

## Music Boosters Minutes 1/31/06

Music Boosters President Maureen Kroeger called the meeting to order at 7:30. The board was present except for Linda Dinerman who was excused because of illness. Mrs. Seamster, High School and Middle School strings teacher was also in attendance.

Minutes from the October 18, 2005 meeting were read, corrected and approved.

Maureen gave the president's report beginning with fund requests and distribution:

- Music Boosters paid John Clinton \$125 to accompany the Salt Brook Holiday concert and Ken Hess \$150 to accompany the HS Jazz Choir and Women's Choir for their concert at Balstrol Golf Club. Mr. N proposed to the Administration to add a part time position of "Staff Pianist". It was not approved, but MB will cover the per diem costs of accompanists.
- MB will cover the entry fee of \$300 for the Roxbury Choral Festival on March 11 as well as the possible cost of transportation.
- The purchase of a baritone for \$450 was approved for use at the Elementary schools. This particular baritone, purchased from Sandra Schilling (and looking like it was brand new) will likely be used at Roberts.
- The Microsoft Publisher that was purchased (\$59) by MB for the Drama Department was installed.
- Mr. N will ask Mr. Duke of the HS Drama dept if he needs any money to defray surcharge for the HS spring play.
- Maureen asked MB to buy a full page ad (cost \$100) to be placed in the HS musical program. Susan Peterson will design the page.
- The board approved funding of \$40 for bottled water to be distributed to cast and crew of HS musical.
- MB paid \$350 for the cost of poinsettias to decorate the HS stage for the Holiday concerts.
- MB paid \$836.81 for the purchase of new bows for the MS strings program.
- Partitions for Roberts Elementary School are on order. They are accordion fold with white board and locks. Roberts PTA will provide funding for one partition. MB will cover the second partition, the white board and locks. Estimated cost is \$1500.00 plus shipping.
- Maureen and Mr. N discussed the HS sound system. Funding for a new sound system will be part of a bond issue.

### MEMBERSHIP

It is currently at 191 families, a loss of 10 families from last year. Maureen would like to keep the goal of 500 family memberships and hopes to accomplish that next year. There will be a push for additional membership at the Ice Cream Social in March with a table and display showing all that MB has funded for the school district. Mr. N will take photos, Jamie Peterson will make a display and Susan Peterson will put photos on the web site. In the future MB will have a display/membership table at the winter concert and at the Beginners concert.

The HS spring musical will be "The Boyfriend". Performances are March 17, 18 and 19. Tickets are \$10 for reserved tickets and adult tickets, \$8 for students and senior citizens. TRIP TO TORONTO For HS. Maureen is in charge of the Music Trips account. MB is acting as a hub for the money. Feb. 10 is the next payment for the kids. Maureen asked Mr. N if he needed help with preparations for the Trip (passports, ID's, etc.) Mr. N said that the chaperones and parents have already offered a lot of help.

MS will go to Dorney Park. There is a competition and then all go to an amusement park

#### MARKET DAY

- Lynn Boyer is running the distribution once/ month with help from students and Mrs. Bair, Mrs. Galardi, Jamie Peterson, Linda Dinerman, and Maureen Kroeger.
- Feb. cookie Dough Sale is a fundraiser for the Senior Class. MB still will get its profit percentage plus the HS senior will get \$3 profit /tub of dough sold.
- Income from Market Day Sales was \$624.40 for month of Oct-Dec 2005

#### REGIONS II CHOIR REHEARSAL

Music Boosters was asked to provide snacks and food on Jan 21, 2006 (Bagels, doughnuts, coffee, tea, pizza and candy). Linda Dinerman was thanked for picking up the food and setting up. There was candy left over which will be sold during the HS Musical Intermissions.

#### HOLIDAY CD

Music Boosters acted as a fiscal hub for this endeavor. The Seniors who made the CD made a profit of \$1,100 which will be donated to the HS Music Department.. This was a great experience for the students. If this is repeated for next year, Maureen advised using Mr. Cook for guidance, and beginning the process (copyrights, etc) during the summer.

#### **Treasurer's Report**

Anita Murphy gave the treasurer's report. For the last three months, MB had an income of \$4,776.40 and expenses of \$3,524.96. MB total balance as of 1/31/06 was \$19,625.70. It was proposed and approved that \$5,000 should be kept in a regular bank account while the rest should be put in short term CD accounts. It was mentioned that one of the goals of the MB would be to purchase a Baby Grand piano for the HS/MS music dept.

#### **Director's Report.**

( insert Mr. N's report here)

- Ms. Flynn (MS Vocal teacher) had a rough beginning, but since concert, attitude of students has improved.
- Mr. Rodriguez (Elementary Strings) is doing a great job
- HS performing groups will perform in the Elementary schools to encourage children to continue study of and participation with music.
- Susan Kirkland is performing in a KERN CABARET with Ridge Light Opera, Feb 16-18. All performances are at St Mark's Episcopal in Basking Ridge.

- Ms. Starr would like MB to fund “Music Through the Ages” a musical assembly at both elementary schools sometime in March. \$125/show. MB would also write a recommendation.
- Voice recitals were well received. Mr. N and performing arts staff has goal of increasing 80 out of 700 to have better presentation skills.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- Ice cream Social, March 23 at the HS
- Flyers will go out early in Feb. with a 2<sup>nd</sup> set of flyers to go out the week before the social.
- Orders due by March 1, (\$4 for Adults, \$3 for students and seniors) tickets can also be purchased at the door.
- Mr. N will request to Mr. Cook for an advertisement on Channel 35
- Maureen will Call Mrs. Denning to coordinate volunteers
- Jamie Peterson will collect forms from Salt Brook
- Maureen will collect forms from Roberts
- Mr. N will put a collection box in the Middle School
- Adults will supervise volunteer upper classman who will serve the ice cream
- MB will pay fee required to pay the Police Department for a Police Officer.
- Anita will order the ice cream through the school and the toppings, water and napkins though Pete Elephanta who owns Zita’s Ice Cream.
- Maureen will purchase the tablecloths and balloons and will also make “QUIET PLEASE” signs to be placed through out the hallways.
- Performance Order is yet to be determined, but Mr. N will email board members this.
- Linda D. is working on the tickets.
- It was suggested that we keep a master list of who bought tickets in case someone loses or forgets their tickets.
- Mr. N will take photos of things MB has purchased in the past year; Jamie P. will make a collage of these photos. Photos and MB sponsors and members will be prominently displayed during Ice cream social.

### Other New Business

- Maureen will put a membership listing of MB in the Spring Concert programs
- Mrs. Seamster needs 2 people to man buffet table on Wed Feb 8 between 7:30-8:30 for the MS Orchestra.
- Mrs. Seamster would like MB to sponsor a “Bach to Rock” assembly for all string players in the district. Cost of assembly would be between \$450-\$700 plus any needed transportation.
- Maureen suggested that the Music Dept could use an Administrative assist.
- Meeting adjourned at 9:12 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by

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