

Stow Munroe Falls Band Boosters Meeting Notes

Monday, April 30, 2018

In Attendance: Cristie Praeter, President; Carl Miragliotta, Vice President; Melissa Bowers, Treasurer; Brian McCombs, Assistant Treasurer; Nancy Brown, Secretary; Lisa Toppin, Trustee; Sandra Flower, Trustee; Michele McCombs, Trustee; Tammy Lott, Trustee; Leslie Dougherty, Trustee.

Executive Board Meeting

Sandra Flower moved that we amend Section C, #4 of the By-Laws to read, "Newly elected officers will be installed and assume their duties on the last day of the school year, with the exception of the Assistant Treasurer who will ascend to the position of Treasurer on the first day of the new fiscal year." Lisa Toppin second; motion carried.

The bank has asked that anyone who is going to be using the debit card actually have a card with their own name on it and that the bank have that person's signature on file. The person we need to add is Melissa Blasko who chairs our concessions. Melissa Bowers moved that we add Melissa Blasko as a signatory on the checking account and that the bank issue a debit card with her name on it. Michele McCombs second; motion carried.

General Membership Meeting

Secretary's report (Nancy Brown) – available on our website.

Treasurer's report (Melissa Bowers) – available on our website. There was not much activity in April but there will be a lot of activity in May because band camp payments are due May 1. Everyone has been invoiced for band camp. Individual student account balance statements were sent; if anyone didn't receive one it's probably because Melissa Bowers does not have a correct email address. All questions should be emailed to treasurer@smfband.org.

An Audit Committee will be formed as soon as an audit is scheduled.

Old Business

- Election of Officers for 2018-19. Candidates were introduced and ballots distributed. Beth Rieger and Lisa Toppin tabulated the votes. Congratulations to the winners:
 - o President: Joel Biggs
 - o Vice President: Glenn Pace
 - o Assistant Treasurer: Brian McCombs
 - o Secretary: Kathy Ritchie
 - o Senior Class Trustee: Sandra Flower
 - o Junior Class Trustee: Lee Thomas
 - o Sophomore Class Trustee: Tammy Lott
 - o Freshman Class Trustee: Arlene Leyba-Silva
 - o Kimpton Trustee: Michelle Brugmann
- Bellacino's fundraiser – we netted \$240.
- Senior scrapbook pages – done!

- First-aid Kit fundraiser – we sold 179 kits, meaning we added \$1800 to student accounts. This was an excellent fundraiser and should be repeated.

New Business

- Concession Stand Repairs – the stand has many areas that need to be refreshed, including siding and paint. Sam Biggs, an incoming 7th grader, has proposed fixing and improving the stand as part of his Eagle Scout project. Melissa Blasko will work with him to put together a list of things to do and a budget serve as a liaison with Mark Fritz. Ideas include: siding, paint, trays on the outside for condiments, roof extension to put some of the adjoining area under cover and storage.
- Band Banquet – all set for Wednesday night. The Alumni Association will be attending and will give each senior an alumni t-shirt.
- Tag Day – all set! Donations can be made via PayPal through our website. We will be sure to inform the drivers who will remind the students so they can tell people.
- Band Sponsorship Program – We need a chairperson for this for next year. A letter has already been created to be sent to local businesses. This is a large untapped source of funding for our program
- Alumni Committee -- Tina Valdez will be the Alumni Liaison to the Band Parents Association next year.
- Band Camp tents – Tom Hutchins suggests we purchase three 10' x 20' tents with sandbag weights for a total cost of about \$600. Melissa Bowers reports we have \$2500 remaining from band camp last year. Nancy Brown moved that we purchase three 10' x 20' tents with sandbag weights using some of the money left from band camp last year; Melissa Bower second; motion carried.
- Committee chairs are needed for the following:
 - o 50/50 – Steve Ritchie will co chair; need one other person. Amy Bricker volunteered.
 - o Lock-in
 - o Ways & Means
 - o Band Sponsorship
- Installation of new officers – pursuant to the amendment made to the by-laws in the Executive Committee our new officers will be officially installed on May 30, the last day of school.

Directors' Reports

Mrs. Grossi

- Lakeview
 - o Next (and final) concert will be on May 23, Lily's first birthday! We will once again do two separate concerts. They will have Blizzards during their recess period after lunch the next day. Thank you to Melissa Blasko for volunteering to bring them. The students will pre-order. The end-of-the-year assembly and donut party will both be May 25. They will turn in their instruments and get Kimpton instruments then, too.

Mrs. Sandman

- High School

- Freshman final exam will be on May 30 during period 7A exam period.
- Maroon and Gold band members – top chairs will be filtered into Wind Ensemble for Commencement. The rest will play on Memorial Day. Information will be sent home about this.
- Wind Ensemble will play at Commencement.
- Jazz Bands – all of them performed before Spring Break. Thank you to the Band Parents for funding the guest clinician, Jack Shantz. Jazz 1 went to Westlake High School as part of the Tri-C Jazz Festival on April 10.
- Mr. Newman
 - Thank you to everyone for everything you do. Especially the Senior parents. Especially this year.
 - Upcoming dates:
 - May 1 – percussion and piccolo audition information out, as well as squad leader forms
 - May 1 – banquet
 - May 4 – combined rehearsal with chorus for the concert
 - May 5 – Tag Day, American Celebration Concert
 - May 9 – Kimpton Concert
 - May 10 – Student Conductor workshop
 - May 11 – Middle School large group contest. High school performance tapes and Honors Band points due.
 - May 14 – Kimpton students will choose their band camp roommates. Final exam – each student will meet one-on-one with a director to perform scales.
 - May 15 – seniors check out – instruments, fines, student accounts
 - May 18 – auditions for percussion, piccolo and student conductors. Squad leader essays due.
 - May 24 – Graduation.
 - May 25 – Wind Ensemble instrument turn in. Incoming seniors will go to Kimpton to meet their “little” sibling.
 - May 28 – Memorial Day; combined performance by Maroon and Gold bands.
 - May 29 – Maroon and Gold instrument turn in.
 - May 30 – Marching Band reading session. Band officer elections. Roommate cards due. Review handbooks and explain grading process.

Parting Words

- From Cristie Praeter: it’s been an incredible year. We’ve ordered new raincoats and additional uniforms, created a new website and established new ways to donate. We hope the program continues to grow.

There will be no meeting in June. The next meeting will be Monday, July 30, 2018.

Respectfully submitted, Nancy Brown, Secretary