PTMB Booster Minutes for December 18, 2019

Rochelle Koerbel called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm and led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

In attendance: Rochelle Koerbel, Amy Petro, Suzanne MacKay, Sue Dietzel, Milton Barney, and 26 booster members.

**MINUTES**: Michelle Hoffman made a motion to approve last month’s minutes with a 2nd by Carrie Williams. Approval passed unanimously.

**TREASURER’S REPORT:** Amy Petro presented the Revised Treasurer's Report, and explained bylines. There were no questions so a motion was made by Laura Spernak to approve with a 2nd by Allison D’Adiecco. It was approved unanimously.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Amy Petro reviewed the year’s fundraising efforts with an expectation that the lottery calendars as well as Meatballs and Music will add to the total substantially. Rochelle Koerbel explained that Meatballs and Music represents the largest fundraiser of the year, and encouraged early ticket sales.

**Marching Band Banquet:** Almost everything to do for the Band Banquet is the same from previous year. Rochelle Koerbel reported it went very well and was very well attended. The kids had a great time. This is an annual event, and cost is defrayed with ticket sales, as well as ads for the yearbook/brag book.

**Committee Openings:** Ria Kartsonas will be taking over next season as Chaperone Chair. Thank you, Ria! There is still a need for Hospitality Coordinator. Hospitality purchases snacks and water and makes sure they are on the field for each game. They provide water for the visiting band. Interested people should see Suzanne MacKay for more information. A Rookie Coordinator is also needed. This position has a rookie meeting, walks the new member/parents through the Marching Band process and is point of contact for rookie parents. Also, we need a Yearbook Chair who coordinates as editor and collects photos (using DropBox). Carol Aurin is looking for someone to shadow next year's band banquet in order to take over as Chair for the following year.

**Fundraisers:**

**Smile.Amazon.com:** Rick Rothhaar explained. This is the charitable arm of Amazon. It is a no-cost way to buy on Amazon.com but .5% of sales goes to the PT Music Boosters. Rick has an instruction sheet for anyone interested. There is a one-time setup. This is a good time to do this, entering the holiday season. Information will be posted on the PTMB website and Blast will be sent out. Rick is checking to see if the Amazon app will accommodate and include in the Blast.

**Dine & Donate:** Michelle Hoffman has added a D&D with Gifted on December 18. There will be one at Applebee’s on January 22 and Panera in February. She is looking for any recommendations for new places to hold D&D’s in the coming year.

**Sarris Candy:** Sue Dietzel presented that approximately $968 has been raised so far. Candy can be provided for anyone who would like – these make great stocking stuffers! PTMB will be selling Sarris at upcoming performances.

**Lottery Calendars -** Rick Rothhaar and Rochelle Koerbel gave an update. Lottery calendars will be sold at all the concerts. In addition, volunteers are needed at the concerts to hand out Music & Meatballs tickets. Rick explained how the lottery calendar fundraiser works

**Stromboli & Pies -** Katie Clark is the Chairperson, and this fundraiser went very well.

**Trax Funnel Cakes -** Rick Rothhaar thanked everyone who helped, especially the Abts! There was very good participation this year in both setup and teardown. Each was accomplished in a single day. He noted that all music organizations were well represented this year along with guest volunteers and family members. The ability to accept credit cards is very helpful.

**Meatballs & Music -**  Anyone who has not picked up their Meatballs and Music tickets should see Lynn Willison. On January 15, Lynn will collect the unsold tickets and money. Everyone is encouraged to sell and post tickets for sale on social media. Tickets will be sold at performances at all schools. Typically, $13,000 of profit comes from dinner tickets and about $10,000 comes from gift basket sales. Volunteer signups are on the website and the performance schedule will be on the website soon. It was asked and explained that all high school music students will be volunteering for this even by serving, cleaning up, etc. It is a different matter to have other kids selling or working as it requires a different level of approval from the school district. Suzanne MacKay reminded members to buy dinner tickets for their performing students, and that this will likely be the last Meatballs and Music in the current high school building!

**Gift Baskets:** Rochelle Koerbel explained that most everything for the gift baskets auctioned at Meatballs and Music is donated, and is therefore low cost/high profit. Volunteers are needed to solicit donations. There are lists of previous donors divided up by location around the district. People are also needed to help assemble baskets.at Elizabeth Hardy’s (Chair) house. A caravan is arranged to pick up baskets to bring to Meatballs and Music. Rochelle welcomes any questions. There will be an E-Blast going out. Donations are also requested (no alcohol). Rochelle asked members to look around their houses for regifting opportunities. Baskets, filling and bows will also be accepted.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Choir Trip Update / Vote :** Rochelle Koerbel stated that Symphonic Choir/Rm 100 have been invited to perform from 6-7 and during intermission on December 19 at the Nutcracker. Students will perform from balcony. Rochelle has permission slips for anyone interested. It’s required the students must stay through first half of the show. Additional tickets may be had through group sales.

Rowdy Rhythm has been chosen to close out the Jacksonville concert. They performed two songs at Kettering. They auditioned and were one of the eight selected out of 60 to perform at the Showcase. They were the first to perform and the video is on the PTMB Facebook page.

Rochelle Koerbel explained the price of the trip is $850, and that both the first and second payments have already been collected. Once the discount is determined, she will tear up any additional (3rd) payments that anyone has already made, unless requested otherwise. The remaining balance due is, therefore $525. Rochelle explained what determines what factors into the recommended discount. Funds collected are not to be saved unless there is a large future expense anticipated, but it cannot be to the detriment of the current membership. The Board is recommending a $325 discount for each trip participant whose parent is a member of PTMB. This adds up to a $30,875 cost to the PTMB. Lora Spernak made the motion for a $325 discount per person/member. Lisa Rotthhaar seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Rochelle is accepting final payments, and there is a box on her doorstep to collect. All are due in one week.

**Football Games/Buses:** Debbie Langley is the Chaperone Chair. There is a need for chaperones for Saturday’s game at Norwin. If Peters wins that game, the next game will be November 30th in Chambersburg. Mr. Barney noted that the school district would pay for coach transportation.

**School Sponsor Update:** Milt Barney discussed that we have one student heading to honors band, four in District, and four in County band. The concerts are coming up. Milt expressed thanks to the parents, and appreciation for the volunteers. Their support gives the kids opportunities to go cool places. The big trip in 2021 will be to Florida to see "a big rodent." The plan is to take a plane, not buses. We have a lot of time for fundraising before then.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:23 p.m. with a motion by Stacey Gallagher, and a Second by Charlene Rice. It was unanimously approved.

Submitted by Sue Dietzel (Secretary)