

Those in Attendance: Shirl Gaskin, Becky Cantrell, Yvonne Roller, Donna & Kenn Hintzsche, Amy Daly, Kathy Marty, Kathy & Jeff Kolbe, Chris Carpenter, Maria Murrey, Angie Turney, Michele Butz, Lanette Yingling, Justin Heinekamp, Liz Shollenberger, Erin Killey

Meeting called to order at 6:40 p.m.

Minutes approved (moved by Cindy Fraser, 2nd Kenn)

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance \$22,246.58

All bills are not yet in for MusicFest

Terror in the Timber increased its profits by about \$1,200.00 for a total of \$5,063..35 profit

DIRECTORS' REPORTS

Choir Director – Liz Shollenberger

- CD fundraiser. Liz has been looking more into details for the Madrigal CD recording. The fundraiser has the potential to raise \$5000+ for the choral department if all 600 they are planning to make sell. Liz's brother is doing the recording on Sunday, November 28th at 9:00 a.m. She will probably be coming to SSMA for start-up costs (the cost of the physical CDs and the \$200 for the technician fee). This will need to transpire before our next monthly meeting so we need to approve this in advance. Angie moved that we allow the choir department to borrow up to \$500 to make the CDs (Donna H. seconded).
- Liz is wanting help with kitchen help for the Madrigal Dinners. She would like 2 parents in the kitchen each night. Kenn Hintzsche, Michele Butz, Chris Carpenter, and Yvonne Roller volunteered.

Middle School Band - Erin Killey

- Erin is requesting help in sorting through the windbreakers so that we can get an idea of our total numbers and whether or not we need more. Angie Turney informed her that there are extra windbreakers in the band shed. Angie suggested that we advertise in the paper or eBay. We are not permitted to just give or sell them but if we offer them up for closed bid, we can then donate them or offer them up for sale. It was suggested that we donate 10 or 12 to the prop department for plays or musicals. This lead to discussion about problems with storage in the band shed and some ideas for how to alleviate this problem. Cindy Fraser volunteered to help Erin with the cataloging of the Jr. Regiment uniform (jackets).
- Middle school is also participating in the pie fundraiser and have volunteered the middle school band room for sorting and distributing.

Band Director – Justin Heinekamp

- Fall craft show is approaching. This is new to Justin. He has met with Joanne and the worker volunteer forms are on their way. We asked Justin to tell the kids to sign up for just one slot at first to be sure that all kids get a fair chance. Though the bulk of the funds will be used for kids' Regiment accounts, there are some things that kids could be putting some money aside (field trips, musical t-shirts)
- Pie sales. Not a lot of orders are in. There are multiple fundraisers going on with the school which may explain the lack of response and the kids have also been busy with Terror, etc. Money is due back Nov 5th. These funds will go to the kids' individual accounts.
- Uniform cleaning. Justin wanted to know the logistics of how we get them cleaned. He will go through Margo for this.

- Instrument removal. Ellman's came out and gave a quote for what it will cost to repair every school instrument. A few of the instruments were deemed not worth repairing and Justin wasn't sure how to proceed. If Ellman's will buy them, Justin does not have to go through the board.
- Holiday concert.
 - Choirs at 1:30 p.m., bands at 3:00 with reception in between
- Marching Indians will be playing for Saturday's play-off game. Game is at 7, kids should arrive at 6:00.
- 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 (completely separate from his personal account and only school / music related)
- Question from Margaret Page through Justin – Is the focus of SSMA ensemble-related? Is she supposed to be including issues regarding 5th Grade Band issues to SSMA. The line is supposed to begin with 5th grade band and it is ensemble-related. Meaning, she would direct issues or requests regarding 5th grade band to us, but not regular music classes.
- A brass quintet is coming from Western on Thursday, December 9th. This will be during the school day. They will be giving a short concert and then having a question/answer period. Justin inquired about extending hospitality such as taking them to lunch. Shirl said she will hook up with Lanette Yingling.
- Justin checked with the home ec teacher about our using the home ec room for making baked goods for the fall craft show. This will be either the 10th or 11th (Wed or Thurs).

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- The newsletter is going electronic. Exceptions are those who have made prior arrangements to have a hard copy mailed to them because they do not have computer access.
- IRS issue. Shirl called and cannot verify that anything is underway or that they have even received anything from her (faxed on 10/06/2010). She was told she has to wait 30 days from that date to get any information including whether or not they even received the fax. Very frustrating.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **Musicfest – Michele Butz**
 - Overall consensus was that things went very well for MusicFest. Final figures are not in yet. Michele will have report next month.

- **Fundraising – Michele Butz**
 - Fay's fundraiser 3/15/2010. Not a lot of other music dept-specific fundraising going on at the moment.
 - Issue of leftover concessions from Musicfest that are sold at Terror; these funds should just go back to Musicfest to make things easier. All the funds go to the music association.
- **Terror in the Timber – Shirl for Lanette Yingling**
 - Terror in the Timber was a resounding success.
 - The idea of asking SSMA for funds now in order to go shopping the Halloween clearance sales. Yvonne moved and Becky seconded that we approve \$300. The motion passed.
- **Hospitality – Lanette Yingling**
 - Holiday concert refreshments
 - Hot chocolate for this Saturday's football game. Amy Daly volunteered.
- **Public Relations**
 - Advertisement for craft show
- **Travel – Becky Cantrell**
 - Nothing to report.
- **Uniforms –**
 - No report, Margo not in attendance.
- **Membership/Volunteer – Cindy Fraser**
 - Parents needed to work the fall craft show.
- **Budget – Kenn Hintzsche**
 - Becky C. gave Kenn a copy of an old budget for his review.
 - Kenn asked for clarification of what is needed; income, expense, and profit.
- **Website – Amy Daly**
 - Amy mentioned recent additions to the website including several photo gallery slide-shows (thanks to Chris Carpenter for the amazing photos), a copy of the by-laws, the monthly meeting minutes, the newsletter, and staff biographies. She encouraged people to visit the website regularly.

NEW BUSINESS

- Raffle. Discussion ensued regarding whether the raffle is worthwhile.
- 2-way radios. Tabled until December
- Craft show. Hours for craft show. Set-up is on Friday 4-9, are 9-4, Sat and 11-4 Sun.
- Bringing back the poinsettia fundraiser was discussed. We have 4 weeks before the holiday concert.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.