

The Westlake Schools' Music Boosters
General Meeting Minutes
September 14, 2009

In Attendance:

Marian Buzzard	Kim Fisher	Chris Grau	Julie Knurek	Barb Detwiler
Kelly Patterson	Susan Dvorak	Megan Smith	Lynda Valentine	Christy Hooper
Jennifer Butler	Dianne Campo	Mary Schordock	Beth Hudak	Mike Buck
Eileen Moran	Lee Ann Eyre	Kathie McNeilly	Marvin Pozderac	Lisa Swisher
Deb Yandala				

Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 7:32 pm by President, Eileen Moran. The 2009-2010 contact information for officers and committee chairs was distributed.

Minutes: Minutes of the August 13, 2009 meeting were reviewed. Mary Schordock made a motion to approve the minutes as read. The motion was carried.

Treasurer's Report: (Kelly Patterson) Operating funds and cash available as of September 13, 2009 is \$11,344.57.

Vice President: (Marvin Pozderac) The Music in Motion truck was recently maintained and a backing up safety beeper was installed.

STANDING COMMITTEES

Concessions: (Julie Knurek) This year's division of labor in concessions has resulted in a smooth operation. Ordering a large quantity of Pepsi products initially has prevented the need for more frequent reordering. Total average expense for feeding the bands after half-time has been \$160.00 for each of the last 2 home games. Items provided are hot dogs and beverages. A request for gently used dish towels and pot holders for the concession area was made.

Eileen clarified that concession profits benefit **all** music programs in the district and that parents of **all** music students are invited to staff the stand at home games. Demon's Club receives the profits from ticket sales and spirit wear sales.

Major Fundraising: (Mike Buck)

- \$1,000.00 raised thus far this year
- May be a challenge to meet last year's total of \$6,000 due to the economy
- Music Booster members encouraged to think of area businesses that may be interested
- Business members are listed in all music programs and on our website. This exposure generates over 5,000 advertizing hits/year for participating businesses.

Membership: Eileen reported for Barb Parker that approximately \$6,000 has been raised. This represents 40% of the projected goal. Average giving rate per donation is \$57.00.

Music a la Mode: (Eileen Moran) Individuals have come forward to take responsibility for pieces of the work necessary but leadership for the event is still needed!

Publicity: (Mary Schordock) Music Boosters has been represented at Open House events and in the schools' newsletters. An ad promoting this organization is in the WHS football program.

Scholarships: (Kim Fisher) No report.

Spiritgear: (Beth Hudak, Christy Hooper) 68 more shirts need to be sold to break even. Members were encouraged to promote the sale of these items. The idea of selling any left over shirts to a local catalogue store (Friendship House) was suggested.

Summer Alumni Band: Committee chair needed for this July 1, 2010 event. Eileen reports that work for this event needs to begin in February. At this year's second annual concert, veteran band members were acknowledged. More people, including a good number of senior citizens attended this year's event than in its inaugural year.

Sunshine: (Kim Fisher) During the month of August, the deaths of Emily Lewis and Cory Braun were acknowledged with flowers. Emily was the classmate of the current Burneson 7th graders. Cory Braun is the father of Rachel and Hannah Braun, music students at WHS.

Volunteers: (Lynda Valentine) New this year, Linda Bauer, Lynda Valentine and Deb Yandala have divided the work of coordinating volunteers for the half-time snack distribution, concession stand and chaperones.

Webmaster: (Chris Grau) Most current approved minutes will be posted on our website. Question raised re: posting DVD of the marching band on our website. Eileen will inquire to see if this can be done.

Winter Social: Leadership position still open. Eileen reports that this event could be an opportunity to bring parents of music students in the district together in a fun, social atmosphere. A murder mystery dinner is a possible theme. The Rocky River Memorial Hall is reserved for this event on January 29, 2010.

SCHOOL REPORTS

Music Faculty Rep: (Jennifer Butler) An attempt will be made to bring a choral student to meetings each month. Kathryn Udris, a senior, attended the beginning of tonight's meeting. As WHS Choral Director, Jennifer reports that the 5 high school choir classes are demonstrating a lot of spirit and enthusiasm for the coming year. She suggested having Music Boosters represented at this year's Show Choir Invitational on November 2nd. Ideas included offering the remaining t-shirts for sale in the lobby and having a membership form included in the program.

Combined choirs and instrumentalists will perform the Halleluiah Chorus again this year at both the choral and instrumental holiday concerts. All bands and choirs will present a concert on the last day of school prior to winter break for the student body.

Bassett, Dover, Hilliard, Holly Lane Elementary Schools: No reports

Parkside: (Christy Hooper) Music classes have just begun this week for the students.

Burneson: (Lee Ann Eyre) 8th grade band is made up of 85 students; 7th grade band is less than 90 students. Jazz ensemble auditions were today. OMEA Honors Festival will be held in Westlake for the 4th consecutive year in February, 2010. This event includes both instrumental and choral students.

Westlake High School: Marian Buzzard reported that the new WHS PTSA President is Ann Beyer.

Class of 2010 is holding a garage sale on October 3rd at WHS Cafeteria from 8-3pm.

OLD BUSINESS

New Band Uniforms: Eileen Moran reported that the donor recognition plaque will most likely be completed in time for the marching band concert at the end of October.

NEW BUSINESS

New Choral Uniforms: Jennifer Butler, WHS Choral Director, reports that there is a need to reorder some choral uniforms. Funds for these choral uniform expenses are already set aside for this purpose. Items that will be purchased are:

- A yet to be determined number of tuxedos and parts of tuxedo uniforms for the young men of the Symphonic Choir. This is necessary due to an increased number of men in this group. Eileen Moran projected the cost to be \$1,000 or less.
- All new dresses for the new Women's Ensemble. This group replaces the Treble Choir which wore traditional choir robes. The group is excited about their new sound and new image. 35 dresses will be needed at a cost of approximately \$2500.
- Both tuxedos and dresses will be owned by the choral department for ongoing use.

Homecoming Dinner: (Eileen Moran) After the homecoming parade on September 25th, the band will be provided with a dinner in the PAC lobby. More help is needed.

Senior Dinner 10/16 (Eileen Moran) Barb Hall is chairing this event. Non-senior parent help needed.

TV Coverage of WHS vs. Berea Football Game 9/17: Fox Sports Ohio broadcasting this game.

Next Meeting: Monday, October 12th at 7:30pm in the WHS Library. The meeting was adjourned at 8:26pm.

Minutes submitted by Marian Buzzard

