

STMAA BOARD MEETING MINUTES APRIL 7, 2008

The meeting was called to order at 6:45 pm by the President Jon Reinke at STHS Library. In attendance were Jon Reinke, Keith Swenson, Mike Murphy, Richard Pettit, Elizabeth Heyenga, Coleen Bolton and Julie Bounds.

Prior to the start of the meeting Mr. Duran invited all parents to participate in a meeting this Sunday April 13 at 3:30 at the library, for a committee from WASC. They want to meet with parents to discuss the school. This is all part of an accreditation process.

Minutes

The meeting minutes from the last meeting were reviewed and no changes were made. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes.

Committee reports

Band director's report: Julie mentioned that at CMEA all 3 bands that entered received a Unanimous Superior rating. A couple of students have recently been recognized for their achievement: Elizabeth Wells will be recognized for outstanding musicianship via Peninsula Symphony Guild and Laura Bischoff is a finalist in the Bank of America student awards scholarship.

There are several upcoming events including: Marching band brass rehearsals beginning April 14 through June 2 (every other Monday), then June 16 through August 11 (every Monday) at 2:30-4:30. The percussion rehearsals April 14 through June 9 (every Monday) and June 16, 19, 23, 26. There will be a mini-camp July 28-August 1.

Julie proposed funding these rehearsals with STMAA funds. Funds needed for percussion is \$1900 through July and for brass \$1700 through August 11.

Also upcoming is the Color Guard auditions on April 26. Julie showed a flyer for the auditions which will be distributed to students and possibly other locations. Julie has recruited a new Color Guard instructor, Megan, who also is working with Santa Clara Vanguard drum and bugle corps. She will be moving here from Texas to further her dance career.

The Reno Jazz festival is April 25-27, and Julie is proposing not to charge the jazz students the cost of the trip because we are getting a credit for the bus expense.

President's report: Jon said there will be a district funding freeze for all programs, so there will not be any extra funds next year. They do not want to cut funds to music programs.

Fundraising: There will be a fundraising meeting on May 20 to review all options for all fundraising ideas. Everyone is welcome to attend and bring lots of ideas.

Human race: Richard has the signup information. A discussion was made as how to distribute funds received from the event. A motion was moved by Mike and seconded by Richard to split funds 50% to student account and 25% to STMAA and 25% to Human race. Julie will encourage it to be a social event and work on student reward for most funds raised.

Historian: No report.

Volunteer hub: No report.

Treasurer: There is \$5,582 in the checking account and most band accounts are paid up. He and Jon will work on getting the funds from the savings account that was set up years ago. Richard applied for a visa for STMAA, but we were denied due to lack of credit. There was a discussion as to trying to get another account. We will be making money from carnival to fund the summer and spring teachers.

New Business

Jon needs names of possible new board members and per our by-laws we need to have a new board in place by the May general meeting. Richard does not want to be treasurer next year, and would like to work on fundraising and applying for grants.

The program scope/plan for next year is to remain the same as this year as all students will be accepted into the program regardless of their ability to pay so long as they participate in the program and perform. We need to keep fees the same as last year. There will be only 4 marching band shows including one overnight in Fresno.

In regards to the district discussion regarding PE credit for marching band, it was decided that it would be difficult to make it work (Julie would need a PE credential) and how marching band would meet state standards. Consequently Jon said at the next district meeting he would leave the idea alone for now.

Old Business

Ice cream social is set for May 13 in room 803 for incoming 8th grade band students. A price still needs to be set.

The Carnival committee (which is all band parents!) will be meeting every Monday evening at Jon's house until the Carnival begins.

The Performing arts yearbook committee needs pictures. Julie will discuss with the photographer regarding doing individual pictures for the book.

The May general meeting is May 27 and will be at STHS theater.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Coleen Bolton, Secretary.