

Okemos High School Band Boosters, Inc.

Meeting Minutes
October 9, 2014

Welcome

President Elizabeth Fedorchuk welcomed everyone to the meeting at 7:30 and introductions were made.

Minutes

The September 4, 2014 meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

Upcoming Events

October 10 – Stadium Show for all elementary students

October 17 & 24 – Two remaining home football games. Colleen has been organizing the pregame tailgates and there was a discussion on whether to continue the pregame tailgates. The consensus of the group was to do the tailgate only at the first game of the season. There was a recommendation that phone calls could be made to welcome the new freshmen parents.

October 25 & 26 – All State auditions at Chippewa Middle Schools

October 26 – Day of Percussion at McDonald Middle School

President's Report

Elizabeth made the following report regarding volunteer activities.

Homecoming Dinner -- Thank you to chairs Beth and Peter Janick. 111 students ordered dinner. The timing was different due to the change in parade route, but it worked out well.

Uniforms -- Thank you to Heather de Feijter-Rupp, Uniform Chair. Heather has said she would like to have someone else chair the Concert Attire, so we are looking for someone to coordinate this. Current plan is to distribute concert attire Nov 10 at the Band Banquet.

Tammy Deppong - Culvers fundraising will be every other month. More specific information to come.

Spirit Wear sales – T Shirts are still available. There was a short discussion of ideas to sell the remaining T Shirts and blankets. Discussion about whether to do a special ordering of band apparel indicated that there was not enough interest at this time. Proposed doing this to go out with the summer packet so items could be available for marching season. Need a subcommittee to coordinate what to offer and prepare an order form.

Committee Chairs Report

Car Wash-A-Thon – Dave Ramsey is out of town so his report is deferred to a future meeting. Thank you to Dave for all of his work. Location by the band room is working great.

Grand Ledge Exhibition – dinner of chips, pizza and water worked well. All students needed to have water available after their performance, not just those who ordered dinner.

Director's Report

Mark shared his reflections on a great marching band season thus far. Ice cream social and homecoming both worked out well. There were lots of positive comments about the Okemos band at the Grand Ledge Exhibition. The car wash was very successful with lots of corporate donations. The kids worked hard and had fun too.

There are 23 students auditioning All State band.

The Jazz band will be starting up in November. There seems to be great interest and a clinician has been coming in to work with the students.

October 17 show includes a pregame show for the 8th grade students and a special ceremony to recognize soldiers. October 24th is senior recognition which takes place in the pre-game festivities.

Winter concert music has been ordered.

Disney trip is taking shape and an updated itinerary is available. Applications for scholarships will be made available.

There will be an apple pie fundraiser in December. More info to come.

Treasurer's Report

Karen Sedatole is unavailable to attend on Thursdays, but the budget was presented and accepted as submitted. There were some questions about the report which will be deferred to next meeting when Karen will be available.

Other business

The lock in was moved to Jan 30-31 after finals.

Day of Percussion \$200 entrance fee was noted. In the past, we didn't have to pay this because we were the host school.

Mark has always wanted to have a work commissioned for the band. He is joining a consortium that would offer access to a work, and requested support of \$1,000 to pay the consortium membership. There was unanimous support to approve this expense of \$1,000.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Mahony Betterly
Secretary