**Minutes, Arts Booster March 22, 2023**

**Call to Order: 7:00 PM – Andy Wildman**

**Attendance/Roll Call**: Courtney Van Ostran took roll call – in person and on Zoom

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|  | Katie Belt | X | Courtney Van Ostran | X | Jennifer Hunkins | X | Andy Wildman | X | Shelley Carr |
| X | Brad Betts | X | Jerod Smith | X | Becky VanWinkle |  | Samantha Schnabel | X | Ashley McCracken |
| X | Andrew Krumm |  | Emily Hartman |  | Elizabeth Kowalczk |  | Jennifer Sherman |  | Jessica Zelenack |
| X | Andy Shinka |  | K. Heffron |  | Vonda McDonald |  | Kristen Snyder |  | Amanda Tucker |
| X | Claudio Crestale |  | Pam Hooker | X | Sarah Noblett | X | Courtney Tinnel |  | Tim O’Connor-Fraser |
|  | April Crum | X | Lisa Holtsberry |  | Sarah Rodocker |  | Stephanie Stanton |  |  |
|  | Michelle Dague | X | Kevin Holtsberry |  | Shelli Sheppard |  | Melinda Miller |  | Anna Manai |
|  | Brad Bevier |  | Jen Silverman |  | Harold Silverman |  | Carol Koch-Worrell |  | Steph Potaracke |
|  | Seth Asman |  | Sandy Doty |  |  |  |  |  |  |

**Review of February Meeting Minutes**

Approval Motioned by Andy Wildman seconded by: Courtney Van Ostran

**Treasurer’s Report:** See attached. Received a check from Concessions for $5,515, we will have another check this spring and the concessions proceeds are back to pre-COVID numbers. We also will have $1,000 member donation coming from Paypal this month.

Approval Motioned by Andy Wildman seconded by: Courtney Van Ostran

Ashley McCracken asked about directors’ funds and if they carry over if unused. We explained that leftover funds for any budgeted category carryover int to general booster fund for the next year and the directors funds are reset for the amount budgeted in the approved budget.

Approved.

**VP Report**

1. Membership Update – added one new member and donation of $1,000 for a current total 0f $23,300
   * Kevin provided some information on his research for membership tracking database software. He recommends Little green light and is going to request a demo for the board. It will cost about $500/yr. but has unlimited seats and users as well as volunteer management features. It has some features that will help us keep membership information all in one location and help us send out reminders to past members, etc.
2. Band Tower update – facilities improvement request has some minor changes to make. Courtney to finalize and send to Andy for his signature and submission. We expect approval and will move forward with plan updates once that is received.

**President’s Report**

1. Request from Ms. Dague for docents for the Art Show in May. She need 2-3 volunteers from 1:30-3:30, 5-7PM. *We will send an email out with requests for volunteers.*
2. Andy spoke with Jeff Brown about additional supplemental funds for Auxiliary instruction/ accompanists for performances. The School District is going to look into this and help cover additional expenses in the future.
3. Also discussed the transportation concerns and Jeff Brown said that this is an ongoing issue at the District with a shortage of bus drivers. The District does not see this changing in the foreseeable future and asks the Boosters to plan for the additional transportation expenses. This is for events that require bus transportation before 1:30 PM such as Circleville Pumpkin Show. *We will need to add this expenditure to our future budgets so that the band can continue this tradition.*
4. Concessions continues to evolve and we received the Winter check for deposit as noted above. We will need volunteers to help for Spring Sports and the signup genius has gone out.
5. The Levy Committee has asked that we provide an opportunity to host a coffee talk to our members sometime soon. We discussed we could add some time to our next couple of meetings for Q&A and presentation.

**Old Business:**

File Cabinets Purchase for Samantha Schnabel- Andy asked Sam to let us know when the order is placed.

**New Business:**

* **Orchestra Spring Strings request** – Matt Opachick is hosting another String Fling this Saturday. He has 4 educators coming into the school to work with the 5th Grade Orchestra & would like to pay each one of them $100 from his Aux Funds. I would also like to purchase pizza for the students as well. Would this be possible? Andy suggested it be approved expenditure to be taken from Directors funds. Shelley agreed and said that the amount budgeted, does not mean that they cannot go over, and directors funds can then be adjusted for similar planned needs next year.
* **From Jessica Zelenack –** 
  + Last year, Boosters covered ice cream for the Music Awards which this year is on Monday 5/22. Kristen and I touched based about that happening again and we are hoping to confirm with the other departments as well. *The board discussed and agreed we can do this again with adjustments to the amount of ice cream supplies we purchased last year. We ended up with a lot of leftovers.*
  + Update that Kristen/Andy may have shared: Kristen is on the Supplemental Committee through GEA and has talked over Brennan’s supplemental increase and submitted a formal request to Jeff. We likely won’t know more until the levy has settled but steps are being made. Very grateful for the booster’s assistance this year!

**Announcements/Updates:**

**Middle School/HS Band Update:** HS bands had a great large group contest with accolades from attendees about our students. Concert Band earned a II and Wind Ensemble earned a I and will advance to State Contest.

GMS band Solo & Ensemble had 47 solo and small group performances that exemplify student collaborative work. 34 earned a 1 (superior) and 11 earned a 2 (Excellent)

State contest is May 5 and May 10th

The OU Jazz Fest is this weekend and Jazz band is attending.

MS and GIS bands are growing. Currently 137 students signed up for next year. We may need to budget for new plumes and look at replacing various pieces of marching band uniform next year. Sixth grade band currently has 120 members.

The Steel Band is heading to Virginia Beach for their festival. On April 15th the Steel Band will host a steel band festival April 15th at the middle school. They will have guests Tracy Thorton and a professor from Miami University. Several area steel bands will attend and perform. Open to the public. $5 admission. Group performance at 4PM and at 6 PM each band will perform.

Marching Band has started their sign up for next year’s trip to the Cheese-it bowl.

**HS Choir/Acapella Group:** attended Nordonia for Acapella Festival in Nordonia last week. Will need volunteers for uniform Tux/dress alterations.

**Theatre**: Ipads were purchased for the sound program as reflected in Treasurer;s report. Thank you!

**MS Choir:**

MS Choir students all attended Solo & Ensemble at Licking Heights on Saturday and it was very successful! It was Jessica’s first time taking the full crew to the event (due to COVID) and while there were lots of logistics, it all worked out and of 49 events, more than 40 were superior ratings! It definitely took a team to make happen. Kristen, Jessica, Miss N (student teacher), and senior independent study students all helped teach the repertoire, we had a volunteer Trevor Casto (HS parent & retired choir teacher in community) come in to give feedback as well as our accompanists: Alyson Bates & Brennan (Brennan’s performance fees & Alyson’s rehearsal & performance fees all paid through MS Choir budget).

MS Choir is collecting & resetting as the MS musical is this week! We continue to prepare for Large Group & Spring concert in May.

**Orchestra Update:** Solo and Ensemble contest students earned 28 - I’s (superior) and 10 - II’s (excellent)

**Visual Arts Update:** May 2 & 3rd is the Portrait of an Artist Art Show at Bryn Du. Need volunteers.

**We have a need for an array of volunteers to help with uniforms for the various groups. This includes, inventory, sorting sending to cleaners, fittings and alterations.** *We discussed sending out a general email for needed volunmteers for upcoming events and gathering a group for choir, orchestra and marching band to help Becky.*

**Motion to Adjourn: 8:15 PM**

Andy motioned, Courtney Seconded.

**Next Meeting:**

April 19th at 7:00 PM – Granville School District Offices