

# **Band Booster Executive Board Combined with General Meeting**

**Leader: Mark Duker**

## **Discussion**

### **Call to Order**

The meeting called to order 10/6/16 at 6:00 PM.

### **Minutes from Previous Meeting**

Posted on the website and will be e-mailed by Mark Duker to us for review.

### **Attendance**

Amy Brozak, Donna Elkins, Cheryl Wilczynski, Kim Powell, Jennifer Cassidy, Michelle Hudson, Lisa Gruman, Lori Stoakes, Mark Duker, Chris Dandeles, and Kevin Carroll.

### **Treasurer's report**

- 2016-2017 proposed budget, created by Donna Elkins has some open items. She is working on obtaining information for marching band and scholarships.
- Mark Duker related MEAC donations to the Patron Funds will be available for online donation by credit card in the next few weeks. Many options were reviewed, and PNC was the least expensive option.
- International trip is being planned, and students will soon have Fannie May sales. Students will receive a percent of all sales in their band account. The candy is priced at \$1 less than in stores. Several students also received money in their accounts from the mattress sale.
- Kevin Carroll plans to meet with Michelle Baker about Marching Band Budget, and forward the information to Donna Elkins for the budget.

### **Director's Reports**

#### **Curricular Ensembles**

- The fall concerts:
  - Nov. 3 Concert Band and Symphonic Band performing at 6:30pm, and the Wind Symphony and Wind Ensemble performing at 8:00pm.
  - Nov. 9 will feature the 8<sup>th</sup> grade bands from Fischer, Scullen and Still plus the WVHS Wind Ensemble at 7:30pm. Parent meeting for current 8<sup>th</sup> grade parents beginning at 6:30pm.
- Concert attire that was ordered through DeMoulin has been distributed.
- CSO Trip on November 4<sup>th</sup>. The concert will feature music by Schoenberg, Stravinsky and Hector Berlioz' masterpiece *Symphonie Fantastique*. Cost is \$50, and includes reduced rate admission plus big yellow limousine service there and back.
- Technique make-up classes are available for students who miss technique class for field trips, illnesses and other approved absences. Most make-up technique classes occur Thursday mornings at 7am; schedule with teacher.

## ILMEA

- Bravo to the 25 concert band students and 11 jazz students who auditioned for the Illinois Music Educators Association District IX Festival this past Tuesday.
- Congratulations to the 8 students who were selected for the ILMEA District IX Jazz Festival, the 9 band students who will represent WVHS in the ILMEA District IX Concert Band and 8 band students who earned a position in the ILMEA District IX Orchestra.

## PRISM

- The Prism Concerts are December 2 & 3 at 6:00 & 8:15 pm. Please note the concerts will again be taking place Friday and Saturday. The concerts will include performances by Symphonic Band, Wind Symphony, Wind Ensemble, Jazz Band, Jazz Ensemble, Percussion Ensemble, and several small groups selected by audition.
- Small group audition video recordings are due on November 4.
- We are always in need of volunteers, so please come out and be a part of this annual tradition. Please watch for an email from Stephanie Keys seeking volunteers.

## Marching Band

- Congratulations to the Marching Warriors for an incredible season so far! We are looking forward to playing on our home turf for the Homecoming Game and Senior Night. The marching season concludes on Saturday, October 22, with our performance at the Illinois State University Marching Band Invitational. The students have worked hard all season and are primed for a strong finish.
- Don't forget to come to the Season Celebration before the Senior Night game on Friday, October 21 at 6pm **in the main gym**.
- Thank you to all of our committees and volunteers for helping us make this season a success! It makes a difference!

## Jazz

- The final placement session (audition) for the jazz bands will take place next Thursday (October 13) from 6-8pm. We are very excited about the level of student interest in jazz, and are looking forward to hearing the students play!
- **CONCERT DATE CHANGE:** The Java Jazz concert will **NOT** be on November 17<sup>th</sup>! In order to better serve our students and give our jazz culture a chance to develop, the Java Jazz concert has been moved to December 15.

## Percussion Ensembles

- The registration and audition process for World Beat and Percussion Ensemble is almost complete. We are still looking for students interested in Steel Band.
- Schlagzeugfest (shlawg-tzoik-vest) will take place on January 14<sup>th</sup>. The day will feature clinics for middle school students as well as a concert featuring performances from World Beat, Percussion Ensemble, and some of the curricular band percussion sections.
- Mr. Dandales will be presenting a clinic and concert with the WVHS Percussion Ensemble at the Illinois Music Education Conference on January 27<sup>th</sup> at 1pm in the Peoria Convention Center. We are excited to share our music and the talents of these incredible students to music teachers from all over the state!

### **Trip News**

- In the 2017-2018 school year, the WV Bands will be taking an international trip. We are meeting with representatives from tour companies, and we hope to announce the destination before Winter Break.
- Now is the time to start saving and planning for great opportunities like band trips. Fundraisers are a great way to lower the costs of trips, and our best one is right around the corner – the Fannie May fundraiser. Stay tuned!

### **President's Report**

- Spirit wear sales on 8<sup>th</sup> grade night were not as successful as hoped. There will be communications with the middle schools to better inform parents as to meeting time and location. There was discussion that some parents do not come to the Auditorium, they go straight to the performance area to get seats.
- Initial Prism letter needs to go out prior to November 9. Mark Duker will further discuss timing with the coordinator.
- Competition schedules for marching band will be sent in E-mail as well as Remind Texts. Kevin Carroll highly encourages Remind Texts to students and parents as well.
- No marching band practice confirmed, as per the calendar, Monday Oct 10
- Pep Band will play at 6:30am on Friday October 7 for the Olympic honoring all school assembly.

### **Old Business**

- Mattress Fundraiser netted \$3,500 on September 24.
- Sold 27 mattresses, bed frames, and pillows.
- If would have sold 40, \$5,000 net guaranteed.
- Mark Duker plans to obtain feedback from the band families in 6 months to see if they are pleased with their purchase. Other schools report no issues.
- Savings is 20% and students receive \$25 in their band account for each mattress sale. \$625 went to student accounts, and 4 students sold more than 1 mattress.
- As long as families are pleased with their purchases, there will be another mattress sale next year. A tentative date is on the calendar, and advertising would begin this spring.
- Mark Duker requested for next year, links to forward and share, so we can better advertise, and families can have information on what mattresses will be available if they want to do some research and comparison prior to purchasing.

### **New Business**

- Fannie May Fundraiser; students will be bringing information home in 2 weeks and the candy will be here before the holidays.

### **Adjournment**

- The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 PM. Amy Brozak moves to adjourn, Mark Duker seconds the motion.

### **Next Meeting**

- Next General Meeting – November 1 at 7:00 PM in the Band Room.