

STMAA BOARD MEETING NOVEMBER 3, 2008

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

Minutes:

The minutes from the October meeting were approved on-line.

Band director's report:

Everything is on schedule. There is a Jazz band concert this week.

Winter guard - Megan (the color guard teacher) is interested in expanding the program to include winter guard. She is working on possible fees and approval for the board at the December meeting, and a possible STOPS grant. The guard will perform in the gym. This is a great opportunity for more practice. This is a non-graded, extra-curricular activity.

Art dept. project – The art department teachers have budget issues and need to collect funds for art supplies, or the program may close. The department has proposed using our tax i.d. account and status to collect fees from parents. They would have their own treasurer, own budget and own bank account. Cathy suggests they consult with an attorney regarding STMAA liability and get a legal perspective. She does not think they will be able to use us as we are a parent organization and they are a teacher organization. A suggestion was to call the funds a 'donation' rather than a 'fee'. Cathy will research other local marching band organizations and see how they word the 'fee' issue. Julie will take this information back to the art dept.

President's report:

Binders – Steve told Keith about the binders, what to do, and to get information updated.

Dine-out – There is another dine-out this week at Chevy's. Steve asked how people feel about this, based on profit made. Cathy said we have made \$636 so far in 7 dine-outs. Julie M., mentioned that some parents just do not care, so do not go. She thinks advertising works. Cathy does not have a stressful time doing the job, it just can be difficult dealing with corporate people, finding someone who speaks English, and making time to keep up with the restaurants as things progress. Each restaurant works differently, so she is keeping a binder for this job. It was decided there will be a December dine-out on the 2nd. Steve suggests a survey for parents, asking if they are signed up for schoolloop or the STMAA mailing list. He would like survey questions sent to him, with the possibility of each board member calling 10 parents (especially freshman) to get their feedback.

Carnival – Mike talked to Jon, who'll talk to the carnival people. Mike wants a committee meeting on November 17 in the library to start the carnival organization process. Julie mentioned that closer to the event, the best way is parents calling parents to get more involved. Mike updated the wiki for carnival. Julie mentioned there should be a carnival binder that Mike should get a hold of.

Vice-President's report:

Keith simplified the 600 building web site and moved a lot of stuff to the wiki. He is working to make it user friendly and easy to update. He explained how we can update agenda prior to meeting.

Treasurer's report:

Richard was not here, however, he e-mailed a report which states that there is \$5300 in the BofA account. The coffee fundraising bill has been paid. He has more adjustments to make to band accounts, but it won't affect the cash balance much. A number of parents have indicated the check is in the mail, so we will see how the month of November progresses.

Fundraising:

Coupon books – Delivery to be this week, and Julie will start with pre-orders only. Storage will be a problem as there is no place to store the books during the sale. She is working on a handout and a sales presentation starting next week. She will hand out (when asked) 1 old book with current order to be used as an incentive. The old books can be used until the end of the year.

The coffee should be here in a week or so.

Ink cartridge – Kerry dropped off her stack of cartridges to Doug. He hopes to get \$100 for the cartridges. There is now a drop off bin in the front office.

Scarfs – There was a general opinion the scarfs were a great success at the competition, and the students on the field liked seeing a sea of blue and orange.

New Business:

Wristbands – There was a discussion how many wristbands are needed for the pit crew. We need about 10-12. Should parents buy wristbands if they are on the pit crew, or should STMAA buy the wristbands? The organization that is sponsoring the show gives a set number of wristbands. Julie said we should add a line item on the next budget for wristbands, so parents who are working the pit do not have to buy one.

Julie will have the schedule for the next competition this week.

The holiday boutique is this weekend, please come and support the school!

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Coleen Bolton, Secretary