

## Stow Munroe Falls Band Boosters Meeting Notes

Monday, August 28, 2017

### **Executive Board Meeting**

In attendance: Cristie Praeter, President; Carl Miragliotta, Vice President; Melissa Bowers, Treasurer; Brian McCombs, Assistant Treasurer; Nancy Brown, Secretary; Lisa Toppin, Senior Class Rep; Michele McCombs, Sophomore Class Rep; Tammy Lott, Freshman Class Rep.

Melissa Bowers discussed the need for our organization to have a debit card. For example, when the concession stand leaders need to buy supplies, she gives them 5 or 6 signed blank checks which is very risky. If one of those checks got lost, the bank would not provide fraud coverage as the check was signed by us. However, fraud on a debit card would be protected by FDIC. A credit card is required to set up our Quickbooks account, as agreed to in our last meeting. The only option currently is for someone to pay for that with a personal credit card and be reimbursed by the SMFBPA.

The bank has suggested we set up a secondary account with limited funds that the debit card would draw from, as opposed to it drawing from the entire checking account. We are able to get multiple cards issued and Melissa will set up very specific usage guidelines and procedures.

Brian McCombs motioned that the SMFBPA get a debit card; Lisa Toppin seconded. The motion carried.

We also discussed ideas for accepting donations via credit card and on line.

### **General Membership Meeting**

Secretary's report – available online at [stowband.org](http://stowband.org)

Treasurer's report – available online at [stowband.org](http://stowband.org). Blossom has paid us for events through July 31 and student accounts have been updated. Melissa has subtracted all requested student account payments for pay-to-play fees, band camp, accessories, etc.

### Old Business

- We are still in need of a 50/50 chairperson for next year who will work with current chair Leslie Dougherty this year.
- Car washes: Thank you to all the students and parents who worked at the car washes. The Senior/Freshman car wash raised \$460.01; the Junior/Sophomore car was raised \$470.
- Band camp: thank you to Carl Miragliotta, Mike and Dawnn Perry, and all of the other parent chaperones.

### New Business

- Mattress Sale (Beth Rieger)
  - o Saturday, Sept. 30, 10 am – 5 pm.
  - o Our job is to market the sale and get people there. One in 10 people need to buy a mattress – it's our job to find them.
  - o A "mobile showroom" will be set up in the Commons, including mattresses, frames and pillows. They do all of the sales.

- The kids will be given fliers with a \$50 off coupon. The kids are to put their name on the flier as a referral. The first mattress sold from the student's referral will earn the student \$25. Successive mattresses sold will earn the student \$50 each. The students will be "paid" with gift cards.
- We will earn 40% of the sales which will go into the General Fund. We anticipate raising \$5,000 - \$10,000.
- All of the mattresses are made in the USA and come with a non-prorated warranty (full replacement value).
- Our responsibilities on day of sale:
  - Kids will take 90-minute shifts to stand at Graham/Fishcreek intersection to direct traffic to our sale, some dressed in mattress costumes, some playing instruments, etc.
  - Any secondary fundraiser. We have decided to hold a bake sale. A sign-up genius will go out.
- Students will be given information and fliers to hand out on Weds 9/13. We were given posters and fliers to begin posting. We are encouraged to share info about the sale on social media, businesses, churches, etc.
- Hero's program – first responders, active military and veterans receive 10% off and free delivery. SMFCSD faculty and staff also get 10% off.
- Jason Whitacre
  - Band dad (freshman tuba player) running for School Board.
  - Has 5 children; the oldest is in 9<sup>th</sup> grade and the youngest is in Kindergarten.
  - Questions the need to still collect pay-to-play fees.
  - Meet the Candidates Night, October 3, 7 pm at the VFW Hall.
- Concession Stand – Roxanne Brown and Melissa Blasko
  - Serious concerns about the structure, including hot water and lack of a working drain. There is a lot of dry rot in the structure. The original T111 from 1991 needs to come off and be replaced. Some of the studs will also need to be replaced.
  - One of the High School custodians has offered to replace the outside wooden shelves that we use for condiments.
  - The hot water tank has been repaired by someone who donated parts and labor.
  - Cristie Praeter suggested Roxanne and Melissa prepare a comprehensive list of repairs needed that we can submit to the Director of Operations, Mark Fritz.
  - Joel Biggs said that his son Thomas will be able to start his Eagle Scout project next year and has expressed a desire to make the Band Concession Stand his project.
- Stow Band Show – Jennifer Biggs - Saturday, Sept. 16
  - We still need a few more volunteers in key spots.
  - 125 seats are already sold.
  - Publicity (Nancy Brown) – we have received permission from the Central Office and Mayor's Office to put our yard signs at all the schools and City Hall. This is in lieu of our large wooden signs which are in bad shape and frankly "a pain" to put up and take down. Volunteers are needed to put them at schools and take them down.
- Alumni Night – Friday, September 8

- Being coordinated by Mr. Monroe and Janice Brown.
- Current students and alumni will rehearse together at 5:30 that evening and then cadence to the stadium.
- Former directors Dick Willis and Dick Oliver will conduct.
- We are expecting 140 alumni, ranging from graduation years 1955-2017.
- Janice Brown will need volunteers to help with registration and t-shirt distribution, as well as donations of cookies and water. A sign-up genius will go out.
- Spirit Wear – Jennifer Biggs
  - 80 prepaid orders for the Journey t-shirts; ordering 20 extra to avoid the \$40 set-up charge.
  - Delivery expected Mon 9/11.
- Magazine/Cookie Dough sale – Paula Wisnewski
  - Running now through Sept. 12. Students have packets and info.
  - Product delivery on 10/19.
- Kimpton Night – Beth Rieger and Angelique Kline
  - We will be holding an “open house” for parents during the rehearsals on 9/28 and 10/5 from 6-7 pm.
- Summer Fun Cash
  - Replaces “Christmas Cash” fundraiser.
  - No more information available at this time.
- Stadium Seats
  - A Freshman parent has looked into getting stadium seats through Youngs that we could sell as a fundraiser. Will coordinate with the Spirit Wear Committee.
- Decals
  - There is a freshman band parent who makes decals and he’s willing to do personalized Stow Band decals. He will be at the October meeting.

#### Directors’ Reports

- Mrs. Sandman
  - Last year’s schedule at Lakeview was ideal, but this year’s will be a challenge. The 5<sup>th</sup> grade “specials” will be in the afternoon this year, not in the morning like last year, which will make individual instrument lesson time very difficult. She, Mrs. Grossi and Mr. Monroe will do the 5<sup>th</sup> grade this year. Recruiting begins this week and will be assisted by 20 high school students. Lessons will begin the week of 9/11. She has added a 7:30 am before school lesson time and hopes to be able to have enough lesson time to do full band in time to do a concert in December.
  - The 6<sup>th</sup> grade lessons have begun and are currently split into woodwinds and brass. Full band rehearsals before school will start next week.
  - Mrs. Grossi returns the week of 9/25.
  - The first concert is Dec. 18. She doesn’t know numbers, if we’ll need to do separate 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade concert times, etc.
- Mr. Newman

- The new Wednesday high school schedule conflicts with his schedule at Kimpton, leaving him about 5 minutes to get from the high school to Kimpton. He most likely will not be at the high school at all on Wednesdays during concert band season.
- They are getting started on music for Kimpton Night.
  - 8<sup>th</sup> grade – 75 students
  - 7<sup>th</sup> grade – 100 students
- Mr. Monroe
  - He is teaching a 4<sup>th</sup> period class at the high school this year (1<sup>st</sup> semester – Music Appreciation; 2<sup>nd</sup> semester – Music Theory).
  - Band camp was a huge success. The kids worked HARD.
  - The performance at the Kent Band Show was great and was even better at the first football game last week. Will be doing the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of the Show Show this week.
  - Homecoming Show and Senior Show are back to back this year.
  - After this week, the students will be 2/3 of the way through all of the music. He stressed the importance for students to at least attempt to pass music checks. They get 50% just for attempting. If they get all 50% scores on music testing along with good grades for marching and participation, they are guaranteed a B. Because Wednesday rehearsals will be short, they will be a testing day. Parents can ask kids to show them their blue testing card which will indicate if they are at least making attempts. The testing schedule is on the website and included in each update.
  - Kids need to pay more attention to rehearsal information that is tweeted out and put on the white board in the band room. Too many students are not properly prepared for rehearsals, which will impact their participation grades. It's extremely important that they have the right shoes for marching.
  - Attendance issues are handled by Mr. Newman, and Mrs. Sandman handles grades.
  - Summer Sunset Blast is this Sat 9/2. Tubas and percussion are to meet at the high school at 4 and will be bused to Silver Springs. All other students are to be at the Heritage Barn at 4:30. The band will march to the main area and perform music.
  - Solon Band Show is Sat 9/9. Each student is to bring a "bag chair" (a folding chair in a bag with a shoulder strap).
  - Stow Band Show is Sat 9/16. Need more parent volunteers.
  - Schedule changes – practice on Weds 9/6, not Thurs 9/7. Home game vs Hudson will be Thurs 10/12. This is also Senior Night. Practice that week will be Tues 10/10.
  - We got a new ladder! Mark Fritz (Director of Ops) feels strongly that parent groups such as ours should "assist," not "support" their organizations. With the PI funds from the levy, all we need to do is show that what we are seeking has at least a 5-year life span. We've been able to do that with instruments and raincoats from the 1980s, and have been able to get funding help. We are getting a new music filing system in mid-late October, as well as new carpeting in the band room. The sidewalk outside the band room has been leveled.

Our next meeting is Monday, October 2, 2017. This meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Nancy Brown, Secretary