



Trenton Jr. Band Boosters - Promote, Support, Assist

Arthurs Music Department

MEETING AGENDA/MINUTES

Tuesday, October 21, 2014

I. Call To Order

In attendance: Peter Kopera, Lisa Delisen, Keith McClelland, Jennifer Blackledge (Moberly)

II. Discussion topics from Mr. Kopera

a. Recap – Trenton Scarecrow Festival, bake sale

- i. Congratulations and thanks to Lisa Delisen for orchestrating a very successful bake sale, despite the weather and thin crowds. We raised over \$780 for the AMS music program. Thanks, too, to Mr. Keith McClelland for a generous cash donation! Mr. Kopera asked Lisa to put together a binder/instruction sheet regarding the bake sale to make it sustainable (include lessons learned, logistics, etc.).

b. Recap – 6th Grade special events, pizza parties

- i. Thanks to Kelly Memering for delivering 13 Hot –n-Ready pizzas from Little Caesars for the sixth grade pizza party. It was a great event for them. \$11 left over.

c. Update current TJBB funds

- i. Ken Moberly, Treasurer, will get in touch with Tiffany Worthington of the THS Band Boosters to get an accurate accounting of our balance. It should be \$1491.43, as of the end of the 2013-14 school year, but needs to be verified. Added to that will be the bake sale and money from the parades.

d. Frost piano

- i. Mr. Kopera showed the band boosters the piano Mari Frost donated to the AMS music program. It is in fantastic shape, and Mari is paying to have it tuned twice as well. It is currently housed in the chorus room.

III. New Business

a. Preparations for University of Michigan Field Trip

- i. Field trip coming up on 10/28 to work with the U of M Music Education students. Mr. Kopera gave us a detailed agenda/info he sent home with students. Lunch is up to the visiting band, and there is one hour available. U of M said most schools order pizza from Cottage Inn, so the AMS Band Boosters will pay for pizza for the band. Mr. Kopera will check on prices. This will make it easier to return on time and everyone will have a lunch. There are currently 7 chaperones attending, which Mr. Kopera said is more than adequate.

b. Dave Caruso presentation, Oct. 22

- i. Dave Caruso, musician, will be presenting to the AMS Music Composition class on October 22, 2014. Need a check for \$90 made out to Dave Caruso for fee ASAP.
- c. Wernette low brass
 - i. Mr. Kopera has found two used tubas for sale (great condition, great price) for approximately \$1200 total. He recommends purchase of these for the AMS program as previously discussed with the Band Boosters. He will find out what we need to do to purchase them and will let the Band Boosters know.
- d. TEF Grant Writing
 - i. Mr. Kopera would like to submit grant requests to the Trenton Educational Foundation (TEF) for some of the items on the program's wish list. Jennifer Blackledge offered to send him a copy of a successful grant to review.
- e. Hoodie Orders
 - i. Hoodie orders are ongoing. Eleven have been sold so far. Thanks to Elaine Franzel for coordinating.
- f. Monroe Big Band Event – Nov. 11
 - i. The Monroe Big Band will be at AMS on Tuesday, November 11 to do a workshop with the AMS Jazz Band. The Woodhaven Jazz Band has been invited to attend also. Parents are invited to stay and observe during the event, which is 7-8:30 pm.

Action Items:

- i. Ken Moberly will obtain an accurate account balance from the THS Band Boosters' treasurer and a check for \$90 made out to Dave Caruso, as quickly as possible.
 - ii. Mr. Kopera will negotiate the purchase of the tubas and let us know how to pay for the tubas.
- IV. Items-Ideas from the Floor/"For The Good Of The Organization"

Respectfully submitted by Jennifer Blackledge, 10/22/14