

## **STMAA BOARD MEETING, December 1, 2008**

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 pm at STHS library. In attendance were Steve Bischoff, Coleen Bolton, Cathy Crockett, Julie Bounds, Doug Irving, Mike Murphy, Keith Swenson, Cindy Drury, and Richard Pettit.

### **MINUTES:**

There were several changes made to the minutes. Keith made a motion and Mike seconded to approve the minutes with changes.

### **BAND DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

The coffee has been distributed. There were more on-line sales this year.

She is in the mist of coupon book sales. She has some concerns about what has been going on and needs support from everyone. She has been encouraged from the administration to have a 'you all come' fundraiser where everyone participates. She is afraid we're not going to make it financially through the end of the year, and is stressed at whether we can write a festival check next year. She likes being in WBA and likes having a competitive field show. However, she doesn't like having to buy coffee from students so they can pay their band fees.

She would like to contact folks about what they know about the program. The survey should be helpful. Richard said there are \$33,000 in outstanding marching band fees, which includes 55 families that are behind in payments. Cindy is willing to call parents regarding payment issues. Doug said we need a script written on the text of the call. We need to make sure they are aware we are sympathetic to financial issues. Richard said the payments are worse than last year, with 25 families that have not paid anything at all. However, we have not received a check from bingo yet, and Cindy is willing to go pick this up from them, if necessary.

Julie would like to bring the parents who have never done any fundraising to meet with Mr. Duran, as it seems to be the same families every year since she has been with our program. She will follow up this week with parents via schoolloop. Richard said he will send out a payment reminder this week, and will also work on a script.

Julie said if we are staying in WBA, we need a staff, so the current budget would not change. She has also thought about try-outs for marching band, but has not done so.

Cathy said bringing in people to brainstorm ideas regarding the future of marching band with a moderator would be helpful.

Julie said this season is frustrating, as some want a band with a score of 80-85. She is having a marching band staff meeting tomorrow night, to discuss why we are getting the score we get. There may be changes to the marching band staff for next year.

Steve proposes another meeting to discuss the goals of marching band, and how to achieve them. The web site of [Westernbands.org](http://Westernbands.org) is available to get scores and information regarding points after the competition, when the scores are posted.

Julie will be gone the week before vacation for a conference.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**

Parent survey – Cathy discussed the survey sent out in e-mail. The survey asks questions such as are you on school loop?, do you read the weekly STMAA emails?, and do you know about the dine-outs? Cathy estimates it should take about 5 minutes max to do each call. Julie likes the survey. A suggestion was made to survey non marching band Freshman parents, to get feedback into next marching band meeting. Example, ask, Do you know if we have a marching band, if not, then why did your son/daughter not participate, they would they participate in the future? Doug said we should ask if you do not get e-mail, how do you want to be contacted? Cathy should get a revised survey out tomorrow, then survey out to board members to start calling parents.

Winter concert program – The program used to be paid for by a local real estate office, but they are not doing it this year. A printer charges \$115 to print and fold 300 programs. Cathy offered to pay half the cost of this, due to financial issues of STMAA. I mentioned I could attempt to do the programs at my work color laser printer. Cathy will send me a copy of last years' program so I can print and see if it'll work. The deadline is Thursday to get the program to the printers, if I cannot do it.

Carnival – Mike, Doug and Jon will meet with Butler representative and go over stuff. Mike to get a binder this week from Jon and get a box of stuff. The next planning meeting is Dec. 8. At the last planning meeting there were several questions that were asked – such as how much money was made, and can we make food profit on food sales? He does want this to be successful, and we need to focus on early ticket sales. He still needs to meet with Butler to get their feedback on us doing food sales, and what layout changes they are willing to make. As always there is an issue in getting a 'certified kitchen permit' for selling food. There was an idea to have firefighters BBQ use their permit (they come and cook).

Community advisory committee – There was a recent meeting at the school, and Mr. Duran attended. There was a discussion on lights for the football stadium. The next meeting is January 20, at 6pm. Cathy encourages a meeting with new city council member for our district, Ash Kalra. We are the only school without lights and we need people supporting this idea. Julie hopes the C.A.C can come together so we can get our lights.

Mike will have final figures next meeting regarding trucks.

Mike has a DVD for the band performances, and would like to sell the DVD to parents. Julie will look at the arrangement and copywrite information to see if Mike can sell the DVD. Steve does not think it is a good idea that it comes from STMAA.

Mike and Richard to look at applying for a grant. Cathy and Julie will also assist in pursuing this.

**VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**

The web site changes have been done and the site is up and running. Richard needs access to the site to get reports from Volunteer hub, he needs to see who signed up for what to credit their accounts.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

There is \$2400 in the checking account. There are outstanding bills for buses, t-shirts, and fresh choice. There is \$33,798 in outstanding band accounts. He has not received any Bingo funds yet, although the check was to have been mailed.

**HOSPITALITY UPDATE:**

Cindy will sell scarves at the concert.

**FUNDRAISING:**

Barnes and Nobel – The flyer was handed out. The Jazz band is performing Dec. 12 at 7pm, with the fundraiser that week. We will hand out flyers at the concert and insert in the mailer.

He received information for next years' Human Race. We raised \$700 last year with just 3 kids participating.

Keith made the motion to adjourn the meeting and Doug seconded. The meeting was ended at 9:15pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Coleen Bolton, Secretary