

**Western School District Band Boosters  
Regular Meeting May 7, 2012  
Western Schools Band Room**

Individuals in attendance: Paul Bickel, Patti Brue, Candy Brugger, Mary Collins, Pam Fedewa, Suzanne Gibbs, Jan Noppe, Carol Selden, Linda Tallman. The meeting was called to order by President Jan Noppe at 6:00 p.m.

**Officer/Committee Reports:**

**Treasurer's Report** - Linda Tallman distributed copies of the budget and the balance sheet and reviewed them with those present. Concerns were discussed about being billed for the custodian because it cuts into fundraising profits. Bickel recommended dovetailing fundraising events with times when a custodian is already on duty due to other school functions.

Discussion that the magazine sale does not work well for High School band members during band camp and would be better to do it first thing in the fall in 2012. Bickel and McKinchak to contact Great American.

Motion made by to accept the Treasurer's report by Noppe and seconded by Collins. Motion carried.

**Approval of the Minutes** - Motion to accept the minutes of the April 16, 2012 meeting was made by Noppe and seconded by Gibbs with the correction that Jan Noppe was also present. Motion carried.

**President's Report** - No report this month.

**Vice President's Report** - Brue - Read a thank you note for a scholarship to the Band Boosters from Hannah Wilson.

**Band Director's Reports - Paul Bickel**

Middle School Band Director's report - written report from McInchak read:

8 students were accepted into MSBOA District 8 Honors Band. They are 7<sup>th</sup> graders Courtney Bachman, Madelyn Polich, and Jordan King and 8<sup>th</sup> graders Katelyn Gebhardt, Karen Carroll, Laurie Camburn, Hannah Miller, and Kayla Rinaldi. These students will rehearse on Saturday, May 19<sup>th</sup> and perform on Sunday, May 20<sup>th</sup> at Okemos Middle School. Acceptance was based on taped audition.

The Spring WMS Band Concert is Tuesday, May 22 at 7 p.m.

The 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Jazz Band will also perform in the MS Talent Show on Tues., May 22 at 1:00 p.m.

WMS Art teacher Nic Coppennoll has taken a medical leave of absence and therefore we will not be able to make African percussion instruments, and McInchak will not need to be reimbursed for supplies as originally planned. The WMS Band will perform the piece, but have borrowed instruments from Tecumseh and our elementary schools to make it work.

McInchak requested a \$100 check for Armand Hall, guest conductor. Armand has just finished his DMA at MSU and has graciously agreed to spend this Thursday rehearsing our bands.

Motion to provide the \$100 for the guest conductor made by Noppe. Motion carried

#### High School Band Director's report -

Bickel reported that the HS bands have started rehearsing the marching band music for next fall. The theme is "Music of America".

#### **Old Business**

**Meijer Community Rewards** - Mary Collins reported only 8 people are participating on a regular basis yet, the remainder of the balances are more than 5 years old. Earnings are less than \$20 per month total. No money has been paid out to individuals since the 2010 Toronto trip.

Meijer issued a check in February, but it may have been made out to the old PPVA and routed to Ron Rudland. Bickel will check with him.

Gibbs moved that the Band Boosters discontinue participating in Meijer Rewards and to post an announcement on the Western website that we plan to roll the money remaining in the Meijer Rewards Account into the Uniform Account. If participants have any objection to this they should e-mail Jan Noppe by May 31<sup>st</sup>. Noppe seconded. Motion Carried

Collins offered to write the notice, have it reviewed by some of the Boosters, and then e-mail it to Bickel to post on the website.

#### **Election of Officers and Chairs**

Nominees for 2012-2013 school year:

President: Suzanne Gibbs

V.P.: Patti Brue

Secretary : Carol Selden

Treasurer: Linda Tallman

Ways and Means Chair: Jan Noppe

Apparel Sale Committee Chair: Kathy Shaffer

Uniforms: Carrie and Warren Smith

High School Coordinator, Middle School Coordinator, and Hospitality - no nominees

Usher Coordinators

High School: Carol Selden

Middle School - McInchak to recruit

Motion by Noppe, seconded by Selden to accept the slate of officers. Motion approved unanimously.

## **New Business**

### **Market Day**

Considered this as a possible fundraiser for the Band Boosters for families with kids past elementary school. There is a limited time window for pickup and need for a freezer to store any items whose purchasers don't arrive. Coordinating orders monthly is time consuming. Concerns also expressed about a place to distribute the orders with athletics using the facility and the upcoming constructions. Gibbs suggested table this until we have someone in Band Boosters who would be willing to run it.

Candy Brugger offered to check into the Warner PTO's experience of using Schwann's for fundraising this year and report back.

Longtime Boosters Fedawa and Collins offered advice from past experiences: Don't do any fundraiser that requires buying items upfront to sell. Quote: "They love the idea until they have to buy one." Also beware of choosing fundraisers that are very labor intensive.

If do concessions for the Band Festival remember to check the size of each band and time that they will be here and tailor what is sold to this. Big bands will want a meal if they are here at mealtime.

### **Summer Band Camp**

Volunteers needed for help with meal service at Band Camp July 30-August 2. Boosters request Bickel make up a sheet to recruit HS parent volunteers including bus chaperones, ushers, Band Festival and Chili Jazz Dinner. Selden requested obtain phone numbers of volunteers. Also suggest that parents who can't volunteer their time could donate money as Sponsors or ask business they're connected with for donations or matching gift programs.

### **Meeting Schedule**

The next Band Boosters meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 4, 2012 at 6 p.m. in the band room.

Respectfully submitted,  
Carol Selden, Western Band Boosters Secretary