

West Central Music Boosters

Meeting Notes

July 12, 2021

The meeting was called to order by Music Booster President Bobby G.J. Berrier at 6:07 pm in the band room.

A sign in sheet was passed around to take attendance. There were eight members in attendance.

Treasurer Report - was given by Ken Ashley

- Bills paid since last meeting
 - ISSMA Band Fees \$210.00
 - Qualin & Fabish - Supplies/Repairs \$190.83
- Deposits made since last meeting
 - Donation Drum from Spring Concert \$96.00
 - West Central Education Foundation \$250.00
- The uniform savings account was funded last year at the end of October. It was decided that we will continue to fund it \$1,400.00 annually in October. \$1,000.00 for equipment + \$200.00 for marching band uniforms + \$200.00 for concert band uniforms = \$1,400.00

Project Report - was given by Gary Schultz

- Foam panels are at school - Gary & Scott will work with Mr. Sholey on a time to install them.
- Gary has the metal shelving ready for the practice room. Gary & Scott will install it.
- ISSMA Plaques - Gary & Scott will work on hanging them up in the hallway.

Fundraiser Report - was given by Donita Stimson

- Fall fundraiser is scheduled for the end of August or beginning of September. It will be a catalog sale like past years. The sales rep will be at school all day to speak to all the students when the catalogs and order forms are passed out.
- Spring fundraiser will be Butter Braids
- Donita will make sure that the students that worked a shift at the pork shack at the county 4-H fair get the \$10.00 put into their student account. She will let Ken Ashley know the amount he needs to transfer to the student accounts from the general fund.

Old Business

Grants

- Hanson Materials - Joanna Thompson got the website, login ID, and password from Ms. Straus. She also found out that the Music Boosters were wanting to request a new sound board, mics, speakers, and cables. Ms. Straus recommended contacting Sweetwater in Fort Wayne to talk to a sales rep that can recommend a set up based on our needs. Dave Parish from the Francesville Uptown Project also offered to help. He has a lot of experience with sound equipment. The information was given to Mr Sholey.

Not for Profit 501c3 number for Music Boosters

- Casey Williams filed paperwork with the State Of Indiana months ago and we have not heard anything.
- The Music Boosters paid \$31.00 in September of 2020 for Not for Profit State Charge.
- Donita Stimson volunteered to speak with Casey Williams about where we are at with this.
- Depending on what we find out from Casey Williams - we might need to hire a lawyer or CPA to file the paperwork for us.

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Summer Band Camp

- It will be the week of July 26 -30
- Mr. Sholey is working on a t-shirt design
- The half time show theme will be through the decades - 70's ~ Mr. Blue Sky, 80's ~Take on Me, 90's ~ I Want it that way.
- Mr. Sholey thought the community/friends/family performance at the end of band camp and the carry in meal was a good idea. He will let us know for sure. The Music Boosters supply the hot dogs, buns, plates, utensils, napkins, cups, condiments, & drinks. Band families are to bring a side dish or dessert to share.

Senior Banners & Music Notes

- Joanna Thompson will contact Christine's Photography to get an appointment for August 13 for her to take senior band members pictures for senior banners.
- Estie Schultz will contact Al Sutton about getting music notes made for incoming freshmen. Currently have 6 freshmen.

New Business

Requisitions

- Marimba - Mr. Sholey received a check from the school for \$2,000.00 to pay for the marimba.
- We are also getting a marching snare & bass drum for free.
- Equipment must be picked up prior to July 31st.
- Gary Schultz & Mr. Sholey will go to Indianapolis on Saturday July 24th and get the items.

Fifth Grade Band Call Out

- This was a follow up to the call out in the spring. It was held July 8 from 5-8pm in the band room. One student showed up.

Meeting with School Administration

- Joanna Thompson gave an update on items discussed with Mr. Zylstra on June 21st.
- Success time is needed in the schedule for clubs to meet and band & choir students to practice for solo & ensemble contest.
- Need an established budget for the Music Department
 - More than 50% of students use a school owned instrument.
 - Money can be used for instrument repairs, cleaning, mallets, & drum heads.
 - Needs to be easy to use - requisition process takes too long for most daily use items.
- Need to figure out how to collect rental fees for school owned instruments. Charge with text book fee. The money can be used for repairs & cleaning costs.
- Told Mr. Zylstra that there are a lot of requests/requisitions that are shot down prior to getting to his desk.
- School should cover transportation costs for the band to travel to sectional games and contests. Mr. Zylstra agreed with that.
- Band performs at all home football games and a majority of the home boys & girls basketball games. Can we get a % of the gate fee to help with some of our expenses? He thought that might be possible. We need to follow up with him on this one and see if we can get it done.
- Scheduling is a big problem for band & choir students. The Administration needs to make band & choir a priority in the schedule of the students who want to be in it.
- Elementary scheduling is difficult. It almost seems like going to band is a punishment. We do not want that. Late start days really mess up the schedule.

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- Students in band and other clubs need the same recognition for their accomplishments as the athletes get. This is a school culture change.
- The Music Boosters and Band Director would like a partnership with the School Administration and School Board. It has been more like a battle in the past. It should not take the Music Boosters going to a school board meeting complaining to get some of the items that are needed.
- Broken promises. Do not promise things that you can't or won't deliver on.
- Gap in middle school choir. Mr. Zylstra wants to fix this and offer a middle school choir class.
- Choir room has had unfinished walls for several years now. Wallpaper was removed during the mold issue. Nothing has been done since. Crumbling wall & hole in the closet in the choir room needs to be fixed.
- Wall outside the band room door that is smashed in needs fixed.
- 5 year budget - Mr. Zylstra said that would not really help them, but I told him that it would give them an idea of some of the larger purchases that the Music Booster would be looking for help with, so they could plan accordingly.
- Can we set up a meeting 2 times per year, fall & spring, with the Superintendent & Principal to discuss some items, get answers to questions, & start to build a partnership/relationship. He thought that was a good idea. We need to send Mr. Zylstra & Mrs. Radtke some possible meeting dates & times.
- What can be done about how outdated & used everything looks. Mr. Zylstra would like to see improvements made, but it will take some time.

Trip in the Spring

- Mr. Sholey will look into dates for Music in the Parks.
- Mr. Sholey would like to start a Disney trip every 4 years. Approximately \$1,700.00 per student. March in parade at Disney, record a Disney tract in a studio with professionals, and visit the park.

Officer Elections will be held at the August 16th meeting.

Tuxedo Shirts & Black Choir Dresses

- Need cleaned after being used at the spring concert in May.

Band Uniforms

- Kankakee Valley School Band is in the process of raising funds to purchase new uniforms. When they are ready to get rid of their old uniforms, it was mentioned that purchasing some of them might be a possibility for us. The school colors are the same. Mr. Sholey has a contact at KV and will check on this.

Gate in Football Field

- A gate by the bleacher where the band sits would be helpful. Mr. Sholey will see if that is a possibility.

The next meeting will be August 16th at 6:00 pm in the band room.

The meeting was adjourned by Music Booster President Bobby G.J. Berrier at 8:40 pm.

Members in attendance were - Gary Schultz, Estie Schultz, Bobby G.J. Berrier, Donita Stimson, Stephen Sholey, Ken Ashley, Scott Thomspson. & Joanna Thompson.