

MDI HS Music Boosters Meeting Minutes

January 10, 2018

Attending: Dianne Clendaniel, Kathy Cox, Julie Hagle, Andrea Howell, Michael Remy (came a little later from Jazz Band practice)

December 7, 2017 Meeting minutes approved.

Citrus Sale Discussed

Student profits good, more than broke even. Had some customer concern expressed about the Trio size. Glad we could run sale this year given two hurricanes in Florida. Very profitable and good fundraiser. Student accounts earned nearly \$3000. Recommendations for 2018:

- Julie and Kathy recommended we re-visit products we will offer in the fall of 2018. Trio's were small for the price – not a good value.
- DO not recommend craft sale or opening up to newspaper or public for sale. Delivery to not-close affiliates is complicated. Even online sales – end up with people you don't know and no one to deliver it but boosters.

Officer/Coordinator Transition anticipated 2018-2109

Transition of responsibilities for Citrus sale and other fundraisers and events is anticipated next year as board officers change. Kathy has been working up a master schedule/Booster guide that lists out fundraisers and other Booster commitments through the year. Board asked to review and update to include details and clarify responsibilities. Also, in preparing for transition in board for 2018/19 – good to clarify specific expectations for each member of the future board. Right now Kathy wearing a “lot of hats.” Need to clarify responsibilities and expectations for each member of the future board.

Christmas Tree Sales

Profits on par with prior years. Several left over (about 9). Proceeds to scholarships. Recommend working with Dean Young again next year. Vicki still open to having at Salsbury's Hardware in future years. Happy to have us. Next year err on side of selling out rather than having trees left over. 100/100/175 rather than full 300. Gift given to Vicki in appreciation for her hosting.

Bottles

Since July earned over \$5000. Approximately \$4000 of this has gone to student accounts. Typically only 5 – 6 participating regularly. New participants are always welcome! In the case of new participants, a little more support and guidance is needed regarding the fundraiser. Two or three younger students have been great. Issue at SWH bottle box overflowing at Christmas Eve but volunteer stepped up. Student family has committed to refreshing the SW Bins – constructing a new front on the box – as a student project. Booster board members offered to help in a pinch.

Director's Report

- **Winter Concert** - full house. Good event. Students excited about the performance.
- Loss of 29 students in band at the semester – down to 70 in band. This is due to class rotation schedules. Orchestra stable, about 8 leave and 8 coming in.

- Jazz All States – good to go. Discussed upcoming weather and impact on that festival.

Upcoming Events, Trips, Hotels – planning and reservations.

1. Berkelee – not going this year, but will do again next year. Almost half the band is freshman. Will do again next year. Some regrets about this decision that at the time was right, but all good.
2. Districts Jazz – February 28
3. Districts Show Choir - March 2
4. UNH – March 10 –Michael is looking into taking both big bands about 32 students in total. Checking with 2-3 in 2nd band for availability before committing. Paperwork going in tomorrow. This is a great opportunity with two professional musicians performing and targeted master classes for the students.
 - a. Busses – Remy
 - b. Hotel – Boosters make reservations. Kathy need numbers and Roster soon as possible. Parents make arrangements for themselves and will need to buy tickets for the evening concert ahead of time.
 - c. Chaperones – Kathy. Another parent may be needed.
5. States Jazz the weekend after UNH.
6. Festival of Winds at U Maine is another opportunity Michael is looking into. Low key but pretty comprehensive. He would bring the concert band if they go. Lots of workshops.

Kathy asked Michael about status on some director's discretionary funds/tutorials – 2 sectionals to support the band. First semester's paid for, but due to scheduling complications, still some credit left with Mr. Whitener. Michael will get these scheduled first and then bring request for term 2 at the next booster meeting.

Julie asked Michael about his current needs in the program and plans that may require Booster funds. Items discussed is a possible future band trip, Music Stands, Timpani (next year), vacuum cleaner for the music room (though Tri-M may raise funds for this). Boosters discussed the Music stands and Michael will find out more information about costs and talk with the school/look at budget first, then report back to us.

Kathy has not heard about reservations on Show Choir. Tricia Cantwell Keene – offered to take care of arrangements. Follow up with Bronwyn. Kathy able to guide and/or help.

Next Booster Meeting: Thursday February 1 – (Note: Pep band is also this night).

Upcoming Dates (See <http://www.mdihsmusic.org/calendar.html> for complete list and any updates

January 11-13- Jazz All State (South Portland High School)

January 24 Middle School Night for Pep Band arrive at 5:45 *Boosters will help fund promo items*

January 26 Pep Band arrive at 5

January 30 Pep Band arrive at 6

January 31 Pep Band arrive at 6

February 1 – Booster Meeting at 6, Pep Band arrive at 6

February 7 – Pep Band arrive at 6

February 8 - Senior Night Pep Band – Arrive at 6

February 15 UNIFIED BB Pep Band right after school

February 19 – Tourney Week!

February 27 – Island Jazz Night 6pm

February 28 – District Instrumental Jazz Festival (Ellsworth)