

GH Band Boosters Board Meeting December 15th, 2016

In attendance: Tobey Lopez, Maressa Mathura, Chris Mathura, Rick Muise, Bess Broich, Susan Harper, Jess McKnight, Christina Rossi, Kathy Frankel, Lloyd Hinnant, Jan Boletchek, Joan Turner, Shannon Riley, Jenn Muise, Ginger Light, Maria DiCaprio, Xiaoping Wu, Lesley Lloyd, Paige Everson, Edie Cheng

Meeting Call to Order 7:03

November Meeting Minutes – motion by Jan, seconded by Maressa – approved

Add Xiaoping to meeting minutes from November (Tobey).

Electronic vote took place to approve IP Budget in early December. All voting board members voted and the majority passed the budget.

Winter guard – Shannon Riley, Jennifer Muise, Ginger Light

- Wants to talk about winterguard members being driven by parents this season. They represent parents who are concerned about children being driven this season. Largest concern is Dayton, Ohio trip.
- Ginger Light – Parents may be over tired driving 12 hours then chaperoning. Safety concerns. Parent chaperones paying for hotel rooms, gas, food, etc.
- Bus cost is approximately \$6,400. They used to share with another group but didn't work out this season.
- 20 students will be travelling to Dayton.
- Solutions offered by board included – Fundraising, find a sponsor that will dedicate the money to go right to the winterguard program.
- Budget was approved before varsity guard was established.
- Second choice is a Go Fund Me.
- Board agreed that winterguard could collect 100 percent of what they raise.
- Dayton schedule info given: Must come back on Sunday. Varsity guard will miss Thursday & Friday. Not allowed to miss Monday.
- Chris suggested hiring a driver that is not affiliated with the band.
- Reminder that Parents could deduct miles on their taxes; but consult their accountant as some do not itemize.

- Board instructed them to speak to Mr. Myers and Melissa and run all “verbage” by them before they go public with their fundraisers.

Fundraiser –

- Fruit Sale – Maressa, some printing expenses but made more money than budgeted – successful Fundraiser

Treasurers Report – Chris

- We talked about moving the money to a savings to save for uniforms. Don’t want to accrue fees. Chris said it was not cost effective. The line item seems to be working.
- Financial aid – we are \$3,000 over budget. \$9,400 in uncollectable/financial.
- \$2,500 over in concert attire. Chris said that it will wash out.

Old Business

Flash drives/yearbooks – Paige

- All of the flash drives were sold.
- Yearbooks – want to sign the contract for books. Charging about \$20

Looking back at winter programs budget issues – Lloyd

Suggestions and discussion:

- Can we look at an average yearly Winter program in past years ahead of time before winter programs plan more months in advance?
- Board recommended the following to try and improve the budget process:
 - Winter program Staff needs to be present next year for winter budget conversations at the monthly board meetings (September and October) in order to provide plans for Winter programs and to help develop the budget in time for October board meeting approval.
 - Communication of plans, average fair share targets, special situations, timelines earlier and partner with board better.
 - Version of budget needs to be worst case scenario (low participation, higher expenses) then hope for the best.
 - Final budget approval should be pushed back to right before registration so numbers are more accurate as per By-Laws.

New business

AIM – Maressa, Cookie People are coming back. All other things are moving along.

IP – 32 enrollments. Deposits collected from everyone but 1. Jackets are ordered. Paperwork is mostly turned in. Concert Percussion group needs more enrollment.

Susan proposed that we table the issue of increasing budget line item for AR. **Executive board will talk about that separately.**

Hospitality – Bess

Looking at the end of the year banquet. Has idea on possibly making money.

IP instruction – Motion to pay Ben Russell additional funds for IP approved.

Motion to adjourn Jan, seconded Maressa

Meeting over at 8:50