

HDJ Music Boosters General Meeting
October 11, 2022
Meeting Minutes

Attendees:

Linda Blackman, President	Laura Thiesse
Lisa Devona, VP Choir	Jackie Gillespie-Stokland
Jackie Wysong, Treasurer	Ray Fiedler
Terry Foster, Director of Orchestras	Jennifer Parker, Director of Choirs
Laura McMahon, Craft Fair co-chair	Anthony Gnutek, Director of Bands
Gretchen Richards, Secretary	Dawn Bauman, VP Band

I. Call to Order – 6:33 P.M.

II. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve by Lisa Devona, seconded by Laura Thiesse

III. President's Report - Linda Blackman

- Craft Fair – This is the last year for Laura McMahon and Lisa Turvey. We need three or four new parent volunteers to shadow Laura this year so they can run it next year. The whole event is too much for one person to do alone, so a team would be ideal. We need to reach those parents now, as the event is a few weeks away.
- Concert Attire – There is one item left to exchange, and then the returns can be sent back to Cousins. Anyone who didn't order or needs to exchange something this late will need to work with Cousins directly. Their website is concertattire.com.

IV. Treasurer's Report - Jackie Wysong

- Our balance is just under \$55k.
- We have \$13,000 of that set aside to pay for the practice room doors whenever the district is ready for the payment.
- All reimbursements are done and bills are paid.
- Marching Band raised \$6800 on TAG day.
- There was a suggestion to playing outside Jewel and Walmart again.

V. New Business

- Jen Parker submitted a request for coverage of a commission of \$1100. After discussion of fundraising possibilities for the year, a motion was made by Lisa Devona, and seconded by Dawn Bauman to vote on covering the commission. The vote passed unanimously with 9 in favor, and none opposed.
- The budget is presented in meeting 5 and voted on in meeting 6. To make the budget development process smoother, Linda asked the directors to each email the list of categories they would like to have us working with, separating curricular and extra-curricular. We can start early to build a skeleton of the proposed budget for next year, and fill in the amounts later.
- Volunteers are needed for the Craft Fair, and the directors have been asked to send parents an email with the signup.
- For the ILMEA festival, Vendor Allegro needs 8-10 people and will pay (make donation) to the Boosters. Linda will find out the exact times and number of people needed, and send this information to the directors to include in an email request to parents.
- Senior corsages - last year we spent \$750 on fresh rosebud corsages. To reduce this cost, we are looking at silk flow stick pins instead. We will order products and choose the best. These can be embellished with ribbon and will be a souvenir that the students can keep, that will not fall apart. The total cost for all of the senior should be in the neighborhood of \$100, which is a significant amount of savings. It will also be much simpler to have the corsages ready and delivered to the concerts, and for the students to put them on.
- We have scheduled a Chick-Fil-A spirit night on November 9th from 4:30-8 pm. This is the same night as the Marching Band Recognition. These student can eat before their event begins. Dawn will ask Administration if students are allowed to carry trays and clear tables. Dawn will also get a flyer from Chick-Fil-A to post.

VI. Director Reports

- Terry Foster - Orchestra will have a concert on October 18th. He is planning a college visit in February to University of Illinois, and possibly a clinic with a professor at Roosevelt in the spring.
- Anthony Gnutek - Band is finishing the marching season in the next couple of weeks. Costs were higher this year due to increases in the cost of gas and wood. The Band concert is October 13. On November 10 they will have a concert with Westfield that will include a dinner. November 9 is Marching Band recognition night. He is planning collect visits near the end of the second semester. We discusses money for sleeve patches that may be covered as awards, or covered by Tag Day funds.
- Jennifer Parker - this weekend is the 50th Anniversary Choral Festival. They will also have a concert on October 20th with 6 groups. The Jazz concert including Choir and Band will be on October 27th. A lot of gigs are being planned for the Madrigal singers,

and the Madrigal dinner this year will be hosted in the Commons at Jacobs on December 9 and 10. They will use Aramark for the food and not need to hire other catering. Choir is bringing an accompanist on the Florida trip, and will need for Boosters to cover the accompanist's travel expenses of \$1275.

VII. VP Reports

- Dawn Bauman for Band has set up the Chick-Fil-A dine and share on November 9.
- Lisa Devona for Choir – Volunteers are needed for the concessions for the ILMEA festival. Lisa will email her needs to Linda, and this will be combined with the Craft Fair volunteer needs to send out as one single email. Lisa has also set up Nothing Bundt Cakes to sell at this event, and Boosters will earn a percentage. There is also a dine and share set up at Kosta's, where we will receive 15% of all receipts dropped in the bin. Jennifer Parker will make a sign with a map to Kosta's, and a sign for the receipt bin. Alterations for Madrigals were also discussed, and Linda asked for clearer documentation on our cleaning and alterations costs so we can always tell what they are for.
- No VP report for Orchestra - this is an open position.

VIII. Chairperson Reports

- Jackie Gillespie-Stokland, 50/50 Raffle: We sold \$642 at the last game, earning \$321 for Music Boosters. All of the flags are sold!!! Jackie will double check if the permit includes Craft Fair. There are plenty of 50/50 supplies with only one home game left. We do not run the game at the playoffs. Lisa already has extra raffle tickets for Pops.
- Craft Fair - Laura McMahon asked if any students will perform. They will not, but the guitar instructor Chad may perform. There was a mention of DJ Club but suggested that only Chad perform. Athletic Boosters have been extremely helpful, and have arranged pizza and Chick-fil-A for concessions for the Craft Fair. Linda will take care of getting the school announcements updated. Anthony Gnutek asked about adding more booths to earn more money. The booth spacing was set by Administration, and all of the crafters are already assigned to their spots. Also, people have already been turned away for this year as the waiting list is full. We can consider having the spacing revised to allow for more booths next year. We did raise the booth price by \$5 this year, to \$60, which will provide around \$400 more from booth rentals. We can also consider increasing the booth price for next year. A group of volunteers is needed to run the Craft Fair next year, and they should shadow Laura this year. Last year we made \$5700 with no concessions, masks and 1100 shoppers. Admission is \$2. Pre-covid, the Craft Fair would bring in around \$10,000.

IX. Questions /Discussion

- Next general meeting will be November 15. Meeting location TBD
- Administration was not present, but we would like to find out when the doors may be installed, and when the payment will be needed.
- Dine-n-Shares were discussed. We have to get approval from Administration as they maintain a calendar to avoid schedule conflicts. Dawn Bauman will help with this, and with checking restaurants. Administration allows one per week for the school, and no repeat restaurants for an organization. Jackie and/or Dawn will talk to Culvers.

X. Adjournment – 8:00 P.M.

The motion to adjourn was made by Dawn Bauman, and seconded by Ray Fiedler.