

General Band Booster Meeting

March 17, 15

Attendance: Chris Featherstone, Kathy Crank, Mark Cosner, Matt Chapman, Chris Hart, Karyn Terpstra, Rhonda Davis, Alanda Hunt, Cara Encinas, Karen Fenelon, Lisa Mack, Paul Weber, Terry Fox, Kelly Welch, Debbie Reginald, Lynn Bray, Rod Davis, Donna Daly, Martee Lew, Julie Wunning, Beth Hying, Kevin Hying, Amy Graham, Lori Wilhelm, Steve Reginald.

Call to order: 7:20 p.m by Chris Featherstone.

Approval of minutes from February. Motion to approve as written: Paul Weber, Alanda Hunt second.

Motion passed

Treasurer Report: Ending balance of 83868.79 with 75610.95 in the general fund. We had deposits of 11481.4 and expenses of 5316.66 for the month. Alanda Hunt moves to approve as submitted. Kathy Crank second. Motion passed.

Jazz Night Report: Amy Graham.

Thank you to all who helped. Sold 68 meals and got rid of most of the food items. Amy volunteered to chair again next year.

Rolling Meadows: Karyn Terpstra

Rolling Meadows went well with no real issues. The Holiday Inn rooms are not as well kept as the Holiday Inn Express and she would not recommend having rooms there unless absolutely necessary. Thanks to our wonderful Chaperones who were always where we needed them and willing to help in any way asked. The kids seemed to really enjoy the trip.

Grey Ghost Pride Night: Matt Chapman

There was a good turnout of students from the high school. It seemed a little light on the attendance of JH parents. It was good to be showing the ISU video and to have the indoor drumline perform. We got 15 upcoming band families to sign up with us for next year.

Trivia Night: Deb Stoecker

Still time to sign up for a table. Needs a few more volunteers to help run things the night of. Runners, check in table, etc. It is being held at St. Eds Parish Hall this year.

Band Bash: Deb Stoecker sent around a sheet for volunteer sign ups. Planning to start meeting for planning next week sometime. Trying to adjust some things based on feedback from last year. Need a big committee so please step up to help.

Squawk: Karyn Terpstra

We have the 2 shows set for March 28 - 3 and 5 p.m. We need about 4 or 5 volunteers - a couple will be checking in our guests and selling tickets at the door. A couple will be running concessions. We have permission to allow popcorn and water into the auditorium

as long as we help with clean up. The school is letting us use their popcorn and bags we just need to buy popcorn oil and water. Everything will be sold for 1\$ ... Plenty of seats still available at both shows. PLEASE everyone purchase at least one ticket and if you cannot attend, find someone to donate the ticket to.

Spring Concert/Pork Chop dinner: Katy Fox

Terry Fox will assist her. She will be looking for volunteers to help with the pork chop dinner. Desserts will need to be donated. Mark Cosner and Steve Reginald have offered to prep and cook the chops but would welcome more help. Still need to determine what the meal ticket will be priced at.

Civic Center: Alanda Hunt:

Chris Featherstone thanked Alanda for all of her time over the last 2 years to run this fundraiser. Cara Encinas and Amy Graham will take over running the program next year. We have earned \$7337.35 for student accounts. Jason Aldeen concert is weekend after next. At Eric Church we got a 100\$ tip. At Miranda Lambert workers made almost 10\$ per hour. Parents who have worked shared it is enjoyable and a good way to get to know other parents. A good way to get money for your account without having to sell anything.

Chicago Trip: Kathy Crank

We have heard from all students who were initially planning to go to Indy. Participation stayed about the same. Blue Man Group is reserved. We are close to our limit as far as transportation is concerned so if you still want to go you must contact Kathy asap.

Summer Lesson Dates:

First 3 to 4 weeks of June. Thinking Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Will have some additional student help to do the lessons this year. Kind of a mentoring opportunity for the older students with the younger ones. Morton does something like this and it works very well there.

There will be one day at MJH, IVC and one day for CEC and St. Ed also here at IVC. Still working out the payment for the kids and the final schedules.

Alanda asked if colorguard would have lessons too – Matt said he had not thought of that but it is a good idea.

2017 Trip Ideas:

Have not gotten itineraries yet. Considering a Christmas break trip so we don't lose interest of seniors like we would for a summer trip. Looking into Florida – Outback Bowl in Tampa but also going to Disney and possibly NASA. This opens the possibility of flying to Clearwater. The bus is about a 24 hour drive. Would maybe do Busch Gardens instead of or in addition to Disney.

Another option would be New Orleans and maybe a habitat for humanity service project. But have some concerns about the environment around Bourbon Street. The Citrus bowl is there but it used to be that you performed at a local high school and did not actually attend the bowl or go to the stadium at all. There also was no parade.

Winter Drumline: Mark Cosner

Been going since Nov. Meet 1 or 2 times a week for rehearsal. First competition got snowed out. This Sat in O'Fallon is their only competition for the year. They performed after the concert on Sunday. Kids were excited about how many people stayed to watch. The kids are very excited and really giving it their all. Aaron Mills arranged all of the music, designed the costume and wrote the drill and he has received no compensation for his time. There will be about a dozen drumlines there on Saturday – across a few size classes. There is also indoor color guard that we would like to get started up for IVC. Alanda Hunt asked if we would consider giving Aaron a couple hundred dollars out of the extra civic center tips we have collected this year. Kathy Crank said the executive board will discuss that.

General Board Elections.

Chris Featherstone thanked outgoing members who are not seeking reelection: Donna Daly, Alanda Hunt, and Chris Hart and Tracy Draper.

Karyn Terpstra indicated Nominees for the General board are: Rhonda Davis, Deb Stoecker, Leigh Bowen, Amy Graham, Beth Hying, Kelly Welch, Martee Lew, Leo Vandervlugt, and Tara Morr.

Each booster member in attendance (limit one per family) was given a ballot and voted for 7 of the nominees. Karyn Terpstra and Lisa Mack tallied the votes.

Congratulations to elected board members:

Leigh Bowen, Beth Hying, Amy Graham, Martee Lew, Deb Stoecker, Rhonda Davis, and Kelly Welch.

Matt's comments: solo and ensemble went very well. Kids got a lot of musical growth out of it.

Sunday's concert also went very well. The kids did very well, just a few minor problems. He is very proud of their hard work and effort and their performance level. He is continuing to raise the difficulty level for wind ensemble.

ISU – wind ensemble will travel there April 24<sup>th</sup>. Do not have time slots assigned yet. There will be about 40 bands in competition. There is a critique, a judging and a scoring element by college level instructors.

Thank you to everyone that helped with Rolling Meadows. Especially with the weather and the potential impact that could have been. Jazz I received a 1 rating and got 2<sup>nd</sup> in their class and Jazz II missed a level 1 rating by 1 point.

Jazz Train has been engaged to do jazz clinic with the kids next year. So has the Bradley Univ. jazz ensemble.

Thank you to Paul Weber for the website update. It looks awesome.

Mr. Chapman wants to coordinate a spring clean up day for the band room and the hallway outside the bandroom. Mark Cosner asked if there is anyway to get administration to allow

the band to have some trophy case space in the commons? There seems to be some space open out there with just a little consolidation of the sports trophies. Matt will ask.

Is there interest in doing another Rams pre game show in St. Louis? Would try for a bears or packers game.

Deb Stoecker: for our Cards Calendar sales we received 5 vouchers for 2 tickets to games. Should we reward the students who sold the most? Second Mark Cosner, passes. Should we have a raffle at the pork chop dinner? Have a raffle at Trivia night? Motion to raffle them as part of Trivia Night by Mark Cosner. Second Karyn Terpstra. motion passed.

Chris Featherstone comments:

Seeking nominations for executive board members from current and outgoing board members. Karyn Terpstra needs to receive the nominations by April 5. She will contact nominees to and put together the ballot for April 6.

Chris Featherstone discussed wanting to begin a mentoring program for new parents with current parents. Would match up based on students instrument so that you have something in common. You would invite them to attend meetings and help answer questions they may have. Mr. C said he also wants to consider holding board meetings at each of the JH schools to make it easier for those parents to attend.

We have 28 incoming freshmen signed up for band next year. Guard has not signed up yet either. We would expect that number to drop some as kids change their mind based on schedule conflicts or other issues.

Motion to adjourn: Alanda Hunt, second Deb Stoecker meeting adjourned at 8:57 p.m.