

Music Booster Minutes
January 17, 2007
7 pm
High School Chorus Room

Attendance: Carol Bennett, Gordon Bennett, Mark Borden, Chris Carosa, Rebecca Deisenroth, Carol Forstrom, Wally Forstrom, Anne Gravenstede, Michelle Kavanaugh, Dan McCarthy, Nancy Middleton, Mary McNamara, Betsy O'Flynn, Patricia O'Kelly, Barb Salter, June Santini, and Andy Vetter

1. Corrections/Questions re: Minutes from Nov. 15, 06

- None

2. Additions to Agenda:

- Barb Salter and Mark Borden asked for additional items to be added.

3. Treasurer's Report:

- Mark shared that the First Presbyterian Church of Honeoye Falls has donated half of the profits (\$1966.15) from the Raleigh Ringers Concert that was held recently. Under an agreement between the Church and District, proceeds from the concert were to be distributed to deserving organizations that benefit youth within our community.
- Andy Vetter volunteered to write a thank you note to Richard Mueller on behalf of the Boosters.
- Anne Gravenstede also volunteered to thank the congregation personally at a Sunday service.
- The present balances are:
 - Savings - \$8580.46
 - Checking - \$4044.05
 - Total - \$12, 624.51
- Dollies, stand carts, clarinet choir accessories have all been paid for, as has an outstanding bill to Jim Kimball.
- Investment alternatives were discussed. This will be a future agenda item.

4. QED Update:

- The K-12 Music DIU will present to the Program Budget Committee on January 25 at 6 PM and to the BOE on February 6 at 7 PM.
- Dan McCarthy, Mark Borden and Ken Goold will present. June Santini and Nancy Middleton volunteered to attend the presentations.
- A copy of the Operational Plan will be sent out with the minutes.

5. Spaghetti Dinner:

- The date for the event is Friday, February 9, 2007. It will be held in the Middle School Cafeteria from 5:30 – 9.
- All plans are well underway. June Santini is in the process of soliciting volunteers.

- Set up assistance is needed on the day of dinner, from 5 – 7:30. Food will be served from 5:30 to 7. Dancing will follow. Please call June if you would like to help out during the evening.

6. Poinsettia Sale:

- The income from the Poinsettia Sale was \$3, 407, the expenses totaled \$1, 773.66 (\$19.26 for flyers and \$1,754.40 to Hines Nursery), and Profit was \$1,633.34.
- The florist could not process a number of late orders from Middle School. Unclaimed plants and extras were used to fill some of these orders.
- In a summary, Lisa Fisher shared:
 - concerns about working with the present florist
 - a suggestion for a timeline and a to-do list
 - a recommendation that a new member join the sub-committee next year because Lisa and Dave have expressed that 07 – 08 will be their last year in this role
- The discussion of the report and the timeline for delivery will continue at the next meeting.

7. Requests:

- Barb Salter described a grant proposal that she is writing. The grant will fund an interdisciplinary collaboration between the Music, English, and Art Departments in the Middle School. With the help from a poet and composer, a middle school student's original poem will be put to music. The composition will inspire a creative movement piece and a work of art.
- Barb asked for volunteers to meet in February to help organize the project and complete the grant. June Santini volunteered to help and keep the Boosters updated on the project's progress. Others that are interested in volunteering are asked to contact Barb Salter at barbara_salter@hflcsd.org.
- Musical Technical Advisor, Dave Fisher has requested funds for the replacement of the cyclorama curtain. The present curtain is ten years old and in ill repair. Concerns were expressed that the placement of the vents on the stage may have hastened the deterioration of the fabric. The projected cost of the curtain is \$1200.
- Michelle Kavanaugh will check with the architects to see if possible modifications of the venting system could be made in the future.
- After discussing the request, the Booster approved to fund half the cost of a replacement curtain.
- Barb Salter volunteered to contact the Middle School Musical advisor to see if that group could also contribute to the cost.
- Milt Mashner requested funds to purchase bags and covers to protect the electric bases and other items. The approximate cost is \$155 or less. The Boosters approved this.

8. Strings

- As part of the Operational Plan, Kim Brienzi developed a cost assessment for the first year of a Strings Program. Most schools start strings at grade

three or earlier, but our instrumental music instruction begins at grade 4 so we thought it prudent to begin at grade 4. The anticipated start-up costs are approximately \$34,000.

- The Pathways proposal will need to be submitted by Kathy Tarentelli in July. Next year, the Orchestra Club anticipates students participating from the High School and Manor School.
- Mark outlined some major points about the Operational Plan, including the general discussion about Strings. Dan mentioned that strings instruction has been successfully integrated within the Pathways Program as an after school program. The Strings group performed at the winter Manor concert. They will also perform at Cougar Creations. We have attached information about the start up costs for a Strings program, starting at grade 4. The Music DIU continues to discuss strings as a program option, and recommended that the Pathways connection continue with support from our Music teachers, and that the DIU will broach the topic of introducing a strings program at some future time with the Central Office and the BOE.

9. Mission Statement:

- A sub committee was formed to develop a draft. June Santini suggested a subcommittee to develop a draft for the group. Dan McCarthy and Chris Carosa volunteered to prepare a draft Mission Statement for view by the Boosters.
- At the next meeting, the group will review the draft.

10. Welcome Liaisons:

- Mark welcomed the liaisons to the group. Becky Deisenroth will communicate with Milt Mashner, Kathleen York will communicate with Ken Goold, and Betsy O'Flynn will communicate with Molly Rositano.

11. Extra Music Stands:

- Kevin Hamilton will be contacted for clarification on the process for removing equipment from the inventory. Mark will send a list of equipment to Dan McCarthy to begin the process.

12. In-House Solo Fest

- Wednesday, May 30, 2007
- More information will follow.

13. Open Forum:

- Michelle Kavanaugh thanked the Boosters for all of their work to support the Music Program for the students. She highlighted the fact that the arts were specifically mentioned in the new Strategic Plan.
- Dr. Kavanaugh invited the Music Boosters to join in opportunities to discuss the Capital Project. The first phase will be a look at the infrastructure. A second phase of the Capital Project Committee would look at the development of a Master Plan for Facilities. In the past, Music Boosters representatives have participated in Capital Project Committees. Meetings

will be held on January 31 and February 7, 2007 at 7:00 PM in the BOE Room. More information regarding this opportunity will be shared with the group in the future.

- Mark Borden thanked Dr. Kavanaugh for her support and recognized her attendance at the various music performances throughout the District.
- Music Boosters will send flowers and a card to Kim Brienzi and her husband.

14. Next Meeting:

- The date for the next meeting is **Wednesday, March 28, 2007** in the High School Chorus Room, not March 20 as noted in the District calendar.