

Quincy Band Boosters
Minutes

Monthly Meeting
September 7, 2023, 7pm

Present: Erin Collins, Laura Riofrio, Merideth Earnest, Susan Evans, Mr. Michael DeMarco, Laurie Giza and Zoe, Mark Magnarelli, Ann Ross, and 2 band parents.

PRESIDENTS' REPORT:

Reviewed Robert's Rules of Order-learned the rules for making a motion, etc. in our meetings. QBB and music program has expanded. Our mission is to support the instrumental program throughout the district. How can we sustain our program? How do we keep supporting Color Guard, what is our role? How can we bring in Color Guard parents/guardians to our meetings to work on the relationship going forward. We discussed trying to provide more communication with elementary and middle schools. Have principals communicate with them. Program needs to thrive, get more parent involvement.

BAND DIRECTOR UPDATE:

-Matt Cavanaugh encouraged us to use his phone number if we have any needs or questions regarding the high school band. Ask Mr. DeMarco if you have any district wide questions. Introduced new Assistant Band Director, Marie Maitre.

-Michael DeMarco: Middle and elementary school schedule is now available. He will be meeting with band leaders in elementary and middle school. An idea from the Boosters: invite younger kids to come to MICCA competition. Nick Skidmore supports the band with donations.

Budgeting for color guard - The city funds fees and stipends, color guard uniforms. Michael Lombo is the director. \$10000 for uniforms and \$10000 for stipends. Color Guard needed funds from the Boosters this fall, which was approved in a previous meeting.

Band and Choir concerts will be separate this year. Band will perform a Winter Concert at QHS, and a Spring Concert at NQHS. Mr. DeMarco said the department is considering moving the concert start time from 7pm to 6pm. Keep intermission because that is a good time for the Boosters to fundraise. The Band Boosters would like to again approach the middle and elementary schools about fundraising and speak about the Boosters at their concerts.

FUNDRAISING -

Selling short sleeved T-shirts and surplus shirts from last year, Hilliards Candy Bars - we will transition to a sign up genius to track who is selling and to make it possible to sell beyond after practice and at events.

Canning Dates Oct 7 and 8.

Approved the design for a car magnet , \$1.67 for 100 magnets and we will sell them for \$5 each

TREASURER UPDATE :Right now: \$26,307.23 in account. City to cash check \$5375.08

We raised \$581 for t-shirts and candy during back to school events. We will be left with \$21515.15.

Quincy Credit Union account -can have 4 people named on the account each year. Citizens bank account for Mr. Keneally's scholarship only, Paypal account accepts donations for Mr. K's scholarship and there is a \$500 buffer that stays in that account.

Non profit status: IRS revoked our 501c3 status. Mark is trying to get it reinstated. He has filed all of the documentation and filed all required forms previously in 2020, 2021, and 2022. IRS delays in processing paper forms discussed. Awaiting a response from the IRS. We are not presenting ourselves right now as a 501c3 until everything is settled.

\$7500 stipends to be paid in November. City will cover the rest. Color Guard stipend possible \$12,000 in planned expenditures will bring us down to \$9500 in account.

FALL SCHOLARSHIPS: \$4000-\$4500 approved for scholarships at the end of September, when it will go live. MICCA will cover the fall scholarships with a \$4000 donation. Kelli is our MICCA coordinator. We will have a sign up genius going out for MICCA volunteers.

COMMUNICATIONS - Ann is sending emails in translation to several languages. She has full access to the website. Prior President of Band Boosters still has control of it. Ann is working to transition to sole ownership.

IDEAS: Invite younger grade kids to have pizza and watch the practice. Ideas about items to sell: pop socket, water bottle, stick on wallet for phone

Follow Ups for next meeting: Initial Fall Scholarship Funds approved by group for \$4000 with plan to vote on additional allocation of funds if requested.

Accomplishments: keeping on track to have a 1 hour meeting (Thanks Erin!), attendance is good as well, we had a full table.