

## **CHS Music Boosters Meeting**

Monday, Sept 14, 2020

7 pm

**In attendance:** Mary Combs, Erin Bauer, Lyn Levesque, Allie Shepko, Nick Schulze, Staci Young, Melinda Branch, Cathy Hong, Clara Chen, Amy Campbell, Mani Mudumba, Tara Bossert, Marilee Johnson, Jennifer Currey, Greg Bauer, Anu Murphy, Scott Schmidt, Laura Stevens, John Currey, Rhonda Gibson, Joanna Wozniak, Fabian Breg, Gretchen Pein, Ruthie Skinner.

**Fruit Sale (Staci Young):** Lyn Levesque will help. All online this year; 6 different items and will be shipped directly to the purchaser. Estimate \$10/item profit, but product prices aren't yet established. Half of profits to student's band account and half to Boosters. Will not sell Curtis Orchard apples as part of the sale, but we will set up an online donation site to purchase apple donations for Feeding Our Kids, Daily Bread Soup Kitchen or El Food Bank.

**Treasurer's Report (Clara Chen):** will get an updated roster in order to send statements to students who haven't paid their marching band fees. Not a lot of activity since the last meeting, mostly marching band expenses. T-shirts for marching band were \$1452; can we indicate on the document that this is specifically for t-shirts so people know it is an expense? Checking acct balance is \$19,047.86.

**Marching Band (Marilee Johnson):** practices twice per week. Fanwear is in and almost all delivered. Broke even on the fanwear sales. If there is spring football, will marching band perform? Mrs. Currey indicates we are approved to have Pep Band this year, so we may have smaller groups perform from the stands.

**Jazz Band (Melinda Branch):** Jazz auditions are this week. Should we open the Jazz apparel store again? Yes, but perhaps with different products. When will we do group photos? It isn't likely we can do group photos unless we employ social distancing and/or masks. Melinda will talk w/photographer. Will have bell covers and take temperatures to maintain healthy conditions. What do we do about unpaid jazz fees from last year, for those who graduated or are no longer participating? Write off if no longer students. Two gigs scheduled already: one private party in September and one memorial service.

**Director's Report (Mr. Currey):** orchestra numbers are growing C-U Schools Foundation funds are all going towards online learning resources for students but they agreed to purchase two basses for \$9,000. Booster funds paid \$15K for an \$80K piano this summer; it is moved and protected at the church now. Big donation from a former band family (1970s-1981): \$25K memorial and the story was on the local news. Do we want to set up an endowment or foundation for the music program? Tracy Nugent willing to help set this up. Clara Chen thinks we need to have more money than the \$25K to make an endowment worthwhile; perhaps putting the money market account and the donation together to have at least 100K in an endowment might be better. There are also costs associated with maintaining an endowment. Research and further discussion needed. To acknowledge the recent large donation, can we name something in the new building? ILMEA will have virtual auditions; deadline to ILMEA is Oct 14, so videos will be due to the Curreys at least a week before then. ILMEA will place students into ensembles and the ensembles will have a virtual workshop.

**Director's Report (Mr. Schulze):** online instruction is so different. Choir had scheduling issues again so many students who wanted to be included could not. We have 33 students signed up for jazz band

auditions so far. Do we have an a cappella group? In the past, yes, but we're not permitted to have in-person groups like this yet.

**Director's Report (Mrs. Currey):** online instruction is a work in progress and thoughts, comments, concerns are appreciated. It is nice when students turn on their cameras. It's great to see so many attendees at this Booster meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:14 pm