

Those in Attendance: Shirl, Michele B., Steve & Kathy Marty, Kenn & Donna Hintszche, Chris Carpenter, Dan Gordon, Roger & Teresa Rebhorn, Wendy Niles, Slaughter, Cindy Fraser, & Amy Daly

Meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m.

Review of Minutes

- Minutes accepted (Wendy/Cindy)

Treasurer's Report (Chris Carpenter)

- Only one check written since last month to Spevak Percussion Concepts for \$427.50. Balance is \$15,167.41 with just under \$1,000 still available to Justin for more percussion lessons with Spevaks (\$1,400 was approved for this use).
- Shirl presented the rough/estimated budget for 2011/2012. This is put in place so that all of the expected expenditures listed are approved. If more funds are needed by a specific group amongst those listed on the budget, those would have to be voted on.
- Dan Gordon moved that the budget be approved, Michele B. seconded the motion and it carried.

President's Report (Shirl Gaskin)

- Craft Show. Shirl has questions regarding clarification of how much money we actually net after paying the custodians and is going to be getting in contact with Joanne. The dates for the craft show are 11/12 & 11/13 (with set up on 11/11). Michele Butz will *not* be handling the money in the office and needs someone to step in and take that role. We will be doing the bake sale again as it is a great fundraiser. Brenda Adrian has expressed that she will be glad to head that up again.
- Keyboard purchase. There was discussion regarding the purchase of the keyboard and the fact that we approved this purchase back in February of 2011 and the item still hasn't been purchased. It was agreed that we should present a deadline for access to the \$2,500 of November of 2011.
- World's Finest -- We still have 12 boxes left. We will be selling them at MusicFest. They are \$25.00 for a case and you could sell them yourself and make \$25.00.

COMMITTEE REPORTS**Music Fest (Michele Butz)**

- Wendy is actively seeking donations from local businesses and doing well getting some.
- Things are moving along well with planning.
- We need a flatbed trailer for the judges. There are a couple of possibilities so we should be okay.
- Shout-Outs will be done differently this year. We will be having a 25-shout-out limit for each visiting band. The Regiment's shout-outs will be unlimited but they will be read during the break rather than right before they play. Hopefully this will prevent complaints regarding the length of time.

Terror in the Timber (Shirl)

- T-Shirts are being ordered
- Dress rehearsal will be 10/27 and will be mandatory.
- We still need more parental involvement!!
- Scenes will be decided upon by Friday, 10/14.
- We still need generators.

Fundraising (Teresa Reborn)

- The Reborns have purchased yard signs for the kids in Regiment and MusicFest. She is still waiting for the list of the kids' addresses. They are planning to put them out on the evening of 10/11.
- Teresa has looked into a fundraising idea of Sandwich Indians car magnets from the same company (Sign FX in Sugar Grove). They would be sold for \$10.00 each. They would cost \$2.70 each if we bought 500, \$4.50 if we bought 250 -- to cover our out-of-pocket cost, each Regiment kid would only have to sell 2. To sell them all, they would have to sell 7 each. The company has agreed to be a sponsor company for the band. It was moved and seconded (Steve/Marty) that we approve the \$1,350.00 for the up-front cost of the magnets and this will be our fall fundraiser.
- Garden flags. Teresa had a Sandwich Indians garden flag designed and went ahead and purchased 100 of the flags and would like help selling them. If we sell all of them for \$15 each, the band stands to earn \$1,000. If 20 are sold, Teresa will make her money back.

Hospitality (Cindy Fraser)

- The only thing going on right now is the hot chocolate and water at the football games.
- Upcoming is the baked goods for the holiday concert.

Public Relations (Kenn)

- Compliments were paid to Kenn regarding the publicity that has already taken place.
- Kenn shared that he's been trying to make contact with WGN TV regarding their morning show coming out and doing a segment.
- On 10/13/11 at 9:00 am, we will have 2 students (one from band and one from colorguard) on WSPY radio regarding MusicFest and Terror.
- Kenn has lots of ideas for reaching out with publicity for Terror, reaching well into the suburbs as we have had lots of people coming from far and wide.

DIRECTORS' REPORTS

Liz Shollenberger

- There is a possibility, due to budget cuts, that Madrigals may need some help meeting their budget needs to put on the dinners. This isn't known yet but the estimated cost is probably about \$200 to \$300 per costume and would probably be 2-4 costumes. They will be able to let us know at the November meeting.
- We presented the deadline for the purchase of the keyboard Liz.

Justin Heinekamp

- Fundraising - we will be doing the pie sales again. It will work the same way as last year. Pick-up will be the Tuesday before Thanksgiving break. Kids will make \$3.00 per pie for their individual accounts.
- MusicFest is moving along. We got approval to use some bathrooms in the school building which is great news but not the locker rooms, which would have been easiest.
- IMEA is proceeding along nicely. 15 band kids and 14 choir kids are signed up to go.
- Justin is going to be encouraging outside instruction for several of the band kids and parents will be seeing that information coming home in the near future.
- Summer. Justin is putting a proposal together to present to the school board to make sure they are on-board with the change from MACBDA. Verbally, they seem to be on-board. The intention is to still do a summer season but to move away from summer being the competitive portion. The competitive portion would be in the fall. The plan is to become involved in BOA (Bands of America), attending their regional, etc. This does not require a membership per se, just attending their events.

Erin Killey -- not in attendance

New Business (Shirl)

- Shirl brought up our being involved with the Sandwich Park District's *Festival of Trees*. They ask for either a donation or a Christmas item be donated. Shirl mentioned having an extra tree that she'd be willing to let us use. It was agreed that this would be an easy thing to do and something we should do to let the community know about us.
- The band shed needs desperately to be COMPLETELY cleaned out (I.e., move everything out and put it back). This will wait until after MusicFest and Terror. There was a lot of discussion regarding the trophies and awards we have stored in the band shed and a respectful way to archive the awards (photographing them in batches by decade or year, removing the plates and making plaques). Kenn Hintszche has volunteered storage space as an option.
- Big Blue and box truck. The school district is asking that we make a decision regarding ownership of the blue truck and the box truck. One of the issues is that we cannot locate the titles for either of them. Big Blue needs major repairs to get to a reliable state, though Bill Butz (Michele's husband, a mechanic, who looked the truck over) feels it could be done. We need to decide whether we want to sell it outright, sign it over to the school which would give us less ready-access to the vehicles, or invest in the full repairs. This discussion was tabled until the November meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.