



Okemos High School Band Boosters, Inc.

2800 Jolly Road Okemos, Michigan 48864

Meeting Minutes January 8, 2015

Welcome and Introductions

Elizabeth Fedorchuk welcomed everyone and introductions were made.

Minutes from November 2014 were reviewed and approved.

Upcoming Events

Culver's Night: January 12

Band Lock-In: January 30-31

Tri-District Concert (Symphonic Wind Ensemble): February 1 – Haslett

District Jazz Festival (Jazz Band): February 3 – Mason

Reports

President's Report

- Elizabeth deferred her report until later in the agenda where she will discuss a few of the events & new business items.
- Noted that we need to reconnect on audit process.

Treasurer's Report

- Karen prepared the financials and Elizabeth presented them in Karen's absence.
- Karen, Patti & Elizabeth met to review financial procedures and discuss how fundraiser money was allocated to student accounts. There is money available for a few scholarships. Student accounts have been credited in preparation for final bills.
- Discussed Big Trip "income" budget item. We want to allocate funds to big trip rather than have an "income" event such as stadium clean up. The funds will go to trip clothing and scholarships.
- We will finalize the transfer to MSUFCU this month.
- The treasurer's report was approved.

Band Director's Report

- Mark expressed that he couldn't be more pleased with the performance at the Winter Concert. Autumn Skies recording is now available on the composer's website. Thanks to the boosters for paying for the emergency percussionist for the concert.
- Looking forward to next year's enrollment. Mark is expecting large numbers for next year, perhaps at 190. We have been at that large number before. Mark said that he'd like to have a five-year goal to get new marching band uniforms. The current uniforms were purchased in late 1990s. He will talk with district administration to ask for support too. We would need a campaign to fundraise so we can update our look. Could also do some fundraising with the old uniforms, perhaps make them into pillows & sell to alum. MSU did this.
- Started a jazz ensemble this year, and it has about 10 students. This group will be featured at the Okemos Music Patrons Spaghetti Dinner.

- March 21 is the Collage Concert. This year, the Fine Arts Festival will feature five concerts in five days. There will be a senior concert. It may replace the spring solo.
- Grace Wolf is our new intern. She is a trombone player from the University of Michigan.
- For Michigan Music Conference All-State, Aaron Janick was accepted. Sahil Dagli, Eashwar Mohan & Katie Betterly received honorable mentions.
- Solo and Ensemble: 50 soloists/ensembles from Okemos are registered. This year the event is at Haslett HS on February 7.

Fall Recognition Banquet

Mr. Culling's compilation disk will be available. It seemed like the event went smoother, faster this year. It was noted that there was so much pop left over. Maybe do more water next time. Vegetarian table was a big hit.

Winter Concert Reception

This event was very nice, beautifully decorated with a nice turnout of OHS band alumni. Perhaps we can do even more next year to invite and welcome alumni.

Pie Fundraiser

This went well. Tammy Deppong did a great job organizing. Okemos sold over 200 pies. Some individual students did well on the sales. Maybe we won't offer the 3 for \$25 next year, however, because the amount that goes into student accounts is more complicated. It's not a student fundraiser for Eaton Rapids; everything goes into the band general fund.

Marco's Fundraiser

Still have one student who needs to return cards and Mark indicated that he will have to ask him. Liked that if they didn't sell the cards, they could give them back (like Spaghetti Dinner tickets). This was an easy fundraiser to do. We sold them for \$10, we only bought them for \$4. \$5 goes to their account, \$1 for the band general fund. Mark noted that he'll use the forms next time.

New Business

Band Lock-In

We discussed whether we wanted to do a social event for parents prior, which was done for the first time last year. We would need a volunteer to coordinate. However, we decided against it this year because the event was later in January rather than right after the holiday break. Also, it would have had to start later in the evening (10 pm instead of 9:30 pm). There was concern that it would not have high interest or attendance. Mark expressed his appreciation for the flexibility with moving the date this year because of a schedule conflict. After finals should work well. This event is always well-attended.

Disney Trip

- Students received worksheet with student account balance. Money was paid in that some chose not to take out.
- Rehearsal schedule will be needed prior to Disney Trip. Rehearsal will be pretty sporadic. We'll do first rehearsal finals week Wednesday.
- Color Guard is marching as color guard. They will also bring instruments for a concert performance.
- Room list went in. Sign up for buses later.
- Scholarship \$ for 4 students; money from educational tours is helping to pay. OHS Administration is not sending anyone, so that frees up some of the Education Tours funds.
- Chaperone meeting will happen in March, closer to trip.

- We'll start to get med forms out, etc.
- Uniforms – We will need volunteers to work on refitting process. We discussed a form for parents to fill out if their student needs refitting so we don't have to see every student.
- We also need uniform bags. Colleen will see if we can get some from Kositchek's.
- Mark will ask East Lansing if we can we borrow percussion cases.

Volunteers

Volunteers will be needed for the Lock-In, and a request will be out soon.
Elizabeth is also looking for uniform volunteers.

Booster meeting schedule

7:30-8:30 pm in the band room
February 5; March 5; April 16; and May 7