

Smithfield High School Music Booster Club
January 9, 2020

Meeting called to order 7:06 p.m.

Board members present: Michelle Pereria, Paul Duhamel, Tania Alexander, Michaela Turbitt, JoAnne Sheridan Absent: Melissa Moroni (ill) Please see sign in sheet for members in attendance.

Secretary's Minutes: Posted on website. Minutes approved.

Treasurer's report: Submitted in writing by Melissa Moroni. Read by Paul Duhamel.

Operational account balance as of December 31, 2019: 15,081.24

Deposit of 825.00 for cookie trays

Withdrawal of 42.78 for flowers

Take your seat account balance as of December 31, 2019: 4583. 16 (subject to change as some funds may still be in operational account. To be adjusted and corrected ASAP).

Band Report- nothing to report

Chorus Report - nothing to report

Tri M - Report given by Ashleigh Moroni. Had a caroling service project where students sung to other students before Christmas vacation. Six students are going to volunteer at GMS drama program. Look into selling Tri-M specific swag, only about half of membership was in attendance due to it being alumni day.

OLD BUSINESS:

PR report - Up and running on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. Website remains active. Able to post live on social media platforms from performances. Now working on Take Your Seat. Breeze wants to meet tomorrow. Need to continue with membership drive. Need to write a letter to parents of music students. Now would be a good time with the new semester starting in a few weeks. Still need updated membership list. Michaela to talk to Missi to see if she wants her take this over, as this may be an appropriate job for the secretary.

Christmas parade and it's future: Should Tri-M take it over with a little music booster support? Would marching be better so students stay warmer? Could it be a college student or student here who leads the band/marching? All things to consider moving forward. Need more discussion on this issue.

Winter concert : Thank you to all for the cookie donations. Door money collected goes to music department. Cookie money raised goes to booster club.

Wish list items: Chairs still need to be ordered. Will be ordered within the week.

AUDITORIUM UPDATE:

Take Your Seat earmarked for auditorium upgrades, but per music department request. Music boosters maintain control of these funds. Currently re-working flyer for this fundraiser.

Grant committee: Michaela gave update. Several grant opportunities have been forwarded to us from Dr. Paolucci. These have been sorted through and organized by due date, application process, etc. Need to keep school in the loop when we are applying for grants. All agreed we should be seeking grants to supplement and support the larger project, but we should maintain focus on smaller projects (i.e. grants to purchase a sound system, lighting, etc.). We should not necessarily be seeking grants for larger capital upgrades as this is not within our mission. Michaela, Michelle P and Mary Ann to meet with Dr. Paolucci this Monday, January 13, to further discuss grants, as well as gala updates.

Gala Update: April 4, 2020 SAVE THE DATE

Marie Saddlemire - Smithfield Rotary Club meets at Bryant. Marie to go in next Wednesday 1/15 to ask for sponsorship.

JoAnne has list of Northern RI commerce members

First mailing going out for restaurant or in kind donations. If any members have someone they would like to reach out to or would like the committee to reach out on your behalf let them know. Money raised at gala

Question about programs for the concerts/ events. Want kids to be able to solicit businesses for ads, and we don't want the gala to take away from that. Need further discussion to figure out how to have these co-exist. Need to increase communication. Maybe focus more on family/well wishes in programs instead of businesses.

MaryAnn talked to accountant about how to grant funds over to school department for purpose of auditorium upgrades. Need to get something in writing that if money is not used for auditorium or auditorium upgrades don't happen, money needs to go back to music boosters. If we take in \$50,000 or more we need to file 990 EZ. If money is in grant format the school department need to provide us invoices as to how they spent it.

Sandi Brenner said for Smithfield Education Foundation reimburses once money is spent to make sure it is spent appropriately. All agreed this was a good approach.

New business:

- We had 10 qualifiers for All State. Boosters paid for 50% for some students for needs based requests. Going forward do we pay 50% for needs based students and 25% for families with multiple children? Suggestion made that families know ahead of time that support will be provided, so that cost will not deter them from trying out.

- Going to Six Flags Musical Festival this year. About \$100 per child. Plan to fundraise with calendar raffle and program ads. Discussed challenges with program ads and making sure businesses are aware they are donating to a trip and not a music department. Need further discussion on this issue. Maybe just need to say it's not tax deductible.
- Need further discussion about process for funding needs based students on this trip.
- **Guys and Dolls:** Ticket cost is \$12 adults, \$10 senior citizens. Need to figure out how process will work with on-line sales night of show and before. Website provides advertising. Need booster volunteer to organize concessions (stocking concessions, getting volunteers, etc.) MaryAnn has contacts for donations. Will determine at next meeting.
- **Raffle fundraiser** - Tania in charge. Need to coordinate with gala fundraising. Two donations already secured for raffle.

Meeting adjourned: 8:27 p.m.