



Trenton
Jr. Band Boosters - Promote, Support, Assist
Arthurs Music Department

MEETING AGENDA/MINUTES

Tuesday, August 20, 2013

- I. Call To Order
 - a. 7:59pm, **Present:** Peter Kopera, Lori Sieloff, Jen Moberly, Diane Barcalaw, Wendy Pate, Carl Pate, Ken Moberly, and Elaine Franzel
- II. Old Business/Updates/Discussion topics from Mr. Kopera
 - a. Recruit, Advertise, Promote – 4th, 5th, 6th (and 7th and 8th), communications with elementary principals, letter/brochures available for distribution. – Communicate to Elementary principals/school community how great the AMS band is to belong to. Make sure everyone is aware your child can join band anytime. You don't have to be in 5th grade band to be a part of AMS band. Need a letter/brochure available with information. Possible idea to have a 4th/5th grade assembly style concert at the elementary schools to promote the band.
 - b. Handbook/Agreement Form, Calendar of Events, "What You Need", Letter from/about TJBB - All of this information goes home with band students the first week of band. This information will also be available on the band website. This information needs to be out on the information table at "Meet the Teacher" night at AMS. This would help at the beginning of the school year. We also need to promote the band at the end of the school year to incoming 6th graders, this is early to mid May of the school year.
 - c. Instrument Night(s) with Mr. Kurilko, when & what could we do? - What can we do to assist Mr. Kurilko? Can we help promote the band? This is usually the end of September.
 - d. Band Room Renovations update - The renovations started 8/19/13, hopefully will be complete by the time school starts. May need volunteers to assist Mr. kopera in putting the room back together.
 - e. 6th Grade special events – parties, field trips, guest musicians, additional performances?, brainstorm ideas - 6th grade needs a strictly fun event/field trip. the 6th graders work very hard all year, it is an intense year for them. Looking for ideas for something fun. Imax movie, bowling, etc
 - f. Jazz Band – Scarecrow Festival planning/bake sale - Scarecrow festival 10/5/13, approx 1pm performance. Possible pie eating contest for band directors. Bake Sale, Wendy Pate to contact Lori Durand. Will need to send an email/flyer to parents about donating baked goods for sale. Last years sale made \$650, plus \$250 donation from Festival Committee. May need canopy for

table, need band banner. Will use the same format as last year just asking for a donation for the baked goods, not pricing them.

- g. Confirm meeting schedule for the year – consider general meetings and/or officer meetings - Next meeting Tuesday 9/17/13 @ 7:30, in the Ams band room. The AMS band room is always available. May move meeting to cafeteria in future. As of right now will only hold a general meeting for everyone, may change to 2 separate meetings in future, officers meeting and general meeting.
- h. Share Calendar of Events 2013-2014 (website, printout, email newsletter, reminder) - Possible FB page for AMS band. Jen Moberly checking into creating a FB page. The page would be helpful to get parents/students information. Needs to check with Stephanie O'Connor(AMS principal)
- i. www.arthursmusic.org - purpose, ideas. - Anyone have any ideas for improving/changing the site. All ideas welcome!
- j. New instrument purchases/New music purchases - in process of setting up our own bank account, currently using the H. S. Band Boosters account to deposit our money. Will likely use 5/3 bank since the HS band boosters account is currently there. Sonia to inquire about our funds. Wendy Pate to work on getting account set up.
- k. Halloween Concert? Possibly combine 7th & 8th for this performance - Possible to have a halloween concert, students in costumes, location/day/time TBD
- l. Research “About” TJBB, mission statement, purpose
- m. S&E accompanists for Jan. 2014. - Possible 6th grade parent to play ensemble festival. If anyone knows someone to play piano and accompany students, please let Mr. Kopera know

III. New Business

- a. THS Marching Band Invitational - Saturday 9/21/13 at Trenton High school. Ams Band to perform the Star Spangled Banner, time TBD
- b. Jazz Band shirt? - Possible to order shirts for the jazz band. What type of shirts? Possible polo style shirts or t-shirts. The jazz band would have limited opportunity to wear the shirts while performing. Most of their performances require dress clothes not t shirts/polo shirts.
- c. MBB night, Nov. - Monroe Big Band, possible for Jazz Band to play in November
- d. Christmas Parade – Hoodies - Sweatshirts(hoodies) will remain the same design this year. Most ordering will be done by incoming 6th graders. Everyone will be given the opportunity to order, in case of size change or new students. Elaine Franzel to assist Sonia McGuire with sweatshirt/t shirt ordering. Sweatshirt orders needs to be returned to students in time to wear for the Christmas Parade. The Parade is set for Saturday 12/7/13 @ 6pm. T shirts need to be returned to students before the Memorial Day parade.

- e. Winter Concerts – THS Auditorium issues - Mr. Kopera needs help(a lot) of parents to assist with crowd control. He can't conduct on stage with one band and watch the other 2 bands that are sitting in the auditorium at the same time. In the past the students have misbehaved to the extent of interrupting the current concert. Need parents to control and assist at exchange. Possible to also use Honor Society students as helpers. Lori Holcomb at THS,I would be the contact person for this. Maybe a reminder needs to be sent to students and/or parents about proper conduct before the concerts. It is very disrupting to the audience also.
- f. Committees for 2013-2014 - no decision on committees. When we need volunteers for events we will ask our members for help via email list or website/newsletter.

IV. Items-Ideas from the Floor/"For The Good Of The Organization" - Main discussion about fundraising.

It is very important for all fundraising to be low impact on students/families. We do not want to be "selling something" door to door. There is a little bit of fundraising from sweatshirt/t shirt sales. Community events is an idea for fundraising. Its possible to play at Grand Opeing events in our Community, many times those businesses make a donation to the group. Another option is for corporate sponsorship, we would need to create a wish list. The list needs to contain both short and long term "wishes" of the group. The Trenton Educational Foundation issues grants to the educational community for the enhancement of programs. Possible to apply for grant money(ies) for purchase of something off our wish list. Mr. Kopera to generate wish list. The Friends of the Library group also issues grants to groups. Lori Sieloff and Jen Moberly to check out. Possible for the band to perform at a library event.

Meeting adjourned 9:33pm

Respectfully submitted, 8/22/13, Elaine Franzel