

## **Booster Meeting Minutes, January 9, 2012**

### **In Attendance:**

Lisa Davidson, Steve Mitchel, Julie Wainwright, Jennifer Allen, Nancy Parker, Terri Wanke, Charlie Roberts, Cyrus Nabipoor, Ralph Erwin, Laura Fisher, Nick Budge, Dan Graaff, Susan Shepperd

### **Approve Last Meeting Minutes:**

Mr. Budge mentioned that there was an error in the November 2011 Meeting Minutes. Specifically that he teaches at Fernwood Middle School on the mornings of Monday, Wednesday and Thursdays. (Susan Shepperd has made this correction to the online minutes.)

### **Treasurer's Report**

Current Band Booster Account Balance: \$1,154.53

Julie reported that money was made at the Winter Concert, both with the entry fee and the raffle/beverage sales:

Winter Concert: \$1,313.50 Entry fees (this came from the \$2,627.50 total which was split between Band and Choir)

Raffle/Beverage sales: \$525.00

Julie reminded everyone that she has reimbursement forms for items purchased for Band Boosters. If over \$500 needs to be spent, then a special purchase order will need to be made.

Marching band costs didn't show up in this report. Mr. Budge said he would check with the bookkeeper about this issue.

### **Band Director's Report:**

Mr. Budge thanked everyone for all the help at the Winter Concert. He mentioned that he is especially grateful that he doesn't have to worry about all the things going on in the lobby since the volunteers take care of it.

On November 15, Jazz Ensemble took second place at Three Rivers League Jazz Festival. Previous to their trip to the festival they had two clinicians that got everyone fired up.

Zoo lights were a lot of fun -- and warm for a change!

The middle school band program at Beverly Cleary/Fernwood seems to be stabilizing now that the students are consistently showing up. Experience level is very mixed, so the trick is finding music that works for the whole group. Mr. Budge is now writing his own music for this diverse group.

Updates: Still trying to get in touch with the Gene Harris Fest. Their website still doesn't have any new information and they are not returning Mr. Budge's calls.

Feeder schools have not responded to Mr. Budge's attempts to bring the Grant bands to their schools. In order to reach out to the middle school students there will be a Band Night on March 9 to get them in the Grant band room and learn more about the program. Our Grant band students will be there to meet and work with the kids.

Basketball Pep Band has started. They did great on Friday and the band was the best part of the game.

Mr. Budge asked that an email go out for new snacks immediately.

Five of our students are going to All-State. Ben Rosene will be in All-State Jazz Band, Blair Shepperd, Kenneth Fukumoto and Emily Klockner will be in All-State Wind Symphony; and Kenny Regan will be in All-State Orchestra. This will be an outstanding experience for them.

Jan. 19 8:00 am to 3:00 pm the JE is going to record their audition for the Essentially Ellington jazz competition (NYC). It must be a live performance with no edits. Cyrus told Mr. Budge about a college student from CCC who can do the recording.

Five band students went to Alameda to help with a play.

### **Band Council Report**

The band council has been working on formalizing student involvement in the middle school band at Fernwood. Cyrus Nabipoor has collected names and instruments and will communicate with Mr. Budge.

In Cyrus's student government class they are talking about spirit and pep assembly. One thing that was discussed was to get the pep band to perform at a pep assembly.

### **New Business**

#### *Critique the concert*

-Mr. Budge's thoughts - We ran out of programs so we should do 500 next year; Student stage hands needed to be more engaged; need another adult to monitor the door between the backstage and the auditorium, one table enough and 3 volunteers seemed to be okay for the lobby; 2 volunteers in the cushion rental; Booster info table 2 people and a student to greet parents coming in; there was discussion about moving ticket sales to the bottom of ramp or use the ticket booths. We sold donated water and pop at \$2 and made some money from that.

Marketing the concert: We broadcast the news about the concert three times to the band list and the school newsletter had info about the concert too. It would be good to put a news item in the local news outlets: neighborhood newsletters and the Hollywood Star newspaper to promote the concert.

It was recommended that tickets for Sweet Sound of Jazz are sold at the Winter Concert. SSoJ should be promoted at the concert as well.

The girls uniforms for Wind Ensemble had some problems. One outfit is missing and the skirts that went home with volunteers to be hemmed got mixed up. Mr. Budge said he would talk to the girls about this.

## **Fund Raising**

### **Sweet Sound of Jazz**

Susan Shepperd reported that all of the major areas of the event have a volunteer in place. We still need additional help with some of the set-up and clean-up, and procurement for the desserts is just getting started.

Jennifer Allen has been leading a team of freshman parents who are procuring items for the silent auction. She reported that she has 20 items confirmed and more coming in. 2 \$250 catering platters, a senior portrait, one month of jujitsu lessons, and mountain gear. Cryus asked if the the boosters could purchase a scholarship for Mel Brown Jazz Camp. There was discussion about how that would work and it was decided that the cost vs. potential profit would not make this possible.

There was discussion about the Tax ID number. It appears that two different Tax ID numbers have been given to our volunteers by the school bookkeeper. Dan Graaff said he would follow up on this issue and find out what number is correct.

### **Fundraising for new upright bass**

Laura Fisher announced the Bass fund raising has been completed.

Nine students performed in a combo that made \$961.00. Additional donations came from the concert at Tony Starlights, community donations, and the raffle at the Winter Concert equalling \$2,450. A total of \$3,411 has been deposited.

The total bass package (from Beacock's Music) is \$3,042.99

Mr. Budge requested a hard case for the base \$495.00

Ralph built a rolling case which holds three basses.

Dan wanted to make the point that fund raising makes a difference when we're raising money for a specific thing and it works for a specific need.

There was discussion that Sweet Sound of Jazz needs a particular cause.

### **Other business:**

Julie Wainwright suggested that an email is sent out with information about district Solo-Ensemble.

Next meeting - A set time of the First Tuesday of each month was approved. June's meeting will be TBA due to graduation on the first Tuesday. The next meeting will be Tuesday, February 7 at 6:30 pm in the band room.