

Music Boosters Meeting

October 18, 2005

Minutes

Maureen Kroeger, president of the Music Boosters, called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. She welcomed all who were attending, introduced the board members and clarified their roles. There were two parents in attendance. She stated that she would like to invite more parents to attend the meetings and increase membership.

Ms. Kirkland, vocal music director of the High School, led the Women's Jazz Choir, Men's Chorus and the Jazz Choir in a showcase performance for all in attendance. We received a wonderful preview of the Winter Concert!

Minutes—Linda Dinerman amended the minutes from the May 2005 meeting. Minutes were approved.

Maureen Kroeger gave the President's report. She first explained the fund requests and distribution. On Oct 10 the "Colgate 13", an a cappella men's group from Colgate College, performed at the High School. Music Boosters paid their fee and provided a luncheon for the group. The students enjoyed the concert and "Colgate 13" appreciated the food. Approval was given to pay for "Marifani Percussion" for the Nov. 4 International Night, money to purchase new bows as requested by Mrs. Seamster. There was also a request for partitions for the Salt Brook and Roberts string programs. We will see if Roberts PTA will help pay. The total cost of the partitions is estimated at \$2,000-2,500. The final request was to act as a financial hub for production of a Christmas CD with performances by the High School students and ensembles. All profits would go to the High School. Distribution of funds included the purchase of 2 carpets for the Salt Brook and Roberts music classrooms, and we payment of the licensing fee for Microsoft publisher program (this will be used for printing up programs for the High School Drama Department).

President Kroeger stated a goal of achieving membership of 500 for the year. Discussion over how to achieve this goal: membership flyers sent to all district schools, MB tables set up at all back to school nights, clarify purpose of MB in newsletter to parents. Put membership in Aug issue of PTA newsletter. Advertise purpose of Ice Cream Social (March), and Market Day. As of Oct 18 meeting, 161 family memberships with a total of \$1,610.00 in dues paid. \$980.00 in additional contributions.

We discussed how to increase publicity of Music Boosters and how to distinguish ourselves from other groups, specifically NP sports booster clubs. Maureen encouraged board members to think of ways to increase visibility of Music Boosters. Ideas put forth included MusicBoosters updates in the school newsletter, highlighting kids or projects funded by Music Boosters. Maureen will also write something for the MB newsletter.

Maureen then spoke of Music Booster's fundraising Market Day, a frozen food monthly buying opportunity throughout the school year which is the 2nd major fundraiser. Between \$200-\$300 profit is earned by Music Boosters every month. The other major fundraiser is the Ice Cream Social held every March.

The Fall High School play will be the comedy "You Can't Take It With You" Nov 18 and 19. Tickets \$8 for reserved seats and \$6 for general admission.

The annual Music Boosters Newsletter will come out in early November, and will include articles from most of the music faculty. The letter will be distributed through the Elem. School folders and will also be available on the Music Boosters website (www.npmusicboosters.org). Maureen would like to mail the letter to all homes of High School and Middle School students in the music and drama departments. Mr. Niedziejko has a list of all the music students and will work on getting a Drama student list.

Anita Murphy gave the Treasurer's Report. Music Boosters acted as the fiscal hub for the orders of the High School Concert Dresses. She received majority of memberships via mail.

Susan Peterson gave the Technology report. She has designed and maintained the MB website. She will create page for all projects MB has funded. She will put HS links on our site. Play info was listed on the site. Corcom is the host site. Email list worked (except for Mr. N). Discussed how to get people to know about site and use it!

Mr. Niedziejko, Music Education and Performing Arts Department head, discussed that he was requesting the district to fund a position for a staff Accompanist for the choirs in the HS, MS and Elementary Schools. This position ideally would be part time, but may also be on a per diem basis. We discussed MB covering the per diem.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jamie Baer Peterson

Secretary