

General Board Meeting

April 14, 15

Call to Order 7:17 p.m.

Attendance:

Approval of minutes: Mark Cosner moves to approve as written. Alanda Hunt Seconds. No discussion. Motion passes

Treasurer's Report: Steve Reginald

Previous Balance \$ 83,868.79, Current balance after income and expenses of \$79,940.02 with 76,029.58 in the general operating fund. We are in pretty good shape. We currently have about a \$22,000 surplus which is very nice after running at a deficit at the beginning of the year.

Alanda Hunt pointed out Kroger grill was budgeted for 1,000\$ and it was not done last May. Will that item be removed from next years budget. The executive board will discuss and likely make that change for next year.

Alanda Hunt asked why the Kroger cards show a negative amount – Kathy Crank indicated it is likely because of moving those funds into student accounts.

Steve Reginald shared we had a learning curve with the Charms software and we did not set everything up properly, which makes transfers sometimes create a negative on the otherside of the balance sheet. With what we have learned those things will be changed/fixed for next year.

Deb Stoecker moved we approve the report as submitted. Kathy Crank seconded the motion.

Further discussion that a budget for next year is in the draft stage. Goal is to have it ready to discuss by the next executive board meeting.

Motion to approve the budget as submitted passed.

President Report: Chris Featherstone:

Discussion of a Band Booster Organization Events Timeline which was passed out to attendees. Chris asked that those who had chaired a committee provide her notes that can be used to set up a specific timeline for each event on the overall timeline. Email your notes to Chris.

Trivia Night: Deb Stoecker

Fewer tables than in the past but with us keeping the bar tabs we were only about 100\$ down from last year. Looking to move the event back on the calendar to perhaps November because the spring time frame is so busy. Mark Cosner offered that it used to be same day as the Christmas Parade. Deb discussed that it might help to have it at Christmas time because marching band parents would still be more involved. Lisa Mack pointed out that it would be a third fundraiser at Christmas time with fruit and raffle tickets. Kathy Crank said it is also the time when people are starting to buy holiday gifts.

Deb will continue to look into alternative dates on the overall calendar of events.

Deb was thanked for chairing the fun event.

Business Corporate letter: Mark Cosner

Sample copies of the letters were handed out to attendees to review. In the past we had a band business booster program that sold adds which were placed in the paper newsletter that was mailed to all band families. We have gone away from the paper newsletter so the program has waned.

This packet is what we are planning to start a business program with. Letter 1 is to the parents to explain the program. Lists the 4 ways we as parents can help. The letter will be mailed to all band families.

Second page is a draft of the letter that will go to businesses we will be soliciting for support. It discusses the overall band program and the band program costs/expenses.

Page 3 is the Sponsorship form. Mark looked at what other marching bands do for sponsorship support. Will be offering sponsorship levels with differing benefits provided to the sponsor.

Page 4 is the Tax Deductible Donation Receipt form that will be sent to sponsors after receiving donations.

Mark announced that Cardtronics – employer of Amy Graham – has agreed to sponsor our current instrument lease – possibly up to the full amount of \$5600!!! Thank you Cardtronics!

Deb Stoecker asked what businesses are on the list. Mark contacted the chamber of commerce and is going through the list they provided to see who might be appropriate to contact. Mark also wants to reach outside of the Chillicothe business area as phase 2 of the program. Any suggestions for businesses we can solicit should be directed to Mark Cosner.

Trailer Update: Mark Cosner

One way or another we will get it done by June 1. Mark Cosner is looking into alternatives to Jeff Blankenship because of delays in dealing with Jeff. Want it done by June 1 so we can pay the bill out of this current fiscal year.

Squawk: Karyn Terpstra

Squawk was a fun show, it looked like all who attended really enjoyed the show. We only made a couple hundred dollars between tickets and concessions. Our promoter actually lost a couple hundred dollars but called it a learning experience. The timing was unfortunate because of it being the start of Spring Break. Some also expressed they felt 15\$ for a ticket was too expensive – the Squawk folks said when they were in Vegas, they had to charge 50\$ a ticket because of the venue costs.....

If we are offered the chance to do it again, we would do only a single showtime which will help fill the audience and would need to try to find a venue closer to Peoria to tap into a larger audience.

Chicago Trip: Kathy Crank

73 total attendees, 58 are students. This is the maximum we can handle because we only reserved one charter bus. Overflow will be on the IVC activity bus. Tell students to sign up by end of the week what roommates they want.

Band Camp: Karyn Terpstra

Karyn Terpstra will chair, with assistance from Rhonda Davis. We are looking at various ideas to make sure it is a fun experience for the kids – perhaps some organized games or challenges during part of their daily free time.

Chaperones will be needed – and hopefully with it falling over a weekend we can get more men to chaperone. Karyn will send out an email asking for those who wish to chaperone. More information will come soon.

Civic Center: Alanda Hunt:

Worked 26 events over this year. 36 different people worked those events. We earned 12,000\$ this year which was shared among those workers. It was a big year because we got a lot of concerts. That was a lot of money to split among such a small number of volunteers. Deb Stoecker said it just shows what a great fund raising opportunity it really is. IVC is currently the civic center #1 go to organization for events. They have been generous with us.

Monster Truck jam is set up for next weekend thanks to Cara Encinas for organizing those volunteers.

Alanda was thanked for all her hard work over the last couple of years.

Pork Chop Dinner: Katy Fox

Tickets were given out to students by Mr. Chapman.

Karyn Terpstra sent out an email to all the families. Katy asked her to do that again to remind the money is due by next Friday. Alanda Hunt said to ask Mr. Bergman to send out via the school wide email system. Katy will use the flyer for the emails.

Katy has sign up sheets but Steve Reginald got an electronic sign up that went out via Charms. Steve is also migrating the calendar to the Charms calendar so it will automatically update with our events.

Set up will begin around 3 p.m. Start serving at 5. Stop serving at 7 p.m. and then finish clean up and concert starts at 7:30.

Scott Lawson said there will be older people here by 4 or 4:30 for the dinner and they will not stay for the concert. Mark Cosner said they will start earlier and have a few more ready to serve starting at 4:30

Katy will need to borrow roasters to set up in the cafeteria instead of using the school serving line for faster cleanup.

Cardinals Calendar prizes: Deb Stoecker

We earned Cardinals tickets from the calendar sale. 2 vouchers for 2 tickets each, which we will raffle at the pork chop dinner. Tickets for 10\$. Also have some replica world series rings that can be put with the raffle and/or with band bash silent auction stuff.

Band Bash: Deb Stoecker:

Trying to get together with Tim to get the planning going and will set a committee meeting. We Need lots of volunteers.

Entertainment for families and kids was a criticism of last year. We need to have more of that this year. Also need to have an itinerary in the paper/sent home so if there are certain events people want to see they know what time to arrive.

Thinking of maybe doing a bags tournament this year.

Want ideas for the raffle: A TV again or something more unique? Side of beef? Cash \$500? A big trip?

Discussion on whether we should discount pre-sold tickets to encourage turning them in. Maybe give 1 or 2 dollars into student account for turning in by a certain date? Negative aspect is that would take away from the profitability of the event. General agreement was no because this really is our big general band fund builder.

Deb Stoecker asked about the Helping Hands fundraiser date..... in June. Need to advertise it well to families before end of school so we can maximize that fundraiser.

Update on executive officer vote:

Executive Elections were held with the following results for 2015-16 year:

Chris Featherstone re-elected as President

Kathy Crank and Mark Cosner re-elected as VPs

Steve Reginald re-elected as Treasurer

Karyn Terpstra re-elected as Secretary

Amy Graham newly elected as Assist. Treasurer

Deb Stoecker newly elected as Assist. Secretary

Scott Lawson was thanked for a great job MCing our trivia night. He shared he did another trivia night for a softball team of 14 girls – they had 28 tables and made 8,000 dollars in profit after renting a hall and doing door prizes. We could really make a sizeable profit off this event if we can do a better job of getting participation.

Chipotle Fundraiser: Karyn Terpstra

Thank you to all who attended! It was a very successful event – we will be getting a check for about 360\$!!! It would be worthwhile to run this one again in the future.

Matt Chapman:

Looking for nominations for Pride in Performance award to a community supporter. One name given has been given already: our semi truck driver that has driven on our BOA and other trips.

Kathy Mitchell the clarinet choir teacher won it last year. List of past recipients is just outside the band room on the wall in the hallway.

Alanda mentioned nominating Aaron Mills for winter drumline this year.

He thanked the chair persons of the recent and upcoming events. The efforts of these people is greatly appreciated.

Band Bash – want to make it fun – like the bed races we had last year. Want to keep in mind it is as much to thank our community and to celebrate our kids as it is a fundraiser. Submit any ideas you have.

Would like to see a large crowd for the March concert. Kids are working hard. Sophie Vojta will be a featured soloist. Trying to get one of this year's marching tunes ready for the concert too. He has been asking the kids to practice this music prior to the competition at ISU that is coming up. The itinerary is available on a blue sheet in the band room – ask your kids to bring one home for you. Also on the web page. It is revised from the pink sheet that came out earlier.

Needs help moving equipment over there.

Looking forward to replacing graduating members of wind ensemble. The concert band kids know he is watching them.

Considering doing auditions for jazz bands next year to determine which level band you would be placed in.

Rebecca the new guard girl is very interested in launching winter guard for next year. So we will need to budget for that for next year as well.

Color guard next week is on April 20th and following week on the 30th from 6-8 p.m.

We have had 6 students accepted to Bradley Junior and Senior honor band. We have never had that many. Usually only get 3 or 4. 21st is rehearsal, 28th is the performance.

Graduation band is coming – May 17th call at 5:30, Starts at 6:30 should be done around 7:15 or 7:30. Would like all concert band kids there – it will count as their final exam.

Want a huge team of parents to get pictures hung up on the staircase wall. It is our legacy. Also wants to inventory all the instruments. Serial numbers need to be recorded. Also need to organize the music library. Need to find a date to do all this work.

Want to work with Miss D – action photos – of choir and band kids and put them up in the hallway outside the band room. For a boost to the pride of our kids – believes it will help motivate students to stay in the program.

Mr. C needs connections with the JH to start targeting 7th grade students to keep their interest. 8th graders have already made their decision but we need to work on nurturing the 7th graders and their parents about continuing in band at the high school. Deb Stoecker asked if the performances at the JHs helped? Matt said it is hard to say. We did get a large number of JH kids sign up to for band. (28) between the 2 JH schools.

Got the show music in today – in the first rough draft. Sting _ Dessert Rose – is the first number. All staff for camp is set and done. Kathy Crank asked if the Gong needs to be fixed? Mr. Shay from Dunlap is fixing the stand for us for a very small fee.

There are opportunities for kids to do summer camps. Information is available. He has been telling the kids about it.

Chris Feather stone encouraged everyone to invite someone to attend the meetings. Matt thinks we should start scheduling meetings at Mossville and CeC to see if we can get more JH parent participation as well as convenience for HS parents who live on south end of town.

Next General Board Meeting is May 12 at 7:15 p.m.

Motion to adjourn at 9:10 Alanda Hunt, second Cara Encinas.

Respectfully Submitted
Karyn Terpstra
Booster Secretary.