



Okemos High School Band Boosters, Inc.

2800 Jolly Road Okemos, Michigan 48864

MEETING MINUTES

April 16, 2015

Welcome and Introductions

Elizabeth Fedorchuk welcomed everyone and introductions were made.

Minutes from March 5, 2015

Minutes from the March meeting were reviewed and unanimously approved.

Upcoming Events

Elizabeth and Mark reviewed the upcoming events for April and May with members.

Reports

President

Elizabeth spoke about the need for band parents & guardians to volunteer for leadership positions and referred to a document she distributed which describes the various leadership roles. She will ask Mark to share this via email with all the band families. In particular, she mentioned the need for a Car Wash-A-Thon chair and suggested this could be changed to a committee. The position could be divided more like the Okemos Music Patrons organize the Spaghetti Dinner, with committee members handling different aspects of our fundraising event.

Treasurer

Karen Sedatole distributed an April 13, 2015 Budget Report Year to Date to members and reviewed highlights. There was a motion to accept the Treasurer's report. The Treasurer's report was unanimously accepted.

Band Director

Mark commented about the great performances at Spaghetti Dinner, Fine Arts Festival, Senior Showcase and Collage Concert.

State Solo and Ensemble went well. All students passed their proficiency. East Lansing did a great job hosting and they will host again next year. There was an excellent performance by the US Army Field Band that was enjoyed by the students.

The PLANETS is the theme for next year. Mark is looking for a color guard instructor. The size of the Band is projected to be up by 20 for next year. A great time was had by all at Disney. Drum Major auditions will be soon.

TBA High School band will be staying with East Lansing host families when they come to town.

New Business

Marching Band uniform decisions, short- and long-term

Mark opened the discussion about the topic of replacing our Marching Band Uniforms with a more current, less expensive design, given the age of ours. The total cost to replace uniforms could be \$50,000 - \$80,000. There was a good discussion about the uniforms and various suggestions were made about how to raise these funds.

Elizabeth shared the reason the timing of a decision is being moved up. (See attached email to all booster families that outlines the situation.) The size of the band will increase significantly next year and our uniform chair estimates that we will be approximately 27 uniforms short. Boosters discussed the merits of investing more than \$10,000 to purchase that many new uniforms in the current design, given the desire to replace them within 5 years.

A motion was made as follows: The band booster membership requests that Mark develop a transition strategy to accommodate a larger band, to include alternate plan for percussion uniforms, and options on alternate tuba uniforms. This transition strategy will be reviewed next month at the Band Booster meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Mark will investigate new Marching uniform designs and pricing. Elizabeth will seek volunteers to research concepts and pricing for an alternate uniform for drumline members and tuba players.

Nominations for Executive Committee positions

Nominations are open for leadership positions in the upcoming school year. Current executive committee members who are willing to serve again in 2015-16:

President: Elizabeth Fedorchuk
Treasurer: Karen Sedatole
Assistant Treasurer: Patti Crooks
Secretary: Joanne Mahony

We are currently seeking a volunteer willing to serve as Vice President in 2015-16, and then step into the President role in 2016-17.

The election will take place at the May meeting.

Booster meeting schedule: 7:30-9:00 pm in the band room
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