

Brothertown Music Boosters Meeting: 1/2/18

Meeting called to order at 6:36pm by Kristin Bridge

In attendance: Kristin Bridge, Kelly Belouin, Sue Campion, Debbie Salvaggio, Joe Jurczak, Meredith Leland, Karen Fox, Rocco & Bonnie Mae Padula

November meeting minutes approved: first motion by Debbie Salvaggio, second by Karen Fox.

Treasurer's report: Debbie Salvaggio reports a starting balance of 18,721.49 in the checking account which includes Moola money. A check was issued to Chef Pierre for the pie fundraiser in the amount of \$4,182.75 which brings the current balance to \$14,537.74.

Moola Money report: Sue Campion reports an account total of \$8,830.12. Sue will update with the Bottle drive total.

News from Mrs. Lotyczewski: The Sauquoit Drama Club, directed by Ryan Decker, will rehearse in our auditorium this week and continue for two weeks. "Smile" the musical, will premiere January 18th and run through January 20th. All showings are at 7pm.

The 7th Annual Central New York Show Choir Festival will be held at Rome Free Academy on January 19th at 7:30pm. WCS students will leave at noon to spend the day rehearsing at RFA. Special thanks to Kimberly Mursch, Athletic Director, who worked to resolve the conflict with JV & Varsity home volleyball games scheduled that night. Players that are involved with Swing Choir will be bused back to WCS from RFA in time for their games rescheduled for 4 & 5pm (instead of 6 & 7pm).

Note: Show Choir T-shirts are still available.

Junior High All County auditions will be held in Whitesboro on 1/10/18. The All County Festival will be on March 16th & 17th.

Mrs. Lotyczewski provided clarification of COSER through BOCES as it relates to our upcoming day trip to NYC. Under the Arts & Ed program, BOCES will cover 80% of qualifying expenses for students. A qualifying expense would be Broadway show tickets, admission to Radio City Music Hall or the National 911 Memorial & Museum. Not considered under the Arts & Ed program would be the cost of transportation, hotel or food. Bonnie will consult with Cindy Friedman, from Student Tours International, to see if she is familiar with the COSER program for use with our NYC trip. Per our request, Mrs. Lotyczewski provided a list of recommended Broadway shows suitable for our students. They are as follows: Anastasia, Once on this Island, SpongeBob SquarePants, Hello Dolly, Phantom of the Opera, Miss Saigon, Lion King and several more. Bonnie will also share this information with Cindy.

News from Mr. Moshetti: Kim Richmond is the new Color Guard Director. Color guard practice will start next week. Signups for Marching Band are concluding, and practice will begin in a few weeks.

Old Business: none

New Business:

Marching band trailer- Rocco Padula provided pricing information and photos of “Integrity Trailers” from Trailer Marketing Services located on Route 233 in Clinton, NY. 7’ wide enclosed trailer lists at \$5,199.00 while the 8’ wide enclosed trailer lists at \$6,799.00. Both are tandem axle true-line trailers and come with a limited three year warranty. Documents were retained in a PDF for future use/review. Rocco spoke with personal experience of his four horse aluminum trailer. The resiliency is evident as the trailer is over 20 years old and looks like new. Could the Boosters use the school pickup truck to tow the trailer? The truck is maintained by the school. We discussed the ability to apply for a grant to cover this purchase, perhaps through the Barton fund.

NYC Trip- Bonnie reached out to Cynthia Freidman, Student Tours International, to plan a day trip for music students to NYC. Cindy planned the Whitesboro high school music trip to New York City. An inquiry was also made to Jackie Bonomo, travel agent used by Clinton School. No callback was ever received. Cindy has been very prompt in communication. At the meeting we reviewed the school calendar to see the best possible Saturday for our trip. It was requested to plan the trip after the conclusion of “The Wiz” but before school ends. We determined 4/7/18 would be the best date. Cindy will begin an itinerary for us.

She has suggested exciting options such as a Landmark Cruise, Tour of Radio City Music Hall, Madame Tussauds Wax Museum and a Broadway show.

*see notes under **News from Mrs. Lotyczewski** for suggested shows.

More information to come.

Booster to Memorial Park School- Kristin spoke to several individuals about extending the booster domain to include the elementary school. While many met this proposal with acceptance, the desired amount of excitement was not generated. The Moola program would be a great benefit to parents of MPS. It was mentioned that students would have the opportunity to use moola money toward instruments as well as instrument repairs. Kristin would like to prepare a business plan for presentation that would generate more enthusiasm to roll out this opportunity for MPS music students.

Chicken BBQ- The chicken BBQ fundraiser is being considered. It was suggested to have it on 3/24/18. Mrs. Lotyczewski will ask Sandy Manion if he and his grilling associate “Skeeter” Jones are available on 3/24. We will follow up.

Open Floor:

The WCS Sports Boosters purchased several 32 gallon trash cans to collect returnable bottles and cans at sporting events. Bonnie suggested Music Boosters do the same for use at school concerts, the drama production and the musical production. A photo of the Sports Booster receptacle located at MPS was shared.

Mrs. Lotyczewski said one could stay in her room for students to use during school. More information & pricing to be provided.

Next meeting will be 2/6/18 at 6:30pm

Meeting adjourned at 8:02pm, 1st motion by Kristin Bridge, 2nd by Bonnie Padula.

Meeting minutes recorded by Bonnie Mae Padula, Booster Secretary