**Ross Band Booster Minutes**

**4/2/19**

In Attendance: Brian Martin, Richard Roemer, Kate Duncan, Lina Giuliano, Kim Parker, Jennifer Krabbe, MaryAnn Henninger, Helen Koons, Jen Lee, Tammy Powell, Mike Blum, Brandee Staud, Ann Metz, Krista Rousch, Serita Ward, Ron Meade, Linda Swarthwood, Stacey Morefield, Ron Bunger.

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

* Secretary’s Report: Helen Koons motioned to wave the reading of the meeting minutes, Ann Metz seconded the motion to wave the reading of the minutes.
* Treasurer’s Report:
  + Helen Koons motioned to approve up to $4000 for Band Awards, Ann Metz seconded. Vote taken and unanimously voted to approve.
  + Helen Koons motioned to approve the treasurer’s report, Ann Metz seconded the motion.
* Directors’ Reports:
  + Mr. Roemer:
    - New York Trip: Apprehensive but changed because of 8th grade DC trip every year--parents and kids not wanting to go when just there. Feel was a successful trip. No behavior issues. A few glitches but overall great trip. Not rushed, saw a lot, students were kept busy and entertained.
    - Foundry is a song from last year’s show that is being played at Conzart. Inviting seniors from that year (because no state competition due to weather) to perform with the band at Conzart. Would like them to come to at least 1-2 rehearsals.
    - Need new color guard members. Get the word out to recruit new students for auditions.
    - Drum Major auditions in May (TBD).
    - Awards Banquet--expensive. Looking for input to determine if want to continue to give as many awards.
  + Ms. Giuliano:
    - New York trip well organized and fun. Very rewarding.
    - Guard auditions end of April. Clinics 4/23-4/25 with auditions 4/26.
  + Mrs. Duncan:
    - Middle School Band concerts changed to 5th and 6th band/choir together Monday May 6 and 7th and 8th band/choir May 9 (may still change).
    - Cedar Point trip for 7th and 8th grade band/choir May 11/12. Band is marching through the park instead of competing. Opening Day for Cedar Point.
    - The trip to New York was absolutely fantastic. On the deck of the Intrepid was a very proud moment for the directors. But the greatest part of the show was that Mr. Roemer had the students rotate rows during the performance so each student gets to feel important in the show.
* Mr. Martin presented follow up information regarding the upcoming Levy.
  + District is operating at a loss this year and will be out of money in 3 years if this does not pass.
  + 2008 was the last time new funding was approved for the Ross District. Originally described to last 2-3 years but made it last 10 years.
  + The money will be used to continue the programs that help us be the top performing district in the county.
  + Most of the money is used for salaries and benefits. About $1700/student per year spent on “everything else.”
  + Also a huge focus on safety, specifically hiring additional school resource officers. Currently have 2 in the district while other districts have one per building or per campus.
  + Money could also be used to restore full busing capabilities for all schools.
  + Over the last 8 years, AP/CCP program has grown. Benefits that are provided because of our budget spending.
  + If it doesn’t pass, we’re looking at making about $800,000 in cuts.
    - All high school busing will be eliminated.
    - Drop busing to state minimums for K-8. If student lives within 2 road miles of school, no busing provided. Also applies to parochial schools that use Ross busing.
    - Fees across the board will go up (instructional, pay to participate)
    - Personnel and possibly entire department cuts
* Committee and Fundraiser Reports:
  + Entertainment Books: (Diann Bielefeld) Tabled because Diann not here and not yet billed.
  + Band Savings Card: (Jessie Walker, Patricia Schwab):
    - Still doing very well.
  + Membership: (Jen Lee, Kathy Johns)
    - Increased a lot this year, all memberships increased.
  + Split the Pot: Myers family not to return to chair this for next year. Need a new chair.
  + Band Banquet: (Mary Ann Henninger): May 13, 2019
    - In process, meat is ordered and invitations out soon.
    - Want to use long tables with chairs instead of round tables. Mr. Roemer will talk to custodians about this.
    - Come in around 3:00 to get set up. Need volunteers to help set up and tear down. Jennifer Krabbe will make sign up genius for helping.
* Old Business:
  + Nominating Committee: Jen Lee nominated for Treasurer, Ann Metz nominated for president. Both nominees accepted nominations.
    - Middle school rep?
* New Business:
  + Chair sign ups
  + Looking at replacing chili supper with food truck. Mr. Roemer will check with administration regarding permission.

Jen Lee made a motion to adjourn. Tammy Powell seconded.

Next Meeting: May 7, 2019, 7:00pm