

## **Cotter Band Booster Meeting Minutes**

**February 8, 2018**

Present: Andy Meurer, Cindy Walechka, Peggy Duellman, Kris Ramsden, Shawn Hutmacher, Deb Beckman and Christine Nichols

Cindy W. called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

Prayer recited together by the group.

**Agenda Review:** No Additions.

**Secretary's Report:** Christine N. presented the January minutes. Correction: Misspelled Hutmacher(Hutchmacher). Shawn H. made a motion to approve as corrected. Kris R. seconded. Minutes approved.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

Andy M. clarified the different areas that hold money for the band boosters. Simply stated, the Cash on Hand (Operating Budget) is \$13,376.65 More details can be added to the treasurer's report (itemized expenses and incomes), but it will add a second page. Andy M. will talk with Bob F. about a more detailed treasurer's report.

January Treasurer's report tabled until next meeting. Bob F. was unable to attend the meeting.

### **Director's Report:**

1. Long Trip. Broadway show will be "Waitress" while in Chicago. CCMP asked if band students wanted to help at the pancake breakfast and earn money toward band. CCMP could use the help, and the band students could use the money for their accounts.
2. Trailer. Cotter actually "owns" the trailer, even though it was purchased by the band boosters. The sale of the trailer would need to be approved by the school. Cotter wants the DOT to inspect the trailer, before it can be sold/up-graded. There will be no problem with the sale of the trailer to move forward, but Andy M. needs to have it approved by Sr. Judy before the sale will be final.
3. Junior High band funds need to have a specific designation each year. A large balance cannot just sit in the account. \$1,000 per year is needed for operations (buses, music, instrument repairs). If we move money for the purchase of the trailer, approximately \$3,000 will remain in the Junior High account and cover the next three years.

### **Old Business**

1. Lasagna Dinner. The dinner was a success! 670 dinners were sold/served. The total profit from the lasagna dinner was approximately \$6,000. There is just one last expense outstanding and it is for the use of the Elk's club.

2. Uniform Cleaning. High School uniforms are done. The total cost of cleaning was \$832.55. Junior High uniforms are currently at the cleaners.
3. A new Junior High uniform room will be constructed in the basement of Cotter, across from the current Senior High uniform room. The old Junior High uniform room is being transformed into a bike repair shop. They will build it to our specification and will also include a water source for filling water coolers. New additional storage for instruments and music will be added to the band room. All of the changes will be done by the end of the school year.

### **New Business**

1. Ashley for the Arts. The check will be presented at the basketball game on February 13<sup>th</sup>. It will be presented after the warm-ups (varsity). Pep band will play pre-game (during warm-ups) and then the check will be presented. The check will be \$14,400. (Speech: 1,145.13, Student Accounts: \$10,487.64, Band Boosters: \$2,767.23)
2. Jazz Fest. Sunday, February 25<sup>th</sup>. Hayden Fihn will be the guest artist. Monday, February 26<sup>th</sup> will be the concert at 7:00 p.m. in the theater.
3. Jr. High Band Festival. Wednesday, February 28<sup>th</sup>. 9:30 a.m. in Lake City. They band will play, work with a clinician, and listen to other groups play.
4. Spring Concert. March 19<sup>th</sup>. Coffee/treats will be served after the concert. Christine N. will arrange for coffee and refreshments.
5. Large Group Contest. March 20<sup>th</sup>. Cotter will be hosting the event. There may be a need for parent volunteers. 12 schools will be playing throughout the day. The band events will take place in the Nett Center, throughout the entire school day (8:00-3:30). Parents will most likely be needed for concessions. The choir groups will use the Chapel of the Angels and Alverna Center.
6. Junior High Concert. March 22<sup>nd</sup>.
7. Summer Marching Band. Commitment letters are being returned. It looks like three Super Seniors may be joining band for the Summer. Music has been selected and will be going out soon.
8. Spring Plant Sale. Original order was placed in October. A student account profit of approximately \$2,157.00 is expected (20%). We received a 25% discount by purchasing the plants in a "lot" (extra 5% will go to the band). The plant sale will begin on February 20<sup>th</sup>. The following volunteers will be needed:
  - 1-2 Volunteers (AM to unload trailer)
  - 2-3 Volunteers (Sort flowers)
  - 2-3 Volunteers (Pick-Up/Sell)

The pick-up day will be May 4<sup>th</sup>. Extra flowers will be sold throughout the day until 6:00 p.m.

9. Recruiting New Booster Members/Parent Volunteers/Fundraiser Chairs. A short discussion was held to brainstorm ideas to get more parent volunteers and involvement. Some suggestions were; a required number of volunteer hours and a required number of fundraising items to purchase. It was also suggested we have a marching band cost out to parents at the beginning of the school year, so they can "work off" their cost during the year(volunteer hours or

fundraisers). Andy M. will consider all the suggestions. He wants to be mindful of all families and not offend anyone by having certain requirements.

Andy M. will email to find some new parents to help chair fundraisers, because several current fundraising chairs having graduating seniors. It would be helpful for the new chairperson to work along-side the current chairperson for a year(training).

10. Marching Band Parent T-Shirts. The parents would like to have a “band” t-shirt. It would be different than the yearly show shirt. Andy M. will add it to the general apparel section to the order form.

Next meeting: Monday, March 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.

**Meeting was adjourned at 7:58 pm.**