



# Trenton Jr. Band Boosters - Promote, Support, Assist

Arthurs Music Department

## MEETING AGENDA/MINUTES

Tuesday, September 17, 2013

- I. Call To Order – 7:35pm
- II. Old Business/Updates/Discussion topics from Mr. Kopera
  - a. Band Room Renovations update – no renovations have been done to band room except to corner of room, for storage purposes. Only expect repairs to room to be on cages for instrument storage. Date to be complete is TBD, due to 1 carpenter working on many projects for the district.
  - b. Recruit, Advertise, Promote – 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> (and 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>), communications with elementary principals, letter/brochures available for distribution.
  - c. Instrument Rental Night – Thursday, Sept. 19 @ Anderson, 7pm – Mr. Kopera to attend to assist Mr. Kuriklo. Promote idea that any student can join band at anytime. Students are welcome to join, you don't have to start in 5th grade in order to “be in the band”.
  - d. Present “Wish List” - Mr. Kopera presented band wish list. Idea is to get high quality items that will last a very long time. The list is detailed but not ranked in any particular order. Ms. O'Connor has possible budget “monies” to spend on the band program, the amount is TBD. Donations accepted. Working on securing a grant from the TEF to purchase items from list.
  - e. Jazz Band – Scarecrow Festival planning/bake sale, Monroe Big Band event Nov. 12 – the Jazz band will be performing at the Scarecrow Festival at approximately 1:30, students should plan on arriving by 1:00pm. The JBB will be holding a bake sale at the Scarecrow Festival on Saturday and Sunday. Last year's bake sale profited approximately \$600. Wendy Pate to confirm place/time (approx Sat 9-6 and Sun. 10-5) with Lori Durand. We will use the AMS Banner for the table. Wendy Pate to secure bakers for the event and volunteers to work shifts at the table on Saturday and Sunday. Baked goods will be “sold” by donation only, please do not accept checks. We have a few sweatshirts left from last year, will set up area to sell them. Monroe Big Band will be having a “jam session” with the jazz band on 11/12/13.
  - f. Halloween Concert – attend
    - i. Motor City Brass Band “Horns & Howls” 3pm at Ford Community & Performing Arts Center, Dearborn
    - ii. University of Michigan Orchestras “Halloween Concert” 4:30pm at Hill Auditorium, Ann Arbor.

- g. Music Composition, Jazz Improvisation electives – will continue to have guest musicians to come and speak with the students.
- h. 6<sup>th</sup> Grade special events – parties, field trips, guest musicians, additional performances – brainstorm ideas – would like to have 1 event/per quarter. 1st quarter event will be 10/23/13 during 5th hour(for 6th grade band members only). The time is between 12:13-1:32, c. This event will be a pizza party, approx 50 students. Will charge \$1/student, the JBB fund will pick up any remaining cost. Students will provide their own water. Will further discuss at next meeting. Need ideas for the next 3 quarters. Field trips, guests, or just something fun
- i. S&E accompanists for Jan. 2014. – Will need adult piano accompanists for the S&E festival which is late January for the 7 and 8th graders. Currently have Jan Buhr, but could always use more.

### III. New Business

- a. THS Marching Band Invitational – students report 1:30pm, performance 2pm. - 7<sup>th</sup> and 8th grade band students will perform the Star Spangled Banner, students need to report by 1:30pm for performance at 2pm.
- b. Jazz Band shirt – discussed idea at prior meetings about a jazz band shirt. Elaine Franzel to check on shirt.
- c. Christmas Parade – Hoodies - will be the same as last year. Will do order for new students or anyone who would like a new sweatshirt. Price/place TBD. Approximately 70 sweatshirts to be ordered. Elaine Franzel to check to see if DoSans can order sweatshirts. Sweatshirts will need to be in before Christmas parade, which is Saturday December 7, 2013
- d. Winter Concerts – THS Auditorium issues - behavior issues in the student groups that are not currently performing. Will discuss again at future meetings.
- e. Committees for 2013-2014 – All officers were introduced: President Sonia Maguire, Treasurer Wendy Pate, and Recording Secretary Elaine Franzel. A Facebook page has been created by Jennifer Moberly. This will be a great way to further communicate with parents and students. AMS Band Boosters is the name of the FB page. Please invite parents/students to join the page. Thanks Jen for setting that up, looks great! AMS has a new Choir Director Nathan Wernette, Welcome to AMS!

### IV. Items-Ideas from the Floor/"For The Good Of The Organization"

### V. Meeting adjourned 8:50 - **Next meeting set for Tuesday 10/15/13 at 7:30**

Respectfully submitted, 9/20/13, Elaine Franzel