

MDI Music Boosters

1 February, 2018

6PM Music Room

Attending: Kathy Cox, Julie Hagle, Brian Booher, Cristy Benson, Nin Ferm, Dianne Clendaniel

January Minutes: Approved unanimously

Treasury report: Julie shared that there was no activity to report.

Director's notes- Michael was absent during the majority of the meeting due to pep band, but was able to stop in and report on the following:

Class update:

- **Band Class:** Second semester band enrollment is down to 65 students. Class Conflicts is a major issue.
- **Pep Band:** Attendance at pep band has been lower than Michael would like. Brian reminded him that 50 people is still a pep band for which most schools can only wish. One solution was to have rotating bands, but Michael prefers the possibility of everyone playing together.

Upcoming travel and performances:

- We are not going to the Berklee Jazz Festival this year.
- **Clark Terry Jazz Festival at Univ. of New Hampshire. (March 10th)**
The rooms have been reserved and Boosters is subsidizing part of the room costs. The exact amount is pending a discussion with Michael.
- **State Jazz Festival will be at Nokomis (March 16-17th)**
- **State Show Choir Festival will be April 6-7th.**
Tricia Cantwell Keene is helping with reserving hotel rooms.
- **Music Awards Night –**
It is time to start thinking about this and how the music boosters can be involved. Kathy suggested perhaps having a Music Booster Award- for most money raised, or most volunteer time, etc.

Funding/Director Priorities-

These are expensive items that the boosters could help fundraise for, perhaps with some matching money from our funds. A Fundraising Effort might be a good way to bring in some new Booster members.

- **Music Stands-**
Michael is looking into options- Either repairs and/or new stands. He will report on this next month.
- **Timpani-** These are very expensive. \$10,000-14,000.

New Business:

- **Recruitment** – We need to start working to bring in new people to help with events.
- **Funding for Trenton Jazz Band Clinic:**
Brian requested funds for a clinic afterschool for the Trenton middle school jazz band. He would like to bring in a professional musician. Cost: \$150. This raised questions/concerns from the committee:
 - **Does funding a middle school jazz band fit our mission statement?**
 - **How do we remain “Fair” to all the middle school bands? If we fund one, do we need to fund the others that year as well?**
One answer is to provide funds if they also request funds.
Historically, the boosters had paid for a musician to visit all the middle schools and Island Jazz Night.

Given that the Music Boosters was reluctant to immediately provide funding, Brian was going to wait to hear back from the Trenton Administration for support. He would report back about the need based on their answer.
- **Incoming Freshman Night -March 1st:** We are scheduled to meet that night. Perhaps we will meet while supplying an information table for the event.

Next meeting: March 1st

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