

**MDI Music Boosters**  
**September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2017**  
**6 PM Music Room**

**Attending:** Kathy Cox, Diane Clendaniel, Andrea Howell, Brian Booher, Cristy Benson  
Kathy shared notes from Michael Remy throughout the meeting.

**Meeting Minutes:** Meeting Minutes were approved. No changes requested.

**Treasury Report:**

The pep band T shirts are in and selling at \$8. They will be sold at the upcoming game on Friday. The Bottle Boxes are doing well. This year's total currently stands at \$7000.

**Booster officers welcome-**

Cristy and Dianne were welcomed to the board and the current team is thanked for continuing on. Michael Remy sent a message that it is awesome to have new members and wants to work on more membership going forward.

**Upcoming Parent Meeting-**

Kathy is planning to update the CODA pamphlet. Michael is hoping for a strong showing. There is concern that the Drama musical meeting is the night before and this could lower the attendance. Music Booster contingent should be on hand to welcome parents coming in.

**Fundraising-**

- **Fall Little Ceasars:**

Typically the fall fundraiser is with Little Ceasars. We have the slot reserved with Bunky for fundraising, but don't have a coordinator. It is possible to do something other than Little Ceasars as long as it doesn't overlap with other groups' fundraisers. Kathy shared that Little Ceasars has not been extremely successful recently. We switched about 9 years ago from silver jewelry. The first couple years were successful. However the last two years we have not met the minimum order for free delivery. Last year, only 8 or 10 kids participated. There was a \$50 delivery fee which boosters covered it. We agreed that we don't want to lose opportunities for students to fundraise who want to earn money in their student accounts, but that there are other fundraisers available (Citrus sale, bottle boxes). We wondered about student motivation and if there would be more success with Little Ceasars on a year when the band has a big trip planned or if we should start looking for an alternative to Little Ceasars for future fall fundraisers. Andrea suggested that perhaps if the community knew where the money went, there would be more motivation to sell/buy, however Kathy shared that this particular fundraiser is to earn money in student's individual accounts and does not go into the larger music booster funds. The Little Ceasar's sale was left undecided.

- **Marathon Dinner – October 14<sup>th</sup>**

Nin Ferm has organized the marathon dinner in the past. She can't be here this year. Her husband Bill works in the kitchen for the event, but the entire family is unavailable this year. Nin is talking with Kathy about seeing to set up the dinner and not be there. Kathy is working to see if Nin will be involved or if we need new person. There is a good evening crew who know how it is done from previous years. We are possibly still looking for a new head for this year. We are definitely still looking for help.

- **Holiday Citrus Sale-**

Julie has this under control. More information will be coming in the next meeting.

- **Christmas Tree Sale-**

Brian is the leader of this effort. This year, like last, there will be 5 weeks between Thanksgiving day and Christmas. We need to have trees the weekend after Thanksgiving. We receive shipments of 100 trees at a time so they are fresh throughout the month. If more people had volunteered last year, might have been able to do one more shipment. As it was, we sold 324 last year. Last year we sold at \$35/tree. (this was up by \$5 from previous year) This year the cost for us is up \$2/tree. Consensus is to keep sale price the same despite the increase in cost. We need to work on our publicity. - Cristy agreed to create a poster and Diane will work on getting out the message. Kathy reminded that Chris Popper was very helpful.

- **Bottle Boxes**

Andrea reported on the bottle boxes. The Southwest Harbor box still needs to be refurbished. We will make an announcement at the parent meeting- specific about our needs – carpentry skills, get size, etc. Andrea reported that generally volunteering 4-5 times will earn a student \$1000 during the summer. We are covered right now with families willing to take care of bottles.

### **State Jazz and Show Choir-**

Michael Remy's note stated that he doesn't know of any changes to states "competition". Stay tuned!

### **Music department awards night –**

We need information from Michael about details of what he wants from us (where it will be, what type of food, etc.) The date is set for June 4<sup>th</sup> (same as stars dress rehearsal night) Based on stars rehearsal, we might need to have awards night at the high school.

**Next meeting: October 5, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.**

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*Meetings are held the first Thursday of each Academic Month*