

MDI Music Boosters

5 October, 2017

6PM Music Room

Attending: Kathy Cox, Julie Hagle, Brian Booher, Micheal Remy, Cristy Benson, Andrea Howell, Nin Ferm

September Minutes: Approved unanimously

For future meetings: It was unanimously decided that for monthly communication with the booster community, an email with notes and announcements will be sent out. The monthly meeting minutes will be kept for the board and available upon request.

Treasury report: Julie got quick books and needs to submit the invoice.

Fundraising Reports

- **Marathon dinner**

At the meeting, more people were still needed to sign up and volunteer with the most help needed at the end with clean-up.

- **Citrus sale**

Julie reported:

Last year, prices were \$26/single, \$33/trio. Each box sold gave a \$10 profit for student accounts.

There is a wholesale price increase for this year. Increases are: up \$2 for oranges, up \$2.5 for grapefruit, and up \$1.50 for the citrus trio (with a size decrease for the trio)

If we don't sell the 200 box limit, we have to pay for the truck.

It was unanimously agreed to increase the sales price by \$2 for small boxes (to \$28), and \$1 for the trio (to \$34) to keep the profit for students selling.

Julie will be talking with the company about a delivery scheduled for the 2nd week of December (the week of 11th).

- **Bottle box**

Andrea found someone to repair box and is now looking into how to schedule that. She has people signed up to collect from the boxes, and is looking for another leader for next year.

Director's notes

Michael shared that it has been the best start to a year. There are lots of kids, to the point that the noise level is an issue. He is working on wearing ear plugs and encouraging the students to wear them. The strings section is strong, with new students. There are 98 in class band, 120 possible if lunchers came.

27 will go to Jazz All State auditions. Acceptance fees in All States is \$220/student. So far, Michael and Bronwyn have made it a priority to use their music budgets to pay for these auditions and all the accepted students. This year it is a young group auditioning and not all will be accepted, but as they mature it will not be sustainable for the music department to pay. Other schools don't pay for the student fees. At some point we will need to figure out how to pay for this.

In terms of physical needs, the altos and woodwinds need repair. Kathy Cox offered to take instruments to Glenn. Boosters would consider helping with paying for repairs.

Michael started to share ideas about future travel and performing opportunities for the bands and the possibility of bringing an artist to school to work with students. Brian suggested partnering with the Criterion for an artist.

Looking ahead to the concerts, with so many students, they won't fit on stage and might have to hold the winter concert in the gym.

New Business

- **Middle School Jazz Festival-** There is no date for the middle school jazz festival. There was some discussion about how the music boosters could offer support for this program in the form of volunteers or organizational assistance, but not hosting.
- **Instruction Manual** -Kathy is creating a document with details of fundraising directions- Julie and Andrea have copies. As the year continues, it will be important to edit and update this document.
- **MDI Sings** – November 1st – Boosters will be operating the door admissions, with two doors and tables at each. Cristy volunteered.

Next meeting- November 2nd, 2017

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