

Bethel Park Music Boosters Executive Board Meeting

September 8, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Rob Strickling.

President's Report

Rob welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced Nicole Levis, the Membership committee chair, who is new to the Executive Board. Rob also informed the board that the Boosters received 19 contributions that totaled \$965 in memoriam for Seth Lisak.

Secretary - Lisa Como The minutes from the last meeting will be posted on the new site and approved and the next meeting.

Treasurer - Donna Murphy A summary of last year's financial statements by committee was provided to the Eboard. Janice Brusoski inquired on the status of the grant writing for the plumes.

Director's Report: Mr. Thompson, Mrs. Glover and Mr. Kuzawa

Mr. Thompson thanked the Board for all of their help so far this year. He gave a special shout out to Stacie Doman and Stacey Lucidore for all of their help with performance attire, Donna Murphy for her help with the marching band shoes, and Jon Lloyd for his help with distribution of the Pride and Performance shirts. Marching Band rehearsals are going well. The group is able to rehearse together in pods fifteen feet apart.

Picture day will be held on 9/18/20. Two pictures will be taken -- an individual picture and a "green screen" picture for ensemble/group pictures if they cannot be taken at a future date.

Next week the Music Department will be holding Elementary instrument try-out visits. The department is experiencing lower participation in the program across all levels below the high school due to the pandemic and remote learning. Restoring participation to historical levels will be a current year focus of the music department staff.

The school district has agreed to fund the purchase of material for bell covers for all instrumentalists across the district as well as puppy pee pads for saliva drainage. Help sewing the bell covers is needed from the boosters.

A discussion was then held by Janice Brusoski and Donna Murphy regarding recent state legislation regarding spectator attendance at high school sporting events.

Committee Reports:

Band Banquet - Tracy Manion and Beth Turner - We are moving forward on ordering Senior plaques. A Google Doc has been created to collect Senior information.

Bylaws - Erin Lisak - No report.

Chaperones - Laura Hoffman - Laura has requested a list of paid booster members from Nicole and when she is notified of a need for chaperones, she will start with Senior parents as current year opportunities early in the school year may be limited.

Hoagies - Barb & Joe Bell - Fundraising for the organization needs to continue during the current year to support the operating activities of the music program. As we do not anticipate being allowed in IMS during the fall semester to prepare band hoagies, an alternative hoagie production plan (called "Plan B") has been identified by a fellow booster member. This plan would involve using a USDA accredited co-packing facility to produce the hoagies using our historical ingredients. The cost for this service will be about \$.55 to .65 per hoagie or a total reduction to hoagie proceeds of \$7500-9000. Dates for the sales are still being finalized. The hoagies would be prepared using their night crew, placed in boxes and delivered in a refrigerated truck. A distribution plan to the students from there is still being developed. As the hoagies will not include lettuce and tomato the selling price will be adjusted to \$5.50. Quota or selling target levels are still being developed and will be rolled out with an overall communication plan.

Outreach - Nichole Levis - we currently have 45 members in the Boosters. Ideas to increase membership were discussed.

Jon Lloyd - the web site is up and functioning. We have had 2200 views so far. Across all social media platforms, we have increased our presence by 100 people in the last month.

Performance Attire - Stacey Lucidore & Stacie Doman - 198 students have been fitted for marching band uniforms. All will be ready for the first home game on 9/24.

Senior Night - will be held on the last home game on 10/23. We still need help with this committee.

Ways & Means - Jon & Nikki Lloyd - An inventory is available for sale online now. So far we have received 10 on line orders. Pride and performance shirts will be distributed at Thursday night's practice.

Yearbook - Shelley Crow & Nikki Lloyd The committee is continuing to collect pictures by email for this year's yearbook.

Old Business - A booster member vote was held regarding potential refunds of cash paid in lieu of selling hoagies due to the cancellation of the Spring trip. Ballots were sent to all 2019-20 paid booster members. The voting period was from 8/27 - 9/3/20. A total of 39 ballots were cast and 33 voted "no" and 6 voted "yes". The decision of the membership is final.

New Business - none

Adjournment: motion passed to adjourn at 8:17 pm.

Respectfully submitted by: Lisa Como, Secretary.