

Those in Attendance: Shirl Gaskin, Becky Cantrell, Yvonne Roller, Kenn Hintzsche, Amy Daly, Kathy Marty, Chris Carpenter, Maria Murrey, Angie Turney, Michele Butz, Cindy Fraser, Michelle Worthington, Lanette Yingling, Justin Heinekamp.

Meeting called to order at 6:35 p.m.

Minutes approved with provision in the section in the President's report regarding the newsletter where a sentence is cut off "Exceptions are." This should read, "Exceptions are those who have made prior arrangements to have a hard copy mailed to them because they do not have computer access." (moved by Michele B., seconded Kenn)

DIRECTORS' REPORTS

Choir Director – Liz Shollenberger

Middle School Band - Erin Killey

Band Director – Justin Heinekamp

- Ensembles. Several are starting up.
 - A "Students teaching Students" program is starting up. Erin is requiring her 6th grader to participate and letting the 7th and 8th graders decide. This is limited to sophomores and up.
 - Erin did a "Step-Up" night where the 8th graders get to come and blend with the high school band kids and get a taste of high school band life
 - Madrigal Ensemble (brass quintet). He's hoping this group will stay together beyond the Madrigal dinners.
 - Jazz Band will be starting. He hopes to have two groups, one audition-only and one "everybody" group. The audition-only group would be jazz instruments only. He wants to take them to a jazz festival, such as the one at New Trier, to give the kids an idea of where they stand comparatively. This will probably be in January. He's hoping the smaller, elite ensemble will "play out" in the community.

- Pep Band will start when basketball seasons starts. This is an easy transition from Marching Indians.
- Other potential ideas: Flute Choir, Woodwind quintet, etc.
- Communication
 - The text groups (Tweet) are now available for all ensembles (marching bands, choir, etc.) . This information is in the newsletter.
 - Justin is implementing a mailing using a program called “Mail Chimp” that is VERY trackable (he can tell who has read the messages and who hasn’t, etc.)
 - Facebook groups have really improved their features so Justin will be starting a Facebook group
- A brass quintet is coming from Western on Thursday, December 9th. This will be during the school day. Justin would like approval to take them to lunch. Lanette moved that we approve \$250 to take the WIU brass quintet to lunch as a thank you for coming. Cindy seconded. Motion passed.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT

- The newsletter is going electronic.
- IRS issue. The problems with the tax ID situations are being resolved

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **Musicfest – Michele Butz**
 - Final figures
- **Holiday raffle tickets – Becky Cantrell**
 - Holiday raffle ticket sales are down. Discussion took place regarding possibly changing this raffle to another time of year as Christmastime is a difficult time for this type of fundraiser.
- **Music light-up pins – Becky Cantrell**
 - Pins remain un-sold.
 - Discussion took place regarding not making a larger purchase such as this
- **Fundraising – Michele Butz**
 - Nothing new to report.
- **Membership/Volunteer – Cindy Fraser**

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- **Budget – Kenn Hintzsche**

- Kenn continues to work on the budget project.

- **Website – Amy Daly**

- Amy has continued to make small additions to the website. She noted that Justin has posted some announcements on it and she has added more forms.

OLD BUSINESS

- **2-way Radios – Amy Daly**

- The consensus of those in attendance was that a set of 2-way radios would be extremely useful and a worthwhile purchase.

- Amy feels that we need to purchase high-quality and durable radios and feels she can get these for between \$2,000 and \$3,000 for a set of 6.

- Michele Butz moved that we approve \$2,500.00 for the purchase of such a set of radios.

Clavinova purchase – Liz Shollenberger

- Tabled because Liz was not in attendance.

NEW BUSINESS

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.