send out an email asking if there is interest. Those helping with props and equipment get first option then it will open to others.

### Prop Help

Mark Cosner: six wheeled backdrop carts like we have used in the past. 2 tall and 4 short. Have a materials list and will shop tomorrow. Will cut and glue after that. Goal is to roll props onto field by Geneseo competition. frames will be fabric covered. We have about 20 people already volunteer to help with the props at the competitions. We will know our needs for each show soon but probably at least a dozen. BOA restrictions may limit the helpers we can use at that competition. We have enough volunteers that we can rotate allowing parents to have time to be in the audience and just watch the show, which is important. Hand prints will be placed on screen fronts. Blown up large and will have the negative words on them like on the Love Is Louder web page.

### Fundraising – Chris Featherstone

Great Harvest Bread Company has a new owner who wants to grow his business. Gotta Ghost out to Eat concept where they offer typically 20 % of sales on a day. He was open to a Saturday and not limiting the proceeds to just IVC band family participants.

Leigh Bowen says if we do Saturday it needs to be after band season.

Deb Stoecker moves that we move forward with this opportunity.

Mark Cosner seconds. Motion passed.

### Fruit Sales

Lisa Mack – 15 or 20 years of this fundraiser. November December time frame. Order forms arrived yesterday. Plan to send out forms to kids after Homecoming. Orders due Nov 7 with delivery in early December. Leigh Bowen will handle online order portion. This is a great fundraiser for student accounts at 5\$ per box. Deb Reginald will contact the paper to publicize it in late September/early October. Mr. Chapman will put it on the facebook page as an event to hit a lot of people that way. This would be a good year for a new parent to join Leigh and Lisa and learn how to run this fundraiser in the future. Remember to contact band alumni families when taking orders.

#### Raffle

Kathy Crank: the executive board has discussed the annual raffle event. It is a fundraiser for the general fund, not student accounts. It has been going down in profitability over the last few years. Last year we came close to not selling enough to cover the cash prize of \$10,000. Executive Board Recommendation is to reduce total prize to \$5000 for this year.

#### Options:

A: three prizes 3,000, 1500, 5000

B: five prizes: 1000\$ .

Drawing is at the Christmas concert. A lot of parent participation is needed to sell as many raffle tickets as possible. Raffle captains help distribute tickets and collect money from a group of band families.

Planning to get tickets printed and distributed asap. Tickets are 5\$ each or 5 for \$20.

Kathy Crank: Motion needing approval is to reduce the prize outlay to \$5000  
Second from Alanda Hunt. Passed.

Next motion is to approve option A of 3 prizes or option B of 5 prizes.  
Alanda Hunt offered third option of 2500, 1000, and three at 500.

Option B – 16 votes

Option A- 1 votes

Option C -6 votes

Option B for 5 x 1,000\$ prizes passes.

#### Band Policies

Need a procedure of how much Trasurer can spend that is unbudgeted without full board approval.

Paul Weber recommends we leave the amount at \$100 as in the past, with a maximum amount in a given budget year \$500. Second Leigh Bowen. Motion passes.

#### Matt Chapman Report

Things are going slow but in right direction with our kids. Some of the judges were critical of things we thought were going well. But that is ok, we will work thru that. Musically we are well beyond where our competition is. We just need to work on execution. We are the

tortoise – the other bands are the hare. See no problem overcoming them in the end. Want to keep the kids from becoming discouraged.

On Tuesday when school was out Mr. C, Mr Higus and Mr. McGehee met for 5 hours putting together the voice over phrases. They are recorded by our kids.

We have a heart beat to start the show now , followed by the voiceover.

ILMEA deadline is Sept 12.

Thanks to kids who helped with storm damage at Mr. C house and his neighbors. Trying to get those kids photos in the paper.

Jazz 1 has gig at Pearce for Sept 19.

ISU is homecoming night. Have asked kids if we do our own homecoming dance at a different time, should be win our class we could still perform in the finals. He needs to communicate with ISU what our intent would be. He will do a ballet so we know how many kids would choose not to perform.

Alanda Hunt had a question if any kids had donated to ALS even though we did the ice bucket challenge. No. The video ended up too large to post to facebook and now it is a little late to challenge other bands. It was unfortunate.

Thinking of Nov 22, the day of the Christmas parade for marching the Marching band banquet.

For Pontiac, kids can leave campus to eat before we leave. There is a long time at Pontiac so they will also need \$ for concessions while there. Concessions run out fairly early there so it would be a good idea to send a brown bag snack pack with your student.

Motion to adjourn Matt Chapman Second paul Weber. Adjourned at 9:08 pm

Respectfully submitted by  
Karyn Terpstra  
Booster Secretary.