

Band Parent/Booster Meeting Minutes 9/21/17

President Welcome (Bob Grossmann)

Meeting started at 7:05 pm

Present: Bob Grossmann, Patti Warden, Lisa Schmitz, Kim Manuel, Victoria Garner, Thuan Phan, Merlin Richardson, Lori Richardson, Michelle Ritterskamp, Karla Medley, Robb Clodfelter, Tina Dinwiddie, Stacey Biles, Skip Bowders, Christy Buerle, Kelli Eckman, Carolyn Mansco, Phil Leffeler, Sheila Leffeler, Barb Bowlin

I. Roll Call (Sign in Sheet)

II. Minutes from previous meeting 8/10/17

Minutes were emailed out and also attached to the agenda and reviewed. Lisa Schmitz made a motion to accept the minutes. Stacey Biles second the motion. All in favor, motion passed.

III. Treasurer's Update

- Lisa Schmitz reviewed the treasurer's update since the previous meeting.

IV. Ben Meyer's Updates (Bob Grossmann):

- Band Assistance
 - Barb Bowlin will be assisting Mr. Meyer with the band. If you have questions or have reached out to Mr. Meyer and have not received a response, Barb is available to help. Her number is 636-443-4225 and email is bbowlin@stcharlessd.org
 - Barb discussed how there will be changes in how competitions are handled and how the communications coming from Mr. Meyer will look different and how the students will be more involved in preparing for competitions. Section leaders will have more responsibilities.
 - Barb has discussed with the students cleanliness when wearing their uniforms and making sure that they have all pieces of their uniforms, including black socks that are not anklets and their band shoes.
 - Parents are always welcome at band practices and competitions.
- Festival of the Little Hills
 - Sales were good this year for Festival of the Little Hills. Looking towards making scheduling changes so that the students aren't working later shifts.
 - Grills that were used at festival are still greasy/grimy and need to be cleaned.
- Craft Fair
 - Barb mentioned that we are getting a lot of applications for the Craft Fair.
 - The concession stand at the Craft Fair will be managed by the Band Boosters this year. Patti Warden volunteered to lead the concession stand and needs a committee.
 - Each band family will be responsible for 12 dozen cookies for the Craft Fair once again this year. It is requested that chocolate chip and oatmeal cookies not be

made due cookies being sold by weight and also due to lower sales for these types of cookies.

- Band Night
 - St. Charles High will host a band night on November 7th with St. Charles West High School and Orchard Farms High School bands.
- Thanksgiving Day Parade
 - The students will participate in the Thanksgiving Day Parade in downtown St. Louis this year on November 23rd. Parents are needed to ride the bus and it is asked that parents bring blankets for donations that are collected after the parade.
- Band Trip
 - The Jazz Band will travel to Chicago and the Jazz and Concert Band will travel to Boston for competitions. Parents are welcome to come to both competitions but can only ride the bus to Boston. Parents will need to provide their own transportation to Chicago.
 - Fundraisers will be taking place to help the students lower the costs of their own trip to Boston. The trip will cost approximately \$800 per student and will begin in March prior to the start of Spring Break.
 - There will be scholarships available if necessary. There must be a need shown in the scholarship process in order to get the assistance.
 - Suggestions were provided to assist with raising funds: Go Fund Me account and Gift Wrapping at Craft Fair. Additional fundraising suggestions were requested.

V. Committee Reports

- Gift Card Program (Lisa Schmitz)
 - New Gift card list will be sent out with newsletter
 - Discussed Amazon Smile and how to use it
- Kettle Corn (Kelli Eckman)
 - We will possibly be moving the popping of the kettle corn to the football field. We'll try it out for the next game to see how it goes. Concession stands are no longer selling popcorn to allow the Band Boosters to sell kettle corn.
- Donation Drive
 - Need new chair to take over Savers program
- Sponsorship Program
 - Need additional sponsors
- Scholarship Program
 - Merlin Richardson, Amy Benga, and Stacey Money will be overseeing the scholarship program.
- Competition Food (Amy Overton)

- Amy provided an update on what she had collected from food donations for the Sullivan competition and what was still needed as well as help still needed.

VI. Unfinished Business: No updates

VII. New Business:

- Bob discussed Band Booster Board member replacements. Junior parents stepping down for new parents. This will continue to be discussed and a voting date will be provided.

VIII. Good of the Band: No updates

IX. Next Parent Meeting: October 19, 2017 @ 7pm SCW Library

X. End of meeting:

- A motion to close the meeting by Bob Grossmann at 8:07 pm and motion second by Merlin Richardson. All in favor. None opposed.

Respectfully Submitted
Kim Manuel
Band Booster Secretary