



## Manor School

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Music Booster Meeting  
Wednesday, March 29, 2006  
7:00pm

Attending: Pat O'Kelly, Mary McNamara, Chris Carosa, Gordon & Carol Bennett, Mark Borden, Andy Vetter, Brian Coughlin and Dan McCarthy.

### **Corrections to 1/18/06 minutes**

John Farrell's name incorrectly identified as John Carroll once in the minutes.  
Barb Altonberg helps with the spaghetti "pick up" but does not "purchase" spaghetti.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Amy Greenwood was unable to be present, but notes that she will be moving with her family to Philadelphia this summer. We are sorry to see Amy go – she has been a great asset for our School District and also to Music Boosters. We will need a new treasurer soon!

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| Savings  | \$7,849.27 |
| Checking | \$3,082.23 |

(\$125.00 check recently written to the String Band should be subtracted from the checking account.)

John Farrell did receive a check for expenses for the Spaghetti Supper. It cleared the bank. (Thanks, John, for your help as a new member of our group!)

Discussion about the need to incorporate per new federal laws. At this time Music Boosters will do nothing if we are grandfathered in our accounts and can simply transfer a new name to the checkbook as we have done in the past.

If not, we can:

- incorporate as Sports Boosters has recently done.
- ask Sports Boosters if we can tag onto their Not For Profit status and go on our name (DBA-Doing Business As.)
- combine with Art Boosters for incorporation costs and split the cost/fees.
- Consider putting our money in a non-interest bearing account and avoid any tax liability at all. (This may be our best option.)

### **Spaghetti Supper follow-up**

No report, but it seemed to go well. Andy made note to tell musical group that music begins around 7:00pm and ends around 9:00pm.

Concern from Brian Coughlin about difficulties collecting money from Middle School. Both Manor and High School successfully collect \$1 per student. Boosters suggested speaking individually to students during instrumental lessons; visual reminders on board in classroom; possible incentives such as putting their name in a jar for a free slushy, etc. Boosters felt the request was appropriate.

### **Superintendent Update**

Music Boosters are invited to a brief welcoming get together from 6:00 – 7:00pm in the High School Library on May 11, 2006. This is directly before the PTA Sponsored Meet the Candidate Night at 7:00pm in the High School cafeteria. Light refreshments will be served.

### **QED Update (Mark Borden reported)**

- BOE accepted/voted to propose a budget increase of 3.97% to the HF-L community. This amount is **less** than a NYS contingency budget cap increase.
- The BOE considered thoroughly our request for a .333 FTE vocal music position at the High School. Though it was not included in the final budget, there may be re-consideration of this request after the budget is passed and we receive more State aid than expected, or the District has additional retirements and there are savings in total staffing expenses. In any case the discussion validated our concerns for the position.

The chamber group for Middle School is included in the budget.

### **District Budget Vote is Tuesday, May 16, 2006! HS Lobby 6:00am – 9:00pm**

Brian Coughlin requested funds for two used fiberglass sousaphones from Bishop Kearney High School. Music Boosters voted unanimously to purchase these, and have them repaired to meet Middle School needs. Total cost \$575.00. (Dan will process gift request through the HF-L BOE.)

### **Thanks from High School**

High School teachers and students thank Music Boosters for their new CD recorder for the High School Band Room. A Superscope PSD 340.

High School also thanks Music Boosters for the \$500 to fund a school concert by former students (Ike Sturm, Maddy Sturm and Ted Poor.) It was a great jazz concert!

### **In-house Solo Festival**

No report.

Chris Carosa asked if String members may participate? Yes, Kathy Tarantelli can discuss this with Kim Brienzi. String players have already been included and have been in past in-house solo festivals here in the District.

### **Open Forum**

None

### **Next meeting is Tuesday, May 2, 2006**

(Next year Mark Borden suggested moving our meetings to the High School.)

