

Stow Munroe Falls Band Boosters Meeting Notes

Monday, February 5, 2018

(Note: There was no meeting in January 2018 because of a snow day)

In Attendance: Cristie Praeter, President; Carl Miragliotta, Vice President; Melissa Bowers, Treasurer; Nancy Brown, Secretary; Tammy Lott, Trustee; Leslie Dougherty, Trustee.

Executive Board Meeting

Website – Mr. Newman and Dave Stofka presented their work so far. We have the domain name stoband.org and also smfband.org. The main emphasis of the new site will be the calendar (which will pull in live data) and the individual school programs. It will include a link to the band booster organization with links to donate. Melissa Bowers has researched options and PayPal seems to be the most efficient and cost-effective application. We can expand it to be used to pay fees (there is 0% service charge if payments are made with an electronic check.). Leslie Dougherty will send Dave pictures from Lakeview.

Senior Book and DVDs – all of the concert information and pictures that have traditionally been compiled for senior books is available for anyone who wants to find it. Compiling it and producing a book for each senior is time consuming and expensive. We can discuss this and the “through the years” video at the next meeting.

After-Prom donation – Nancy Brown moved that we donate \$100 to the after-prom committee; Melissa Bowers seconded. Motion carried. Melissa will coordinate the actual donation with Michele McCombs.

General Membership Meeting

Secretary’s report (Nancy Brown) – copies are available.

Treasurer’s report (Melissa Bowers) – copies are available.

Old Business

- DVD/CD sales – CDs will be produced for the December, March, May and American Celebration concerts. We made \$100 in sales for the marching band DVD.
- Cookies for the Winter Concert – thank you to Jennifer Biggs for organizing and everyone who donated.

New Business

- Alumni Committee – the woman organizing the Alumni Committee will be attending a meeting soon to introduce herself.
- Nominating Committee – will include the 5 Trustees plus Nancy Brown and Melissa Blasco. Need nominees for President, Vice President, Secretary, Assistant Treasurer and the five Trustee positions. The election will take place at the May meeting.
- Band Scholarship Committee -- \$500 will be awarded to one graduating senior. Nicole Cameron will chair. Committee members: Melissa Bowers, Sandy Flower and Lee Thomas.
- Band website – presentation made to Executive Committee tonight. Current info to be shared soon.

- Volunteers are needed to chair committees for next year.
- Newsletter went out today.
- 50/50 drawing netted us \$1,000 at the December concert. Steve Ritchie will chair next year.
- There is a fundraiser scheduled for April which will benefit individual student accounts.

Directors' Reports

- Mrs. Grossi
 - o Next Lakeview concert is March 14 at 6 and 7:15. There are 150 5th graders and 130 6th graders. Lost a few students after the December concert but the numbers are still good.
 - o Have started a few instrument switchovers.
 - o Is enforcing the practice schedules as part of the students' grades and there has been a huge difference.
 - o Band Aids is in progress now under Michaela Brugmann. Spring Biggs is shadowing her so she can lead the program next year. We should set up a budget for this to cover expenses that Michaela is covering herself.
 - o Scale testing is underway. The kids are eager to do it and eat their free donuts.

- Mr. Newman
 - o Kimpton: Beginning to talk about Solo & Ensemble which is April 7 at Stanton Middle School in Kent.
 - o Next high school concert is March 6.
 - o March 9 is the high school large-group competition. Only the Wind Ensemble is participating this year and we will be going to Howland High School near Warren.
 - o Next jazz concert is March 22.
 - o Freshman band orientation is April 9.
 - o The July 4 parade will now be mandatory for all incoming freshman.
 - o The Jazz in January concert was fantastic.
 - o High School Solo & Ensemble went well: We had 43 events; 32 received Superior ratings, 10 received Excellent ratings and 1 received a Good rating.
 - o Tag Day will be Saturday, May 5 and the American Celebration Concert will be that evening.
 - o Thank you for everything we do to support the program.

Respectfully submitted, Nancy Brown, Secretary