

MUSIC BOOSTERS MINUTES  
MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 17, 2007

**Present:** Candy Hein, Ben Spalding, Kara Barbee, Matt Buhl, Dani Ashbrook, Jennifer Melms, Jonathan Welch, John Jordan, Sarah Kelly, Jenny Howard, Isaac Berry, Pam Chaney, Tom Rieger, Barb Varney, Lora Budke, Barb Cooper

Meeting called to order at 7 PM

**Minutes of last board meeting** were approved as submitted with the following clarification:

Music Award plaques in music hallway are up to date. The ones above the auditorium are duplicates of what are located in the hallway.

**Ben Spalding** - things are going well. We have 40 boys in 8<sup>th</sup> grade chorus and are now working on three parts. Have approximately 200 students in Middle School chorus. He will be starting a women's A Cappella group which will be similar to the men's harmony group.

**Matt Buhl** - Sixth grade band will be working on concert music after band night.

**Kara Barbee** - students are excited about band night. Eighth grade band is during home room. Junior CYWE auditions are this weekend. This is the shortest preparation time that they ever had for band night.

**Jennifer Melms** - new Middle School Choral director. She was at Cameron Park for 4 years. She will be trying to start a 7<sup>th</sup> grade boy's choir after school. First choral concert is scheduled for Tuesday, October 9<sup>th</sup>.

**Jon Welch** - Great accomplishments for his orchestra students. Justin Hisle made Cincinnati Youth Symphony Orchestra. Malcolm Thompson and Patrick Kelly made the Blue Ash Symphony Orchestra.

Sam Rocklin - Cincinnati Junior Strings

Julie Ruehl - Wyoming Center for the Arts Cadet Orchestra

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High School String Fest will be October 16<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM. Winton Woods will be hosting it this year and Colerain and Northwest Orchestras will be participating as well.

**Sarah Kelly** made a comment that it appears that Music Boosters is more geared towards band. What does Music Boosters do for orchestra?

Another comments made in regards to her question:

Jon Welch - Have had Music Boosters representation at last two concerts. Orchestra plans on taking advantage of scholarships that are offered.

Dave Bell - Band is the most expensive program due to marching band. He said that quite a few band parents do help in the concession stand and that marching band is more visible. He also went on to say that Music Boosters helps all the music programs within the district.

**Dave Bell** - At WWIS the district spent about \$30,000 for storage and cabinets for band and orchestra. Have raised about \$69,000 towards the VE China Trip. Winton Woods staff have contributed in excess of \$10,000. Enquirer will be doing video links on their web site.

Thirty-two out of 38 students will be visiting China along with 20 additional family members and staff.

Adam Gergen and Dave Bell will be on Sports & Consequences.

If interested online contributions are now being accepted through PayPal. He has contacted Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra about the possibility of doing a benefit concert similar to what is being done for Lakota schools. Numbers in the choir program are up about 30 students.

**Kara Barbee** - Entertainment books fundraiser is winding down.

**Dani Ashbrook** - Megan Hein made Cincinnati Youth Wind Ensemble.

**Barb Varney** - will be providing a corrected budget and expense report at next meeting. Some items to note since last meeting: Cell Phone/Ink Jet Fundraiser brought in \$232; Rummage Sale net proceeds were \$1414; Awards Banquet \$880 in income, but expenses were \$1506; Spring Concessions - \$2153.

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**John Jordan** - asked for electronic file of parents in order for contact information.

**Concessions** - need more people to run during the week. We have sent home a flyer with the Middle School Students asking for parental involvement in the concession stands. Jennifer Melms stated she had sent an email to all her parents.

**Old Business:**

Donation of \$250 to the Color Guard in help purchase additional flags. Yard Sale Proceeds will be split between Music Boosters and the general music fund for band, choir and orchestra. Ink Jet Cartridges fundraiser ongoing - box in high school office. Will also collect cell phones, but those did not bring in as much money as the ink jet cartridges. We can also look into collecting use dvd's and Play Station games.

**Band Uniforms:** Approximate cost \$350 - \$400 per uniform. Generally the lifespan of a band uniform is 10 - 12 years; At WWHS some of the uniforms are 18-20 years old.

**Raffle Tickets** for China Trip. Music Boosters will raffle off an iPod and donate the proceeds to the China Trip. Price for a ticket will be \$1 or 6 tickets for \$5. Will announce the winner at homecoming.

**Memorial Tree for Mike Marcou** - Funds for the tree will be charged to gifts. Tree will be planted near front door. Shroyers Nursery will plant it mid to late October. John Jordan move we spend \$100 towards the purchase of a memorial tree. Candy Hein - 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion Carried.

**Coffee Pot** - Barb asked John Jordan to purchase a new coffee pot for the concession stand.

**John Jordan** - asked that all the directors will provide a "Wish List" and if directors can prioritize their needs.

Next meeting November 5th

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