

Call to order at 7:17 p.m.

Attendance: Chris Featherstone, Karyn Terpstra, Kathy Crank, Mark Cosner, Matt Chapman, Steve Reginald, Alanda Hunt, Cara Encinas, Deb Stoecker, Leigh Bowen, Lisa Mack, Paul Weber, Terry Fox, Julie Wunning, Deb Reginald, Katy Fox, Martee Lew

President Chris Featherstone called for approval of last months minutes. Motion made by Steve Reginald, second, Kathy Crank. Motion passes.

Treasurers Report: Steve Reginald

Ending Balance from November \$68,777.72 with \$75,734.96 in the General Fund. Raffle Income \$11,177, expense (\$440) Award Payout (\$5,000). Lease payment (\$5,528.6) for net proceeds of \$208.40.

We did not make enough proceeds to cover the lease payment in 2013 so this was a good result.

We need to discuss if we continue to try and do a raffle or find some other method for covering the lease payment. Paul Weber said that raising student fees by \$50 would cover the lease payment and would leave the Raffle proceeds as all profit.

Cara Encinas requested that we try to spread the various fund raisers out better so they do not overlap so much. Board stated we are aware of that challenge and just need to find ways to fix it.

Motion to accept report as submitted: Kathy Crank, second Mark Cosner, motion passes.

Tailer Update: We will be taking the trailer to Mr. Blankenships offices this week. He will pull it into his shop and work on it as he has space and time around other jobs. Hopes to have it finished by February. Mark Cosner will drop the trailer off for us.

Raffle Update: Kathy Crank –

Steve Reginald shared the numbers. Kathy wants to brain storm if we do it another year or find something different. Should we try to find another venue to run concurrent? Next year will be the 25<sup>th</sup> year for the Raffle so it may be that it has run its course out. The challenge is finding another single program that can raise this much money.

Trip Report: Kathy Crank

Kathy passed out a sample itinerary for Chicago. Cost \$450 covers 2 buses, all but 2 meals, hotel and parade entry fees plus fun activities.

Deadline to sign up and make first payment is the 19<sup>th</sup> of December. The form will go out via Charms. Those that signed up for Indy do not have to redo a form or payment – the indy funds will transfer over. We really need more students to sign up so we have proper instrumentation.

Paul Weber asks if making phone calls might seem to pushy. Cara Encinas and Alanda Hunt do not think that it would be too pushy.

Mark Cosner proposes changing verbage from a question to allow fund transfer to a statement that funds will be transferred.

Martee Lew asked if travel agent suggested Willis Tower vs. shopping. Karen Fenelon said Willis Tower would be an easier place to keep track of the kids.

Paul Weber noted the form needs to indicate the deposit for Chicago trip is non refundable.

Alanda Hunt asked if 8<sup>th</sup> graders would be invited if we need instrumentation. Mr. C said we would not have time to teach them Ghost Riders because they JH's have their own music programs that need to be completed during their in class time..

Mr. Chapman said that if we get 0 additional participants we will cancel this trip as well and there will be not trip this year. Assuming we get more signed up we will go.

Calendars: Deb Stoecker.

We Sold 87 calendars.

The Cardinal organization was great to work with. \$1245 in sales, \$595 going to student accounts.

We had one 8<sup>th</sup> grade student sell. 21 students in total participated. We will get our tickets and any of our prizes in March. We do not owe them payment until March.

Lisa Mack and Chris Featherstone thanked Deb for organizing this fundraiser for us.

No Report on Slide Inn fundraiser.

Have not received details on the Great Harvest fundraiser. Chris Featherstone will follow up.

Kroger Fundraising changes: Kathy Crank:

Families can continue to load their pre- paid Kroger cards thru the end of December. Still have no details on how the new Plus card program will work. We will share that information as soon as we get it from Krogers.

Remember if you shop with Amazon to register at smile.amazon.com and select the band as your charity so the band receives rebates.

Band Banquet: Katy Fox:

Thanks to all who helped. Diane's cupcakes were delicious.

Heard that we should have had Italian dressing. Also suggestion made to get marinara as well as meat sauce. Got enough food to feed 300, probably only needed enough for 275 to 250. Katy made notes for next year's chair to use.

Cost: \$793.50 for Avanties \$146 for supplies \$583 in donations was collected.

NEW BUSINESS: CHRIS FEATHERSTONE -

Pork Chop dinner needs a chair person – date is April 29<sup>th</sup>., concert starts at 7:30, dinner would begin serving at 5 pm. John Gleason has offered to help out with this again this year. Mark Cosner said he is happy to help cook. Katy Fox offered to chair if no one else wants to. Mr. Chapman would like to advertise the dinner and concert in the paper a month before the date and ask them to repeat the ad every week. We would love to play for the community not just our own band family.

Lia Sophia Update: the company is going out of business at end of year. Currently running 50% off all styles in latest catalog. All of Chris's profits are in an account. She is willing to see if she can start up another business using that money. Kathy Crank said we should wait and discuss that in executive board first.

Fundraising Committee: The Executive Board feels we need to put together a fundraising committee to explore our options and make plans for the future. Also will start a corporate sponsor committee to try and find corporate sponsors for the band. Contact Chris Featherstone to volunteer.

Jazz Night: February 25<sup>th</sup> – a Wednesday. Amy Graham will be the chair. Call her if you would like to volunteer and help out.

Rolling Meadows Jazz Festival – February 27 28<sup>th</sup> or 28<sup>th</sup> and March 1<sup>st</sup>. Karyn Terpstra will chair. Mr. Chapman said we have requested afternoon performance times. Hoping to stay Sat night because the rolling meadows concert will be worth going for this year. Cost is unknown at this time but estimated to be between \$80 and 100\$. Chaperones will be needed.

Trivia Night: Deb Stoecker is chair-

February – good for Pearce but that month is not good for us.

March 20 or 21<sup>st</sup> works for band but Pearce is not available. Deb Reginald said the Parish hall should be available. We would have to get insurance \$100 – from church. Also would have to do our own alcohol sales. Kathy Crank proposes doing it on the 21<sup>st</sup> if Scott Lawson is available to MC. Theme idea: Reality Shows but are open to other suggestions.

Mr. C's Report:

Thanks for participating in the Raffle and getting the kids to the holiday concert. He was very proud of their performance.

Cancelling Dec 16 pep band participation because of JH concert performances that kids will go see their siblings. Also, finals week.

Opening at IL Wesleyan for Jazz 3 so all 3 bands will go on January 20<sup>th</sup>.

Dunlap jazz fest date has changed to Feb 13 or 14<sup>th</sup>. Could be one band on 13<sup>th</sup> and other 2 on 14<sup>th</sup>. Not sure but that may conflict with the Talent Show.

KC and the Redemption – Do we call and see if they are available for Jazz night? Will cost between \$1,000 and \$1,200. Dr. Kelly has a small trio that might be available as an alternative. .

Discussion is that we do not feel we can afford to have KC and the Redemption because we do not make enough money to cover that fee. Is there a way to make it more of a concert and charge admission? Could we invite other are high schools jazz bands to attend for the concert? That would bring in their fan base.

Would like to have a “work day” to get some things done, pictures hung, etc. - no date set yet.

Mr. McGeehee said to let everyone know he enjoyed his time here – he learned a lot and really enjoyed the kids. We will be getting a new student teacher – a lady. From Bradley. She is a percussionist.

Keeton Judy was awarded 1<sup>st</sup> tenor in the Graduate ensemble at University of Iowa! We are very proud of him!

Mr. C has authored an article that will be published in January in The Instrumentalist. We are very proud of him as well!

Motion to adjourn at 8:42 Paul Weber, second Alanda Hunt. Motion passes.