

STMAA BOARD MEETING September 8, 2008

The meeting was called to order at 7pm at STHS library. In attendance were Steve Bischoff, Coleen Bolton, Cindy Drury, Doug Irving, Mike Murphy, Kerry Johnson, Julie Martinez, Julie Bounds, Michelle Pettit, and Lorraine VanEaton Chang.

Minutes:

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

President's report:

Steve asked those involved in on-going projects to keep a binder of the procedures to do such projects. For example, Doug will keep a binder of how he is doing the printer cartridge recycling program, and Kerry will keep a binder for food, and Julie Martinez will do one for uniforms.

Steve asked who has the list of volunteer sign-ups, and Cindy indicated she has the list gathered at the band potluck, and will e-mail the list to Steve.

We still need a pit crew for this Saturday's game. Doug said he will help Steve with this. However, we still need someone to be in charge of the pit crew.

We need to get ahead of the curve in the board actions in general not being last minute and not just dineouts. The Sweet Tomatoes is a great example. It's already posted and it's not until 9/23. The Armadillo Willys was only posted last Thursday. In general we should be thinking out at least 2 weeks for everything, not just dine outs. We need to give people time to read emails, think and respond rather than here's an idea and I need an answer tonight.

Carnival: Mike and Doug indicated they will contact Jon and get his information regarding the Carnival, and work together on this. Mike said he is willing to head up the Carnival. Doug asked Julie if the construction crew will still use a portion of the parking lot by next May (in anticipation of this being a problem for the Carnival), and she said she believes that will not be a problem as the construction should be slowing down at that point, and nearly done, but she will look into it, just in case.

Vice-President's report:

Keith was not here, however there has been discussion on-line about the web site upgrading, the use of the Wiki, and the addition of Java to the site. Keith will work on this a little more, and then get back to us.

Treasurer's report:

Richard was not here, however he e-mailed the balance sheet to the board, which showed a balance in the checking account of \$7385.

Band director's report:

The marching band show is going great. Costumes are on order. The show is based on a ballet by Leonard Bernstein called 'On the town'. She is adjusting to the new building. The construction of the old building is on schedule and should be ready by the end of June. She had expected 100-120 kids in marching band this year, and ended up with 99. There are 78 freshmen in concert band, this is double from last year. A lot of students did not register for school until a week prior to the start of school, and were not at the May general meeting, so she is sending home information to those families. She should have a complete roster in a week or so. Many students have not turned in the contact sheet. She budgets 2 hours a day for prep, and is currently catching up from the beginning of the school year and working to get the classes off the ground. She'll have concert dates finalized with the next week. She's getting used to the Wiki page, and setting up a web page for each class.

She needs a way to communicate to parents to not take kids out of rehearsals for doctor appointments. When the kids miss a rehearsal, this causes huge problems for everyone.

Hospitality update:

Cindy asked if we should print name tags for the games and competitions, and we decided not to do name tags, and use the scarves to identify parents. Kerry said she could use some of the fabric and make a sign. She has been asked about the need to organize carpools to competitions, and we will post this on Volunteer hub prior to the events.

Fundraising:

There was a discussion of sponsorships, as this needs to get more encouragement. Businesses would like to be recognized somehow. Julie needs band letterhead for thank you's, and Cindy said she could hand write these.

We Care Coffee:

This fundraiser is the same as last year. There will be a brochure handed out on 9/30, and will be due on 10/7-9. Profit is 40% and credited to the students account. The delivery of product should be on 10/27. Julie asked to proceed with fundraiser, Cindy moved motion, with Mike seconded. All approved.

Coupon books:

The choir also wants to participate in this fundraiser. She wants every family to sell 3 books and the profit from those to go to the general fund. If the student sells 4 or more books, then the profit from those will be applied to the students account. She's estimating ordering 600 books, and will look into the possibility of ordering more, depending on the price break. So far, the choir indicated they will need 100 books, and the band 500. Books will available mid-October.

Barnes and Noble:

Michelle said Richard met with them and they want the Jazz band to play, early in December. The second week would work for Julie as she will be out of town in early December and during the week of the 15th.

Dine-outs:

Low turnout during Summer, hopefully this will improve now that school is in session and we can use schoolloop to post information.

Scarves:

Cindy sold them at last week's football game, calling them 'spirit scarves'. She mentioned there will be more than \$400 profit from the scarves. After the initial scarves were purchased and sold, she used the profits to reimburse for first fabric bought and to purchase more fabric. We yield approximately 44 scarves per bolt and based on sales so far, she ordered more fabric due to interest and upcoming football games and homecoming. We discussed the possibility of selling during basketball season as well. She will report on actual numbers at the next board meeting.

Cartridge recycling:

Doug mentioned that Taylor school has a program that works for them, and he contacted them and it seems that their program will work for us. He'll set up trash cans in Julie's room and the school office to be used to drop off ink cartridges and cell phones. He will then ship them out when the cans are full.

Bingo:

Kerry said it is going well, not crazy yet. Once we get on a routine, she'll ask a band parent that attends to help her with the paperwork.

New fundraising:

Kerry knows someone who works for a charity that promotes 'Shop for Cause' at Macys. This program costs \$5 to participate and allows you to shop at Macy's for one day, getting a discount on all items purchased. There is no cost to us to do this fundraiser, just someone to handle the distribution of the

coupons. Cindy said she will head a table next Saturday and sell these, at the same time selling scarves. The profit is the \$5 we'd make per coupon. Kerry officially made the proposal, Steve seconded, all approved.

Michelle mentioned Richard has a possibility for an e-waste day that he is working on, wherein we would bring paper to be shredded, and any other electronics to be disposed of. Details to follow.

New Business:

Mike has reserved 2 trucks we need for all the MB field show dates (with Penske Truck rentals).

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Coleen Bolton, Secretary