

Music Boosters Minutes
Wednesday, Oct. 22, 2008
7:00 pm, High School

Attendance: Kim Brienzi, Mark Borden, John Farrell, Carol Forstrom, Wally Forstrom, Ken Goold, Dan McCarthy, Mary McNamara, Nancy Middleton, Barb Mueller, Patricia O'Kelly, Ann Reifsteck and Andy Vetter

1. **Corrections/Questions for the Minutes from the September 30, 2008 Meeting**
No corrections noted
2. **Additions to Agenda**
No additions noted
3. **Treasurer's Report**
 - a. Checking account \$ 2,103.23
 - b. Savings account \$7,816.54
 - c. Outstanding checks \$120.00
 - d. No requests or payments made
4. **QED Update**

The department has been meeting and has identified a few goals:

 - a. Move the General Music course in 6th grade to the 10 week rotation and add staff as needed. However, concerns about the budget impact are significant.
 - b. Be proponents of the Capital Project (see music specifics below)
 - c. Pilot new method books across the buildings
 - d. Work with administration to reinstate the additional day of the late bus runs. This year, one day was dropped due to fuel costs. This decrease in the bus run has been especially difficult for the MS program as students to not yet drive.
 - e. Examine the student survey results about teacher approachability. We will conduct this survey again this year. This helps our students feel that they have a means to share their perspectives and suggestions.
 - f. Curriculum writing for next summer

Mark asked if anyone had questions or input. Dan McCarthy reminded the group of the Governor's announcement about two billion dollars of possible cuts to the state's budget. The impact on school funding has not been clearly articulated. At HF-L, we anticipate the need to reallocate funds to support new programming rather than seeking additional funding.
5. **Capital Planning**
 - a. At the MS, the tentative plan is to add space adjacent to the present General Music Room.
 - b. At the Manor School, the tentative plan is to reconfigure present classroom space that will create options for accommodating large groups.
 - c. At Lima, the tentative plan is to build a significant addition to the building. A music room will be included in the plan.
6. **Poinsettia Sale**
 - a. Flyer/Order form – Ann Reifsteck shared that we will not be able to sell mistletoe. She recommended increasing the prices. It was suggested that we sell a six inch plant for \$10 or four plants for \$36.00. The cyclamen will be the same price. Boosters approved of prices.
 - b. Patrons will be able to order the cyclamen plants, but not select the color. Colors will be selected at pick up.
 - c. Ann will drop off the flyers to Dan McCarthy. He will distribute them to the buildings. Ann will have the flyers printer and ready to send home by the

Monday, November 3, 2008. Ann will have 150 flyer printed for each of the local grocery stores.

- d. The sale has typically started after the October Booster Meeting.
- e. Volunteers have been contacted from past years.

7. Rampart WW Quintet (US Air Force) Sat. Nov. 15, 2008 7PM

- a. Tickets – Thanks goes to Ann Reifsteck for making the arrangements for printing the tickets. Ann will be able to have all tickets printed by this weekend.
- b. The Mendon Library and Mendon Market Place will also distribute tickets.
- c. PR – Andy Vetter will contact Allison Armstrong to find a list of contacts in the community (Pinehurst, Bridges, Cloverwood, Totiakton, local veterans groups, local churches, and local schools). Fifty posters are being sent from the group. Dan McCarthy will drop off 50 tickets to the Rotary also. Andy will contact the Canandaigua Veteran's Hospital.
- d. Program – Mark Borden has the program and will get them printed.
- e. Prize Drawing – Music & Arts will donate a \$50 gift certificate and Boosters will donate \$100 so there will be three drawings for \$50 each. We will give split tickets to the students as they arrive for the drawing. Extra credit will be given by teachers to students attending.
- f. Mark will introduce the group, students will be asked to serve as ushers. Wally and Carol Forstrom will supervise the ushers and collect tickets. A green room needs to be set up for performers. Nancy Middleton will take care of purchasing of the food. Ann Reifsteck and Andy Vetter will set up the Green Room that evening.

8. Open Forum

John Farrell shared that the owner of the Westminster Chapel suggested that Boosters and the Mendon Foundation sponsor a Winter Solstice Concert at the chapel. After expenses, the three groups (the Mendon Foundation, Boosters and the Westminster Chapel) split the profits. The event could be held on Dec. 19 or 20, 2008. Mark Borden thought the Jazz Band could use this as a fund raiser for the ensemble's trip to Florida. Ken Goold offered that Select Chorus may also be able to perform for about 20 - 25 minutes also. Mark will place the topic on next meeting's agenda for further discussion.

9. Next Meeting: Tuesday, Nov. 18, 2008