

Band Booster Meeting Minutes for September 28, 2015
High School Media Center

Present – Holly Michalke, Amanda Kost, Steve Frantz, Becky Humes

Call to order and pledge: 7:04pm

President - Holly Michalke

Welcome

This year has been very busy and very successful so far. Thanks for all your hard work.

This Friday is a home game. Our first contest is Saturday. Next Friday is at Brecksville, followed by another contest next Saturday. Information is posted on Mr. Vitale's website regarding these upcoming performances.

Vice President – Amanda Kost

Our second Easter Seals Fundraiser was a success. The truck was more than half full and we earned another \$1300 which makes \$3800 total for both trucks. We were able to get advertising from the district, wards, etc. According to Easter Seals, we raised significantly more than most groups. There was discussion regarding having another in the spring. If you have any ideas on a good time (i.e. another community event) please contact Amanda.

She has also been making Signup Genius sheets for people. If you need more volunteers for your committees please contact her and she will help you out.

Recording Secretary - Samantha Goliat (absent)

Holly stated that the August meeting minutes had been posted online. There were no additions or corrections. Motion to accept the minutes: 1st - Rich Hrin, 2nd - Janet Franz. Motion passed.

Treasurer – Steve Frantz

Financials for last year were available.

Proposed sweeps: The Executive Board met and would like to propose the following sweeps.

Uniform Replacement	\$20,000
Uniform Repair	(\$10,000)
Band Show	\$25,000
Instrument Replacement	\$5,000
General Fund	(\$40,000)

Motion to accept the sweeps as proposed: 1st – Rich Hrin, 2nd – Rob Mernone. Motion passed.

Corresponding Secretary – Becky Humes

Everyone should be getting emails from us at this point. Facebook has more frequent reminders and links to pictures, etc. If you need to change your contact information please contact her.

Committee Chairs:

Buttons – Nancy Chester: We took 285 pictures and about 60% were ordered. We had over \$2,000 in sales and our net profit was about \$1,800. 35 orders were not picked up and will be sent home with students on Wednesday night. We still have a few contest logo button and logo buttons. If you still want to place an order please contact Nancy at n.chester@sbcglobal.net.

Pit Crew – Rich Hrin: We are out of room on the trailer. We probably need to upgrade from a 16ft trailer (and sell it) to something closer to 24ft in the near future.

Hospitality – Helen Kelly: Report given by Shirley Berish. Everything has been ordered. Invites are out. Waiting to get the RSVPs back.

Visiting Bands – Kim Kozempa: no report

Bus Chaperone – Susanna Schwab: Report sent to Holly. Nordonia Contest chaperones were sent an email. They are waiting to hear back from a couple people. The calls for the Brecksville game will be made soon.

Air show – Becky Cozzens: Sent to Holly. Thanks to all the volunteers! Also, Holly did receive some information from the show along with our check. We received \$8,512 which is down from last year. There were quite a few no shows (over 20), 6 people left early and 3 were asked to leave. In spite of this problem, the Airshow was very happy. We didn't earn as much as we hoped. In the future, if you find you cannot make it to an event/fundraiser please let us know so we can find a replacement. Also, the airshow specifically complimented Joyce Fink for her efforts, which is really great!

Concessions – Tanya Plagens: Report sent to Holly. They need 5 more people for this Friday's game. This year they have been very busy and very successful, selling about \$1,100 at the 1st game, \$6,300 at Band Fest and \$8,000 last Friday. There was discussion about how much we make on concessions and why.

50/50 – Elisa Race: Steve Frantz reported that we have deposited over \$5,100 from the two football games and Band Fest. This includes donations back from Rima and Nabile Chehade and the Pit Crew. Holly Michalke thanked both donators for their generosity.

Fruit sale – Susie Perez: Over the Blitz Weekend we sold about \$9,100 in fruit which is good considering the rain. Forms are on the website if you need extra. Sale runs through October 17. You can turn in your orders anytime until then.

Munching for Music – Susie Perez: They are talking to Five Guys in Strongsville and should have a date in October. They are also looking into Chipotle in Broadview Hts.

Membership – Shirley Berish: We have 177 members. Membership will be open until the Holiday Concert. Contest Hoodies will be delivered Wednesday after practice. We sold 249, the most ever. She will be ordering 100 ornaments with the contest logo. Discussion on the possibility of having another membership drive in early November.

Uniforms (Marching) – Anthony Amato: Room is still really full as the free standing racks take up a lot of space. Some hats were sent for repair. They also sent some of the accumulated items from previous years out for repair.

Uniforms (Concert) – Stacy McPherson & Tracey Tonski: no report

Holiday Concert – Janet Frantz: At the end of marching band season they will distribute letters. There will be an email as well. Everyone must order tickets even if you get free tickets with your membership. Sunday fills up fast.

Car Raffle – Jane Coleman: Sent to Holly. 457 tickets were sold for a profit of \$4,570. This is up \$1,500 from last year. Clay Hoffner won the Contest Hoodie. Bianca Karaba won the \$200 drawing. Thanks to everyone who sold or purchased tickets.

Raffle Fundraiser - Regina Atkinson: She is looking at options for locations and dates. Possible dates are 3/5, 3/12 and 2/27. Options discussed include the 3-Spot. Food trucks and more.

Website – Dave Skorepa: no report

Alumni – Holly Michalke: She is posting to the Facebook page. The Band Fest finale post is really popular. She is hoping to have alumni meet at one of the games. Approval was given to have a tent and hopes to be able to reserve some seating for halftime as well.

Old business: none

New business:

Contest Hoodies made \$2,490 profit. Higher than last year because the art work was less expensive and we ordered more. Shirley Berish asked if we could use up to half of the money to buy a meal for the kids. There was some discussion. Motion to use up to ½ of the profits from Contest Hoodies to feed the kids on contest days approved by Mr. Vitale provided it fits in the schedule: 1st – Rima Chehade, 2nd – Mary Brewer. Motion passed.

Holly discussed how well our fundraisers are doing this year. Airshow was down but the rest are on track to be the same or higher. Plus we added Easter Seals and Munching for Music. We have made up for the loss of Market Day. The Band Fest deposit was \$8,300 (per Steve). Holly stated that we had put a hold on buying tuxes for the freshmen due to concern over fundraising and the loss of Market Day. Because our fundraisers are doing well we are considering purchasing the tuxes. We need to talk with the Concert Uniform Committee before the decision is made.

Halloween Candy was collected and then given to the students last year. Nancy Chester and Rima Chehade agreed to organize it this year.

Looking forward to Band Fest next year, the Executive Board discussed having an official program. This could include a patron drive and corporate sponsorships. It would be good to know we will make money even if the weather does not cooperate. We are looking for someone(s) who can work on this. Contact Holly if you are interested or you know someone who might be. T-Shirts and Videos are also possible ideas for Band Fest, although per the discussion the video option would be very problematic due for many reasons including the important copy write issue.

Director's Report:

We are at the halfway point of the season.

Hoodies will be delivered Wednesday.

Nordonia Contest is this Saturday. We play at 4:00 right before the hosts. Any notes regarding this event (i.e. you want to take your child home instead of having them ride the bus) must be in by Thursday.

Notes must always be in by the Thursday before the performance/event.

Norton Contest is in the evening. The itinerary should be up later this week. The facility is so new it isn't on map programs, etc. The address will be on the itinerary.

October 16 is Band Senior Night. They are recognized at halftime. There is a post game show.

Be aware that that week we still have Wednesday night practice and the game Friday (early report for Band Senior Night) even though Thursday is Senior Exit Interview Day and Friday there is no school.

Thanks for all your work fundraising.

Disney trip is this spring. Please stay on top of payments. Through Bob Rogers you can change payment amounts and put a hold on your account. However, full payment must be made before winter break. So far we have 5 buses and there are over 250 students and chaperones signed up. There are still a few openings and the trip will be closing in mid-October. Once we know the exact number, the Booster supplement can be decided. It will be reflected on the last payment to Bob Rogers.

Motion to adjourn: 1st – Janet Frantz, 2nd – Rima Chehade. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:28pm

These minutes respectfully submitted by Becky Humes, Band Booster Corresponding Secretary