

## **Smithfield High School Music Booster Club September 19, 2019**

Meeting opened 7:10 pm

**Attendance** Michelle Pereira, Mary Ann Iannuccillo, Melissa Moroni, Tania Alexander, Michaela Turbitt, Katherine Young See sign in sheet for all members present.

**Secretary's Minutes:** Minutes read from June meeting.

Melissa Moroni made motion to accept minutes.

Steve Schwartz seconded.

**Treasurer's Report:** Given by Melissa Moroni. Running two separate accounts. First one is the one that the operating budget comes out of. As of June 30:

- Operating Account - 15, 324.45
- Take your Seat - \$4468.99

Balance as of September 19, 2019

- Operating account - \$15,585.02  
Includes: deposits from cabaret concessions, Bryant donation, foxwoods payment, expenses of reimbursement to Paul Duhamel. PO Box renewal, ice cream social expenses, bass clarinet (balance from parent council "Shark Tank" payment)
- Take Your Seat account - \$4568.21  
Includes: Deposit from seat sales, interest, expense of plate purchase

**Band Report:** none

**Chorus Report:** Given by Katherine Young

Sentinel Singers will be performing 2:30 September 28 at Waterfire Teacher of Excellence Celebration. Performing in Memorial Park.

**PR Report:** Currently do not have a PR chair. Group will brainstorm possible volunteers/nominees.

**Old Business:**

- **Welcome Back Ice Cream Party** - Boosters supplied food and Tri-M ran the event. Cost very little money. Stop and Shop donated a \$50 gift card to purchase. Michaela to write thank you note to Justine Casale. Good turnout.
- **Bass clarinet** purchased with shark tank money (boosters will pay the difference)
- **Take Your Seat** - We need to install the three that have been purchased. More PR is needed to sell additional seats. Question as to how many seats have been purchased. Talked about having a visual that represents how close we are to our goal (i.e.

thermometer). Discussed offering a percentage off at that gala to encourage more sales. Potentially raffle or auction them off.

- **Legion of Honor** - Katherine has a list of potential nominees. Would like to stick to one person a year. Suggestion made to have different categories - maybe one "historical" and one that the students come up with.
- **Website/FB/PR:** How can we make ourselves more visible on SHS website? Steve will give Katherine access to website/FB to post photos.
- **Scholarship** - Two \$500.00 scholarships awarded in June to Maia Bowkern (UNH) and Max Votolato (Hart School of Music). Both majoring in Music Education.
- **Cabaret** - huge success last year. Thoughts for improvement: clear cafeteria after each performance. More comfortable tables. Round tables and chairs worked best. Should we do an "A" sign strictly for cabaret? Maybe say "Open to public"?
- **Adult Dance/Gala:** April 4, 2020. Kirkbrae Country Club. Theme is "Illuminate" . We have a parent who is a professional fundraiser who is giving us great ideas. Have an Eventbrite account set up. Can be used for gala, musical, etc..

#### **New Business:**

- **Need accessible minutes/agenda.** Agenda should be posted prior to meeting to let people know what we are going to discuss. Our website is not prominent on district website. Need to work with what we have - link website on FB page, Twitter, email, etc. Steve offered to post agenda and minutes to website.
- **"On the Stage"** reached out to us. On-line ticketing site. Three RI schools are using. People buy tickets online, \$1.43 fee per ticket will be built into price. Question as to what happens the night of the show when people walk up and pay cash. What happens to the email addresses? Could Eventbrite meet this need? Will gather more info and discuss at next meeting. May need to discuss increasing ticket prices.
- **Tri-M** - starts next week. May have a representative at future meetings to give a report.
- **Field trip policy** - No field trips per RIDE policy.
- **Request for new instrument** - Trigger trombone needed for a student. \$800 in beautiful condition. Checked other stores, couldn't find anything less than \$1200. Mary Ann Iannucillo made the motion to purchase. Lu Duhamel seconded it. Motion passes.
- **Pep Band Windbreakers** - would like to purchase windbreakers but need to see how many students are in the band. Tabled until next time.
- **Recruit new members/dues.** Could we become more formal with our expectations? (i.e. volunteer at one event). Need to brainstorm ways to increase membership.
- **Fundraising:** going light this year due to gala. Can someone head up raffle/cookie trays? Table until next time. Reached out to Parent Council regarding gala. On the agenda for the October meeting to discuss the gala, ask them to partner with us. We need to figure out how we would channel money raised to the town for specific use for the auditorium.

**Meeting adjourned 8:12 pm**

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