



Parkland Music Boosters Executive Board Meeting Minutes - October 13, 2020 at 7pm

Call to Order: Katy Mangold, President

Present: Katy Mangold, Wendy Wright, Diane Miller, Eric Lazansky, Frank Anonia, Jason Lerew, Mary Ost, Jill Sperry, Heather Hechler, Karen Phillips, Michelle Hare, Kevin Borger, Connie Baxter

Approval of Minutes (Executive Board Meeting 8/11/2020): Diane Miller motioned; Jill Sperry seconded; approved.

Approval of Minutes (General Membership Meeting 9/8/2020): Michelle Hare motioned; Mary Ost seconded; approved.

Treasurer's Report: Donations of \$68.25; 31 membership for \$310; Spiritwear sales \$450.87 (60 band masks, 10 chorus masks, 25 orchestra masks); Expenses for masks were \$1,400.20 (orchestra and chorus masks); Income \$1,648.32/Expenses \$3402.13 (loss \$1,753.81); Checkbook balance is \$21,295.16. Eric Lasansky motioned; Jill Sperry seconded; approved.

Directors' Update:

Lerew

Marching Band is going well; working on Stan's music which has typically been played in the past. Finding a lot of stuff that needed to be fixed that was learned incorrectly over the years - now have the extra time to work on this. This has paid off well. Friday night's game had 50 students and Mr. Lerew was very happy with how they sounded. Due to the way band is being taught in smaller groups, there is a random mix and the students are getting individualized attention. Students who went fully online get a band lesson once a week from Mr. Lerew in small groups. Mr. Lerew is happy with them as well; they will be where they need to be when joining the band eventually. Football games are at a 50 student limit. This past Friday was the first time performing at a game and it went really well. This week will be the first away game vs. Dieruff at J. Birney Crum Stadium. (The other away game vs. William Allen is also at J. Birney Crum). The stadium is nice and big - room to spread the band out. Taking three buses - plenty of room for students. October 30 will be senior night at home game against Emmaus - can bring 75 students to the game. Seniors will get the first shot at signing up, then it will go to anyone who signed up for the Allentown Central Catholic game that got cancelled, then to the rest of students. Seniors will be in their uniforms. Connie will organize the seniors as she always does. Connie will contact them to make sure their uniforms still fit. If the uniform doesn't fit, Connie will schedule a one-on-one with them. Senior night (honoring seniors) for the band will

be pregame instead of halftime. Homecoming will be at half time. Seniors will fill out a form as to who will be escorting them, etc. They will stay in the stands the entire time. They play the 3rd and 4th quarter. No chaperones needed for the buses, nothing needed from the Boosters to prep - not a whole lot to do.

Anonia

Spent the first five weeks of chorus not singing. Two weeks ago, chorus was approved to go outside to sing. It's not an ideal situation for singing and there are a lot of distractions but they are making due - getting to make music. They are learning technique and are excited to be singing again in some fashion. For the middle schools, they have decided non-singing and non-playing at all in building and just doing that at home. Mr. Anonia is researching and working on writing up the next step with Mr. Stutz. Looking into aerosol release, room usage, air resetting in the rooms. Indoor playing and singing is limited to 30 minutes. They are looking at rotating rooms to let the air reset. There will be a formal proposal made to the upper administration when they are done their research. Hoping to be able to do things inside at some point sooner rather than later. Surveying the area school districts to see what others are doing. Not set up to do chorus or band concerts at any time soon - building technique right now so that they are prepared when they can get together for concerts again..

Mishler

Not in attendance/Connie Baxter has update

Mr. Mishler and Connie have worked together on a Google form for the orchestra spirit wear. (They have their own form.) Connie is billing all those parents the amounts that they owe. Closes Friday, 10/16

All mask orders are up to date. Masks were sent in - all orders were filled. Doesn't say PHS...just Parkland Band. Can be sold to middle school too.

Senior Night (cont'd)

October 30 against Emmaus. Is there anything fun we can do for the game? Halloween fun packs? Mr. Lerew will check. Check to see that officers are not doing that.

Alternative Events

Drive-in Movie/Outdoor Movie

It was decided that we should not do the movie. Concern about controlling the numbers (preregistration?). Concern about somebody getting sick and traced back to students attending - would not want that to happen, not worth the risk. Drive-in may also be hard to control/maintain social distancing with students.

Virtual Bingo

There are a lot of fun things to do online. Virtual bingo would work well. Have prizes. Cards are cheap - make into packets to give to students.. Make our own cards. All three groups can

participate (band, orchestra, chorus). Katy's Zoom can have up to 300 people. Maybe make it two different nights to be able to participate. Katy has 1,000 bingo cards. There is also a website that will generate 250 cards for \$20. We can have the directors on the bingo cards (corners?), megaphones. Katy Mangold motions to have virtual bingo, Eric Lasansky seconded; approved. Katy, Diane, Eric, and Wendy will put this together. Mr. Lerew and Mr. Anonia agree to host a lunch with a student as a prize. Would like to do this before Thanksgiving. Would like to do two nights to accommodate students' schedules...weeknights - Tuesday good because there is no in-person class on Wednesdays.

Clothing Drive

May got pushed to August...August got pushed to October. There's no indication as to the timing that the truck can pick up clothing. We are now looking at doing the clothing drive in May 2021. Mr. Lerew is looking at whether or not we can do it at the school maybe sooner. He will update once he finds out. There was discussion about having the clothing drive early. Consensus was to postpone it until the May 2021 date; storage space needed and better time to publicize. Need someone to take over chairing the clothing drive from Sabrina. Connie suggested that a message be sent out to membership to ask for a chair. Sabrina has a procedure book with all of the details for chairing the event. Connie suggests that we send a message to membership asking for a chair. If nobody steps up, see if someone from the board will chair. Since we have a membership list, we can use that to solicit a chair to coordinate the event. The organizations receiving the clothing has changed over the years.

Semi-formal in January will not be happening. Katy recommends that we have an event in the spring or early summer if the current climate changes...or if there is more flexibility in the year to come. Maybe we can host an catered outdoor event or have an outside BBQ with music and dancing, etc.

Open Agenda

Concession Stand

Who has the concession stand keys? Kevin has both. We are being asked to clean out the concession stand - the food. Kevin states that the only thing that should be left is refrigerated drinks and candy and possibly some things in the freezer. Next Tuesday, 10/20, at 6pm Kevin will be there to clean out the concession stand. Katy and Eric have offered to help.

Spiritwear

Everything that Eric suggested plus the traditional items is being put up for the sale. Since we missed the beginning of the band season, we are promoting it as a holiday gift-giving opportunity. No new hats are being offered. Waitz is pulling together items. They will provide a range of costs because the more we order the better price we will get - it is preorder. Spiritwear can be offered with orchestra and chorus logos if Waitz is ok with it. There are still blankets left. We can add them to the spiritwear sale as "sold until gone." Connie will need to put together a

Square store with personalization for items. Student's name needs to be added to the order form. Katy will confirm with Mr. Anonia that he wants to offer spiritwear. Hoping to have it open the last week in October and to stay open for about two weeks...midway through November. We can distribute things in December. If things change, we can offer to ship or have a parent pick-up day.

Membership

It's not too late to send out another mention for membership/joining via email and mention our next general membership meeting. Connie needs the membership roster so that she can share with everyone. Katy suggests that we keep it in a Google document. Connie will show Heather how to do this.

Other Items

It was suggested to have some type of regular newsletter go out to membership with upcoming items and director updates. Recommended to use social media more - FaceBook for parents. Create an Instagram account. Wendy recommended using Hootsuite to combine posts for both social media outlets to reach parents and kids since they use different platforms. Wendy also suggested Twitter since a lot of administrators use it. Katy recommends a "Senior Day Takeover" - feature a senior a day, etc.

Probably will not be playing at basketball games

For the games, do not park at OMS; park at the other side.

Next Meeting (General and Executive combined): November 9, 2020 at 7pm

Michelle made a motion to adjourn; Heather seconded; adjourned.