

## Ross Band Booster Minutes 9/1/2015

20 in attendance

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

- Secretary's Report: Minutes from August meeting. Linda Eschenbrenner motioned to waive the reading of the minutes. Jessie Walker seconded. Motion carried.
  - Correspondence: (per Mr. Roemer) Sent thank you cards to those with large contributions on Tag Day or after the day.
- Treasurer's Report: Diann Bielefeld motioned to waive the reading of the Treasurer's report. Pam Giuliano seconded.
- Director's Report:
  - Mr. Roemer:
    - Mr. Roemer expressed pleasure in the large numbers at the meeting and invited all to return next month. Thank you to all who drove and helped with Tag Day, which was quite successful. Yield: \$12,000 on the day and another \$450.00 after the day. Big thanks to Sharlene Vanlandingham for organizing. The sticky notes are very lucrative, and need to be reordered. One idea from Don Eschenbrenner is to order a stamp and pre-stamp some pads of Post-it notes. Mr. Roemer will look into price to reorder the current post-it notes. Sharlene V. will also look into pricing from other company.
    - Boosters have reimbursed the band for a few items, but the check for bags of ice from Band Camp is being returned to the Boosters.
    - Planning to return to Camp Lebanon next year. School calendar may impact scheduling, but he will try to keep the changes to a minimum.
    - First game was well done, in terms of chaperones. Hat reminders. Perhaps an extra hat on the truck?
    - Band will use a new gate. Hospitality table -- try to avoid giving non-band kids the food from the table. Please avoid offering water until a water break is given. A water jug and cups and garbage bag nearby is preferred.
    - First contest is Lockland; Ross performs at 6:30. Ross is the first band performing, only 2 As and 2 AAs. Buses leave at 4:15 from RHS.
    - Tipp City is always a large competition and a late night.
    - Band bus is being repaired after a brakes issue.
  - Ms. Giuliano: Show is learned and costumes are in! Monies have been deposited to reimburse Boosters for payments made. Popcorn sale was successful, and \$1200 given to Sharlene V. for invoice payment and future needs. RMS color guard meeting is soon and practices will start following that for performance at

the Homecoming parade. Winter guard for RMS and RHS possibly, with okay from AD for Winter sports. Discussion of how to handle the overage of monies earmarked for guard from their fundraiser and still meet requirements for 501c3 designation.

- Mrs. Duncan: RMS band has started for 7/8 band: 84 kids with 16 percussionists. First performance is Homecoming parade. 5th graders will start recruitment next week. September 16 is recruitment night for parents at the middle school. 6th grade band is down in numbers, probably 50 kids. Two years ago we discussed a possible donation of a set amount each year to RMS bands. She would like to revisit. See New Business.

### **Committee and Fundraiser Reports:**

Membership: (Pam Giuliano) 5 Family, 3 Patron, 7 Maroon and Gold, 13 Maroon and Gold Supreme and 8 Corporate sponsors. A few businesses have contributed but not at the \$50 level. Pam included them at the appropriate monetary levels. Rumpke, Watson Gravel, Berkeley Square and Muenchen Furniture will all be listed as corporate sponsors for their donations for Band Camp and the Autumn Raffle.

Website/Social Media: (Becky Cornelius) \_\_\_\_\_ website visits, \_\_\_\_\_ page views. No report.

Newsletter: (Brigette Wogenstahl) No report.

Meijer Rewards: (Diann Bielefeld) \$3.70 May \$4.88 June \$4.40 July. Explanation to come in an email from Beth Z. Helen Koons currently uses it and it reports earned points.

Entertainment books: (Diann Bielefeld) No report.

Tailgate party: (Diann Bielefeld) October 23, plenty of volunteers, need some chili and hot dogs still. Helen K. and Diann B. will make phone calls.

Show shirts and Spirit Wear: (Leslie Ellis) Email on Thursday for orders due Friday. If asked, she will accept until Tuesday 9/8. \$1810 deposit from show shirts, invoice of \$1337 making a \$473 profit.

Fudge Sale: (Giuliano/Bielefeld) No report.

Fall Raffle: (Mary Ann Henninger) Tickets are in to go home with students. \$5 each and 3 for \$10. Will get numbers/names from 7/8 band for tickets. Prizes as listed in August minutes. Tickets sold at games, at Eli's on away game nights and at MRAA soccer games on Saturday morning. Flyer that can be printed. Rules and Regulations to go up on website. Email will include that tickets have come home. Details in newsletter and email.

Banquet: (Mary Ann Henninger) No report.

Band Savings Card: (Sharon Henggeler) No report.

Chili Supper: (Eschenbrenners) October 2. \$400 start-up money needed. Joyce Hilmer works with us and there is a "food credit" through the RMS kitchen. Donations of pop from the drive thru hopefully. Newsletter needs to include call for donations of desserts and pop. Also will be included in email. Whatever the past newsletter calls for should be reduced by a dozen in the asking, for donation. David E. has figured out many of the bugs in the system. A presentation using Google forms was shown on the board. Possibly pop and desserts out by the order table. Plan B is to have the walkie talkies on hand. An apprentice is needed for the Chili Supper as well to take over by the 16/17 school year. Ideas for next year are to use Square to take credit cards and a possible Carry Out. Volunteers solicited via email and newsletter.

Split the Pot: (Tom Schweitzer) Would like to use the band roster and make phone calls to help get Split the Pot volunteers. Needs \$150 start-up money. No tickets needed at this time, but Tom will purchase as needed. Mary Ann Henninger motioned to approve \$150 (change form budget of \$100). Linda Eschenbrenner seconded. A new chair will be needed for next year; a call for volunteers to go out via email and newsletter. Corporate sponsors will be advertised on buckets.

Hospitality Table: (Helen Koons) Volunteers are okay. Mr. Roemer will do a Remind 101 to make sure sophomores will bring in donations. No drinks on the bus, unless approved by driver.

Pit Crew: (Rick Giuliano) No report.

Tag Day: (Sharlene Vanlandingham) See Director's report.

Old Business: Tires replaced and Don Eschenbrenner was reimbursed. New tires needed for wheeled percussion instruments. Possibly check with suppliers used by Mr. Schwab on solid-fill tires. Also try through Baker Hardware. Upcoming dates on bottom of agenda.

New Business: Donation to RMS band was approved in the Booster budget, but not paid out at the end of last year due to maternity leave. Motion to donate \$2000 to RMS out of 2014-2015 fiscal budget made by Diann Bielefeld. Seconded by Jessy Walker. Motion carried. Gary Baldwin and Don Brock are completing the new scaffolding for the band. The men are working in the heat and putting in lots of effort and Mr. Roemer would like to reimburse them in some way for their time and effort. This will come from Band funds if possible.

Pam Giuliano made a motion to adjourn. Linda Eschenbrenner seconded.

Next Meeting: October 6, 2015

