

Tuesday, September 07, 2010

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

Those in attendance: Shirl Gaskin, Amy Daly, Maria Murrey, Dee Emerson, Dan Gordon, Liz Shollenberger, Justin Heinekamp, Kathy Marty, Jennifer Boring, Cindy Fraser, Angie Turney, Michele Butz, Michelle Worthington, Larry Gaskin, Yvonne Roller, Lanette Yingling, Margo Lindner, and Kenn Hintszche.

- No minutes for previous meeting (June meeting was somewhat informal)
- Treasurer's report presented by Michelle Worthington
- Director's Reports:
 - Miss Shollenberger reported on how the choirs are doing. All is well and all choirs are under way except Messiah chorus and IMEA chorus. I-8 nominations are coming soon. We discussed whether there was a need for new choir robes this year. Liz said we are fine for this year but perhaps next year as the choir program grows.
 - Mr. Heinekamp gave his report. Bands are up and running as well. Almost all music is out, all has been ordered. Regarding MusicFest: 11 bands are signed up for Musicfest with the hope of getting 1 or 2 more. (not including Regiment). This is consistent with our past number of bands. He was contacted regarding judging by Central States Judging association, the company that obtains and contracts all the judges. He thinks the cost for just this task is about \$250. We paid \$3,077.88 last year for judges. One band is doing parade only and one band (Marmion) may be late and miss parade. Some discussion took place regarding the Musicfest shirts for Duy's and wanting them to be changed up as they have been exactly the same for many years. We'd like to discuss pricing as well. We want to try talking with them because of the longstanding relationship and they are band contributors. Shirl and Justin will be talking to Duy's.
 - Some discussion took place regarding the supplemental help for Regiment for summer (percussion, guard, uniforms, etc.) and that a contract needs to be drawn up as we did not really get our money's worth.
 - Justin is in the process of setting up a database of band parents using an information form for preferred method of contact. This form is available on Edline and the SSMA website and they are available physically in the band room as well. Michele Butz requested copy of this information for contacting parents for MusicFest and also requested a copy of the middle school list from Liz.
 - Justin brought up repair of the scaffolding. The cost is approximately \$60 and he requested \$75.00 to cover this cost.

- Justin also brought up a fundraising idea -- band and choir (music) decals for cars for parents. Everyone seemed interested. Justin is going to be checking into this and is hoping to have something in line in time for MusicFest because this could be a good fundraising source.
- Justin has set up a mass text messaging system. It is geared toward the kids but may provide helpful information to parents. To join, you must have a phone with texting capability. Text "Follow SHSmarching" to 40404
- Committee Reports
 - Music Fest. Michele Butz. Date is 10/17/2010. Michele needs a correct schedule of the day's events. Parade is at 2:00. She will be having a planning meeting next week (Wednesday, 9/15/2010 at 6:30 at the high school). Please contact Michele via e-mail if you are willing to help. Discussion took place regarding who might be willing to help where. This will be further decided at the planning meeting. Angie Turney is checking into obtaining a hayrack wagon for the judges.
 - Fundraising. Michele Butz. Needs to know an approximate amount she should be striving for. For the most part, fundraising can be tabled except for band decal fundraiser for MusicFest because we don't want to miss this opportunity to get all of the other bands purchasing. Discussion took place regarding the raffle, do we want to have it at all? Do we want to change what we raffle off? What about selling poinsettias and doing a 50/50 raffle at the holiday concert?
 - Terror in the Timber. Lanette Yingling. Event is Friday, Saturday October 29 & 30. It was suggested that we split the fundraising meeting next Wednesday – half between Fundraising, half between Terror. Lanette has a conflict this year and we'd love a few more people who are willing to work on this planning committee. Everyone please take the time to look on-line for ideas for scenes and bring them to the meeting next week.
 - Hospitality. Lanette Yingling. Mr. Heinekamp has requested that we provide water and hot chocolate for each of the four home games (9/10, 9/24, 10/1, and 10/22). Angie 9/10, Lanette 9/24, Michele Butz 10/1, Cindy 10/22. Hospitality budget is \$200 Lanette will purchase the hot chocolate and distribute.
 - Public relations. Valerie Laruso (not present). Be sure to get any information to Val with plenty of time to make press deadlines. Kenn Hintzsche brought up utilizing WSPY radio and TV (their forum programs) as much as possible. He will be willing to look into it.
 - Travel. Becky Cantrell (not present). Watch for forms coming home.
 - Uniforms. Margo Lindner. We are short on shoes. Going to be checking to be sure we've found them all.
 - Membership/Volunteer: Cindy Fraser. Please be filling in the forms that Shirl made up and distributed (they were included in last week's first newsletter)

- Budget. Kenn Hintzsche. Kenn is working on establishing a budget for this year, something we have not been utilizing. We need to know where our money is going and how much is coming in.
- New Business
 - Michele Butz moved that we approve the \$75 to fix the scaffolding and Lanette Yingling seconded. The motion was approved.
 - By-Laws. Shirl took the time to explain what by-laws are and what they are utilized for. Shirl requested that these be approved tonight and asked that everyone look them over one last time so that we can approve them. Shirl specifically brought up Article VIII, Section D, the section about expenditures. This section was changed slightly after discussion. Margo brought up revisions and changes to by-laws and the addition regarding notice being given 7 days prior to the SSMA meetings to the general population via web post and newsletter. Michele Butz moved that we accept the by-laws with the revisions to Article VIII, Section D, and Article XI, Section C (regarding revisions). Angie seconded, the By-Laws were approved.
 - Discussion regarding storage of Regiment raincoats took place. The need for a storage device and the importance of putting them away COMPLETELY dry was discussed with some ideas for storage. This was not decided on tonight.

The meeting was adjourned.