

## **Music Boosters Meeting Minutes – October 2, 2017**

**Attendees:** Jodi Kessler, Matt Gardner, Wendy Lindsey-Head, Karin Benjamin, Anna Johnson, Jon Simons, Tom Benjamin, Janet Maine, Marie Knueven, Syndy Casey, Robin Gandert, Kyle Phillips, Kristen Brown, Robyn Russell, Michelle Betz

### **Meeting Called to Order at 7:04pm**

**Mattress Sale Fundraiser:** Ms. Harbin presented information for the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual mattress sale.

- Date of event, Sunday, November 5, 2017 from 10am-5pm in PHS Cafeteria
- The company does everything for this sale. All we have to do is ADVERTISE and PROMOTE the event.
- The Music Boosters earn a percentage of the sales and students who personally refer (recommend) will get credit for the sale and first earn a Princeton Viking Jacket and then after the first sale will earn cash.
- The product is made after the sale, so the mattresses are not old or left over inventory. Any purchased items will be shipped directly to customer. There is an option for haul away of old mattresses but does come with a small fee.
- Any questions can be directed to [धारbin65@yahoo.com](mailto:धारbin65@yahoo.com)
- If someone can not make this sale date, a purchase can be made at another sale and Princeton will still get credit for the sale.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

- One home football game – Homecoming Game – Very successful night in concessions
- We have done pretty well collecting uniform fees to this point but still have some outstanding fees not paid.
- \$3,229.28 has been made in various fundraising (Kroger rewards, spirit wear sale, socks, yard signs, etc.)
- \$2,446.56 in individual memberships. Good start to the year.
- \$700 in Corporate sponsors. This is above our budgeted amount!
- Paid for our clinicians for marching band camp
- Paid the first half of the private lesson scholarships to our wonderful lesson instructors.
- Made food and propane purchases for the concession stands.

### **Teacher's Report:**

#### **Department News:**

Welcome to Brandon Mathews as our new auditorium manager!

#### **Symphonic Band/Symphonic Orchestra Trip 2018**

Collecting payments. Completed Angilos Fundraiser this summer. LuLaRoe fundraiser ongoing. Completed Best of the City Key Tags fundraiser. Kicked off Music Marathon pledge sheets today for event on Saturday, October 28. Working on figuring out instrument rental and transportation expenses.

**We will be hosting Music in the Parks 2018 for May 4 & May 5, a very easy \$2000 fundraiser. I will need adult and student help to pull it off.**

**New business/add to budget/budget request:**

Symphonic Band will be doing a joint concert with CCM Wind Ensemble and Wind Orchestra on 11/29 at 7:30pm. We will need to have an afternoon combined rehearsal as well as dress rehearsal time, eat, dress, perform at 7:30pm. I'm requesting \$500 to feed PHS Symphonic Band, CCM Wind Ensemble and Wind Orchestra. I will also need help with securing the food, set up, serving and tear down.

Lesley Schultz was selected to present at the National conference for NAFME (National Association for Music Education) November 12-15. This is a big honor to present at a National Conference!

Kristen Brown will be presenting 2 sessions at the OMEA State Conference in February 2018: Classroom Management 101 and Music Booster Mini-Series.

Princeton is hosting a CCM series:

PHS Symphonic Orchestra with CCM, October 18, 7:30pm, Matthews

PHS Jazz Ensemble with CCM Jazz, November 1, 7:30pm, Matthews

PHS Symphonic Band with CCM Wind Orchestra and Wind Ensemble, November 29, 7:30, Matthews

These are all "side-by-side" concerts where our high school musicians will be performing with the CCM musicians.

## **Band Report**

6th grade band is off to a great start! They can play 5-6 notes and apply them to songs! We have the biggest beginning band we have had in many years. They are preparing for 6th Grade Band and Orchestra Demonstration concert, otherwise known as the Aunt Rhodie Concert.

- The boosters usually provide a cookie and punch reception for this event.
- We are looking for someone to play the role of the Gray Goose as Mr. Wilson retired from that role after 10 wonderful years of helping us out. Is there a parent willing to help us out?

Cadet Band will perform on Monday, October 9 during Bell 10 for the Ohio Valley Goodwill Special Needs adults. This will be the 3rd year for Cadet Band to perform for this group. Other invitees include their coaches and parents, as well as building administrators and other special needs students at Princeton.

PHS Marching Band is making plans to participate in the BLINK parade on Thursday, 10/12 in OTR. "Wonder-lit, art-fueled and awe-inspiring, BLINK is a unique and innovative community event that will reach beyond Cincinnati to a national and international audience." Mr. Phillips is going all out with a Glow Band theme for the 2017 marching season. Just wait until the Pride of Princeton marching band "lights up!"

It is almost time to replace our marching band uniforms. In the past, the boosters have offered up 50% of the cost of the new uniforms, splitting that cost with the board of education. Mr. Phillips's next step is to go to Dr. Tucker and inform him of the history of this process, as well as request that the board put up their half of the cost. We are hoping to roll out the uniforms in the fall of 2019, with the order being placed in the spring of 2019.

The PHS Pride of Princeton Pep Band will be performing at CiTiRama in Woodlawn on Sunday, October 15 from 1:30-2:30pm

The Veteran's Day event is November 11, 2017 at 1:00pm in Matthews. PHS A Cappella, Chamber Orchestra and select Wind/Percussion players will be providing music for the event.

#### Middle School

This Friday is our annual Princeton Band Night! Over 250 musicians will be on the field during half-time. Our guest conductors are: Mary Cleveland, Board President; Tom Burton, Associate Superintendent; Forrest Trisler, PHS Principal; and Dr. Thomas Tucker, Superintendent. Syndy Casey will be the announcer for the evening. The bands will play Barbara Ann, Monster Mash, and Wipe Out! Staff working with the middle school bands are Becky Brown, Kristen Brown, Todd Leonhardt, and Kyle Phillips.

### **Choir Report**

We are still working to collect uniform fees. Slowly, but surely... Middle school and high school concerts this week.

### **Jazz Report**

The PHS Jazz Lab and Jazz Ensemble are performing “Fuego Latino” on Tuesday, October 10th at 7:00 pm. Both groups will be performing music from the Latin idiom- salsa, cha cha, samba, mambo, bossa nova. We will have guest vocals, salsa dancing, and the performance is sure to entertain!

PCMS Jazz is up and running. Jazz 7 has 23 members, and Jazz 8 has 18 members this year. Both groups have been working through our books, with Jazz 7 learning about rock style performing and basic improvisation skills. Jazz 8 has been reviewing swing style, as well as taking the improvisation skills developed last year and expanding them.

**Orchestra report:**

**From Ms. Casey:** Ms. Knueven has had full emersion into the daily life of “orchestra” at Princeton. She has met each new experience with kindness and grace, and we feel very, very lucky to have her with us.

6th Grade Orchestra students are continuing to prepare for our annual Aunt Rhodie Concert on Tuesday, October 17th at 7pm. Students will arrive at 6:15 to rehearse so parents will be in the lobby in hoards!

In 7th and 8th grade orchestra we are making arrangements to perform our concerts combined. We do have a need for 7th and 8th grade books, so discussion regarding how to do that appropriately would be appreciated.

Scarlet and Gray are revving up with Zero Bell to perform our first orchestra concert on Monday, October 16th. We also have a harp student in Zero Bell this year. Her name is Anaiha Glover. She is in 7th Grade and is taking private lessons. We will have a music with a Halloween theme this year, but would like to consider really making next year’s October concert into more of an event with costumes, etc.

Thank you for all you do for us!

**President’s Report:**

- Holiday Baskets: Please contact Jodi Kessler at [jodi.kessler.artist@gmail.com](mailto:jodi.kessler.artist@gmail.com) if you are interested in helping with the holiday baskets that are raffled off during all of the winter programs. We are looking for at least 3 people to work on this.
- Music Booster Video: Jodi Kessler has asked Tom Benjamin to create a video showcasing our outstanding music program and boosters organization. Tom is working with 6-12 music staff. Anna Johnson has a contact for a video production.
- The question was asked why music students (Marching Band) do not receive varsity letters. The Music Department will research and report back to the boosters.
- It was requested that the Music Boosters obtain a credit card. This will be helpful when additional uniform items need to be purchased, etc. Wendy Lindsey-Head will look into this. If a credit card is obtained a policy on who uses it and how it is used will need to be adopted by the Music Boosters.
- Uniform fees – having some issues collecting fees from some students. The students have been called, notes sent home, etc. It was proposed that the Boosters create a policy on students must pay music fees before paying trip fees. This policy will be generated this year and proposed for adoption at a future meeting in order to implement for the 2018-2019 school year.
- Uniform Fees will be able to be paid on the website. Matt Gardner will set that up.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:19pm