

Belchertown Band Boosters
Supporting Music in our Schools - Grades 5-12
Meeting Agenda – October 6, 2016
7:00PM CHCS Library

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Mr. Weiss called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

Treasurer's Report – Mona Griffin

Treasurer report delivered. Preliminary profit number for fair is \$4961.32

Teacher Updates (Josh, Jason, Corrie, Sue, Brian)

Sue – Acapella group from Middlebury College

Discussion: E.Weiss is there precedent for this. B. Mailhot questioned what is the plan.

Questions for Sue;

1. will they just be here for an hour?
2. will this be just for the high school?
3. has the high school already approved this event?
4. what do you think the final cost to Belchertown would be?
5. the October timeline is a bit too short.
6. more information about the group and what the plan is

Brian – Jazz Band Update

Recently opened Doc shop, selling supplies out of office at cost. Will provide some supplies to students that may not be able to afford supplies for free. Chamber music club up and running. Senior districts coming up. Cancelled last friday's football game performance due to weather. Possibility to reschedule and traveling with team on October 28th to Amherst. Veteran's day assembly November 10th. Collaboration with Jeff Gould from SRE. Jazz band update, many difficulties with the class continuing. C. Schmidt asked about Rag Shag parade. Do they need parent supervision. Tri-M event, Tri-M is

required to attend. B. Mailhot suggested contacting Lion's Club about schedule. C. Schmidt will contact Ken Kozlik and/or Jennifer Champagne (CHCS principal). Jason - did not attend - message noted Tuesday evening's 5th grade instrument night was successful, over 100 by the end of the week. November 11th is Veteran's Concert 11:00 am students to arrive at 10:30 am. Would like 2-3 Tri-M members. Corrie - Ben Mabry was hired at long term sub for Amanda Johnson. Pie fundraiser was handed out to 8th grade. Put in for winter concert Thursday, December 8th. December 10th is junior districts. Has a student teacher, Bridget Amber from UMass.

Student Leadership Updates

Tim Zych updated-Tri-M induction-last year added an induction in January. Fall seems unnecessary with the January induction. Will just have one in January. Contacted by Ludlow with possibility of running a Tri-M induction there, they are looking to start up. Points system is being discussed.

Belchertown Fair Recap

Comments and Suggestions

Waiting on breakdown of booth profits.

C. Schmidt noted too many potatoes. Threw out many potatoes. Less toppings needed as well. E. Weiss noted takedown and storage area worked out well. L. Meneke noted using a trailer makes a difference, more efficient. C. Schmidt noted hard time getting students to take shifts in the booths. Potentially start prep work at end of school year then reminder at beginning of school year for reminders. Parking lot and Tater booth had less volunteers.

L. Meneke noted cider donuts big hit, not so much on brownies, maybe a small amount of cannolis. It would make sense to do daily runs for each day.

Thank yous

Photo for each thank you

Big E Recap

Comments and Suggestions

Shade is a hard to find. Things went well.

Scholarship Increase

Motion: Eric Weiss moved to approve the increase in lesson subsidies up to \$10 per lesson at the discretion of the band directors.

Second: Brian Mailhot

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Vote: unanimous

Discussion: Lessons were increased to \$20 per half hour. We currently offer \$3-5. Current process requires band director to okay the subsidy each year. Brian suggest to up the amounts provided. Brian would like to propose up to \$10. Create access to lessons for more students.

Fundraising

Halladay - Sue -

Lyman Pies– Sue - going on now

Tastebooks - Sue - available now

Citrus – Mona - will have set up for October/November selling

Wreaths – Christine & Tammy - \$25 per wreath - delivery for November 30th concert night.

Avon – Spring event this year

BBB Name Change/Logo

Looking for a logo and/or name change. Ask choral directors for suggestions and branding. E. Weiss suggests using a winter meeting to discuss future of Booster program, with band and choral directors. E. Weiss offered to facilitate.

New Business

Beth Knodler noticed Gerry's posted something on Facebook, they are looking for schools to host Great East. Potentially good thing for Jason Mosall to look at.

Brian Mailhot, Terri Edwards spoke to him today about a publicity plan. More parent involvement, social media. Will be meeting next week to work on it.

Daniel Meneke - suggestions for coffee booth and parking lot, donation to each school directors gift account. Tim Zych noted the name of the parking lot

Next Regular Meeting, Thursday, November 3, 7:00pm, CHCS Library

Adjourn Meeting

Motion: Christine Schmidt moved to adjourn at 8:50

Second: Brian Mailhot

Vote: unanimous