

## **Music Booster Meeting Minutes**

**October 2, 2019 -- 7:00 pm**

**Attendees: Chris Meister, Carol Tomaszewski, Mark Borden, Jeanette Adams-Price, Jamie Towner, Barb Naab-Dobner, Ken Kreuzer, Annette Hauenstein, Marlene Lowenthal, Ken Goold, Julie Natalie, Jen Carter, Margaret Picciotti, Dan Helfond, Amy West, Milt Mashner, Jeff Beckett, Mary Jo Smith, Joey Weaver.**

### **1. Welcome and Introductions.**

There were no corrections to the minutes from the 6/5/19 meeting.

### **2. Three additions were made to the October 2 agenda.**

Milt, Ken and Jeanette had requests to add to the agenda.

Chris also read thank you letters from Lyndsey Giuffrida and C.J. Tomaszewski who were scholarship award winners from 2019.

### **3. Treasurer's Report:**

Checking: \$6,999.87

Savings: \$8,426.77

### **4. Updates from tables at the Manor, Middle and High School Open Houses**

Chris spoke about having tables at all three Open Houses. The Middle School table had more visitors than at the Manor School. The location of the table at Manor was not in a place parents could easily see or find the table. Chris asked for approval to be reimbursed for the printing costs of the flyers displayed at the tables during the Open Houses. This was approved.

### **5. Car magnets, clings and bumper stickers will be for sale at the Fall Parade – 10/5 – Barb and Chris**

The new items; clings, magnets and bumper stickers were shared and sold at the meeting!

The cost of each item was \$1.60. The total cost for all the merchandise was \$407.

The Music Boosters will have a stand during the Homecoming parade to sell the merchandise in front of the Kuger. It was decided to sell one piece for \$5 or buy 2 and get one free. Gloves were also for sale at the booth.

### **6. Flower sales at Fall Play and MS Musical?**

The question whether to continue to sell flowers at the High School Fall Drama and the Middle School Musical Background was asked. Chris shared that there was a profit of \$60 at the Fall Play and \$128 at the Middle School Musical last year. It was decided to go ahead with continuing to sell flowers at both shows. Music teachers will send out emails letting parents know that flowers will be sold by Music Boosters. Ken G. said that this is another opportunity for the Boosters to show a presence.

At the next meeting, a sign-up sheet will be available. The events where flowers will be sold are the High School Drama - November 8 & 9 and the Middle School Musical - November 22 & 23.

### **7. The Poinsettia Sale – Margaret/Debbie are the coordinators of this fundraiser.**

Margaret shared that the costs for the flowers will be \$6 for a plant. They will be sold for \$11 apiece or 4 for \$40. The centerpieces will be sold for \$20. Plants will be available for pick up at the Middle School on Dec. 13 & 14 (Friday evening and Saturday morning). Margaret will reserve the Middle School cafeteria. Chris brought up that we will need to print 1000-2000 flyers for this fundraiser. The HFL District News and Daily announcements will also share info about the fundraiser. The Mendon Marketplace and HFMP will put the flyer into customer grocery bags unless there is another organization with a flyer at the same time. Jeanette shared Canva as a resource or the possibility of using Twitter as platforms to advertise the sale. Jamie offered assistance if we want to switch to using technology for getting out the flyers. Dan offered to print the flyers and create new posters. Margaret will give Dan the flyer and posters. The MS musical will also be a time to get the Poinsettia Order form out to the public.

#### **8. Other ideas for increasing parent participation – parent speaking at concerts?**

An idea that came up from last year was to have parents speak at the concerts about Music Boosters. Jeff offered to speak. Ken said that parents could also share what we are currently selling during this time.

#### **9. Update regarding Mooster website**

Email address is: [HFLMusicBoosters@gmail.com](mailto:HFLMusicBoosters@gmail.com)

Dates for meetings are on the website.

Also, on the website there is information on how to purchase a plaque for arm of chairs in the District Auditorium.

#### **10. Communication with The Sentinel**

Carol is our liaison with The Sentinel. Any music-related news should be sent to Carol and she will get it to The Sentinel.

#### **11. QED/Budget Update**

The Music Department is preparing for a budget presentation from the Program Evaluation to the BOE on November 12, 2019. At this time, the department will share celebrations, data and recommendations. Amy shared the BOE budget review and info on the PBAC. This is a great opportunity for parents to get involved and learn about the budget process for the school district. It was suggested that Music Boosters be present at the November 12 BOE meeting to represent our organization and continue to support the Music Program. Members feel very strongly about the quality and breadth of opportunity of the existing program and are concerned about the negative impact on student learning that would go along with any potential reductions in staff. A subcommittee will be formed with Chris and MaryJo to discuss advocacy.

#### **12. Open Forum**

Milt Mashner's Request - A portable PA system to be used with in-class rehearsals and in preparation for concert performances. The cost is \$631.99. Milt presents alternatives to the full purchase.

Vote – All in favor of full purchase – Approved.

Ken Goold's Request - Bringing in guests or visiting groups for the HS and chorus students. This year he has the group "Vocal Synergy" coming on October 15 to do workshops and a performance. The HS teachers will be invited to bring their classes for a 1:00 assembly and any 4-12 student will be invited to attend an after-school workshop. The cost will be \$900.

Vote – All in favor – Approved.

***The next meeting will be held on October 30<sup>th</sup> at 7:00.***

***Minutes Respectfully submitted by Annette Hauenstein***