

Stow Munroe Falls Band Boosters Meeting Notes

Monday, October 2, 2017

Executive Board Meeting

Uniforms/Raincoats – based on band enrollment projections through the 2021/2022 school year, we should consider ordering 280 raincoats instead of 250. The cost for 30 more coats will be \$2,500 and the school district will pay half (it will pay for half of the entire order). The district has already prepared a new purchase order pending our approval. Leslie Dougherty moved that we purchase 280 raincoats vs. the 250 we approved before; Lisa Toppin seconded. The motion carried.

In conjunction with the school district we are considering ordering 15 new uniforms, depending on available funds (particularly Permanent Improvement funds). Ideally we will order them in February 2018 for delivery in July. Mr. Newman has been getting price estimates from different uniform companies and learned that Midwest is offering the best price, as well as working as best as they can with us to keep prices down and even reduce the shipping costs. We agreed that at the end of the marching season we need to do a thorough inventory and inspection of the uniforms, raincoats and hats.

Communication – in the absence of a weekly update, we are exploring ways to communicate regularly with parents and students, including the website, sign-up genius, and remind. Brian Monroe has the entire email database and we are getting slowly getting it, while also exploring workable options for sending mass emails with a district IT person. We are also getting estimates for hosting and maintenance of our website which will be presented at our November meeting.

DVDs – Dave Stofka recorded the band show and will record Homecoming and the Senior Show. Tom Hutchins will be able to help coordinate production. Sandy Flower will call Dove for cost estimates.

General Membership Meeting

Secretary's report – minutes from the 8.27.17 meeting were not posted on the website but copies are available.

Treasurer's report – Melissa has created a separate column for the Band Show. We made a profit of over \$12,000! She is getting QuickBooks up and running and still needs to create individual student accounts. Mr. Newman advised that with the computer upgrades expected at the school, this information should be available to her in a month. In the meantime, if any parent has any questions about individual student accounts, they should contact Melissa at treasurer@stowband.org.

Old Business

- Mattress Sale (Beth Rieger) – it was a success! Sold 27 mattresses. Official sales figures will be in later this week but are likely to be at least \$3,000 for our general fund. We earned \$143 on the bake sale. This is worth doing again as it requires minimal effort on our part. We will, however, have to come up with a creative plan to drive more traffic to the sale.
- Concession Stand (Melissa Blasko, Roxanne Brown) – a visiting band member tripped and fell over the concrete pad in front of the concession stand at the band show. This has now been

fixed. A full inspection of the stand has been done and we should have a working drain by the game this Friday. Other safety and maintenance issues are being looked at as well.

- Band Show (Jennifer Biggs) – huge success. Thank you to the GREAT TEAM.
- Spirit Wear (Jennifer Biggs) – there are still a few things left. Planning to sell at Kimpton rehearsal Thursday night and at the last 2 home games.
- Cookie dough / magazine fundraiser (Paula Wisnewski) – not a huge response, especially from high school kids. However 8 students did a lot of online sales and made a decent amount of money. Deliveries expected Oct. 19.

New Business

- Kimpton Night (Angelique Kline) – everything is organized and ready for Friday.
- Summer Fun Cash (Jennifer Biggs) – asking each H.S. band member to sell at least one ticket as the band makes \$5-\$6 for each ticket sold. All money and unsold tickets are due at the Marching Band Concert. Unsold tickets must be returned or the money for them will be taken from the student's account.
- Senior Night (Tammy Lott) – 68 floral arrangements have been ordered.
- Restaurant Fundraiser (Jennifer Miller) – We've applied for a date at Chipotle and waiting for approval. We get 50% of sales. People can either bring in a flier or show a picture of the flier on their phone. We can only do 1 every 12 months. The date we want is Tuesday, November 28 from 5-9 pm.
- Newsletter (Michelle Brugmann) – next one is going out October 13 so please get information to be included to her asap.
- Market Day Pie fundraiser (Beth Rieger) – will benefit individual student accounts (kids will get 40% of their sales). Information being given to both Kimpton and High School students this week. Orders due 10/18 with delivery before Thanksgiving.

Directors' Reports

- Mrs. Sandman
 - o Been an interesting, emotional month. Crazy, overwhelming and intense.
 - o SO MUCH POSITIVE HAS HAPPENED. This is a well-oiled machine. The kids have stepped up and helped. Parents have been fantastic. Thank you to all the parents for the emails, texts, notes and constant offers of help. THANK YOU IMMENSELY.
 - o Mr. Monroe's suspension came literally at the start of recruiting, which could've been a disaster but was not because of the support of the team there. Mrs. Grossi is now back but her long-term sub was able to handle the first day of recruiting when Mrs. Sandman was called back to the high school. Several high school students helped as well.
 - o Fifth graders – 198! A record number! Sixth graders – 123!
 - o Mrs. Sandman will direct the 6th grade and Mrs. Grossi will direct the 5th. Full band will start the end of October. Not sure about concerts yet, but will likely have to split them into two as they did last year.
 - o We have a new long-term sub to help wherever it is needed, Jane DiMascio.
 - o Grades for high school students will close 10/20. Students need to test off on the Senior Show by then.

- Mr. Newman
 - o Echoes Mrs. Sandman: the past month has been overwhelming and emotional. Can't thank the amazing parents enough.
 - o Alumni Night was great Summer Sunset Blast went well, despite the misty rain.
 - o The Band Show was a huge success – very impressed with our team.
 - o Solon Band Show – strong performance.
 - o Fundraisers have gone well.
 - o We have upped our raincoat order from 250 to 280 to accommodate our projected needs.
 - o We are working on options for mass email and hope to have something in place for sending out the Fall newsletter.
 - o Kimpton Night / Homecoming – forecast is iffy so he's told the 7th and 8th graders to be prepared to get wet! do a thorough instrument inventory.
 - o Rehearsal next week will be on Tuesday 10/10. The game will be Thursday 10/12 and we will be doing the Senior Show, directed by Mrs. Sandman and Mrs. Grossi. This will also be Senior Night. The seniors will be given a form to hand to the announcer before they process with their parents across the field.
 - o He will be spending time with the 7th and 8th graders to explain how student accounts work as we roll out the pie fundraiser.
 - o The last day for testing will be 10/12, with the exception of the Senior Show. The final day of testing for that will be 10/18.
 - o Concert band auditions will be the week of 10/23.
 - o Marching band concert is 10/29.
 - o He will not be at our final regular season game at Brecksville-Broadview Heights as that will be his son's senior night at Hudson.

Closing comments from Cristie Praeter – it's amazing how much we've done in the past 4 weeks. Everyone has really stepped up. Thank you!

Our next meeting is Monday, November 6, 2017. This meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Nancy Brown, Secretary