

**Amherst Band Booster Meeting Minutes  
January 22, 2019**

The meeting was called to order by President Jeff Rakar at 6:32 p.m.

**Executive Board in attendance:**

President: Jeff Rakar

Vice President: Sandy Pack

Treasurer: Bethany Matos (absent)

Corresponding Secretary: Amy Rakar

Recording Secretary: Jennifer Amon

**Members in attendance:**

Alexis Szudarek

Karen Sharaba

David Strauser

Mary Clotz

Beth Strawn

Shelly Hoffman

Nancy Strauser

Jim Clotz

Joe Houghtland

Ranee Bennett

Jim Bennett

Scott Douglass

Binnie Kywa

Sandy Wolf

**Staff in attendance:**

Christopher Barbaro

Allison Allen (absent)

Christopher Lash

Christy Perry

**Recording Secretary:**

- Passed out hard copies and read the minutes from November 27th, 2018.  
**Motion to accept the Nov. 2018 minutes as read/corrected** - by Joe Houghtland.  
Seconded by Beth Strawn. Motion approved.

**Treasurer's Report:**

- Did not Review the financial report. Bethany was absent. It will be prepared tomorrow, and sent out on Thursday.

<b>Account</b>	<b>Balance</b>
Student Accounts	???.??
Florida Trip Account	??,???.??
Booster (General Fund)	??,???.??
Uniform Account	???.??
Indoor	0.00
Total	??,???.??

**President's Report:**

- The executive council did not meet. There was some email discussion of how to handle the correction and acceptance of the minutes. It requires that people either see or hear the full contents. Agreed to either provide printed copies or read the whole thing.
- Senior banners were handed out at the concert.
- All Dry Cleaning has been paid for.

**Vice President's Report:**

- Duck Races: February 2 at the VFW. Some additional volunteers are still needed.

**Corresponding Secretary's Report:**

- Posted and emailed the info about the Duck Races.
- Preparing for the Mothers' Day Flower Sale

**Committee Reports:****Uniforms: Bonnie Kywa**

- Checked that all outstanding bills had been paid. Yes, they had.
- All uniforms were checked and mended. All but two pairs of pants that look like they'll just split again if repaired.
- Next Month, the hats will be checked
- .Made a new label template for the garment bags
- 6 of the new raincoats were returned, and have not yet been replaced. They had defective screen printing.
- Jennifer Amon will be the uniform mom for the Disney trip.

**Flower Sale: Amy**

- Took in \$49 at the 5th grade concert
- Took in \$89 at the 6-7th grade concert
- Took in \$90 at the Steele concert
- Received \$90 from the sale of lanyards

**Duck Races: Sandy**

- Still need help: at the betting window, Selling 50/50 tickets, Baking
- So far, approximately 90 tickets have been sold. The goal is 250
- 30 ducks have been sold, out of 54 available. (6 ducks per race)

**AJH Director's Report: Mrs. Perry**

- Seven students have been nominated for honors band. The cost is \$140.  
**Motion to pay the entry fees for the 7 nominated students** by Alexis Szudarek.  
Seconded by Beth Strawn. Approved.
- Skype session coming up in 2 weeks with the composer of a new piece that the 8th Grade Band is working on. The music is difficult, and the instrumentation is problematic.
- In need of a box to "dunk a gong"

## Steele H.S. Director's Report: Mr. Barbaro

- 2019-20 Marching Show: Chris Lash is writing the show. This will save us the cost of having the show written, but we will still need to pay for the rights to use the music. The cost for that is project to be \$1130. The theme/content is not yet being announced. John McFarland will be writing the percussion parts.
- Music, Repair, PI Budget
  - We received \$25K PI available for next year. Decisions will be made by the end of May to determine how to spend it. We need to know whether to expect a yearly amount if this is a one-time thing.
  - Tony Hawks has closed his business, but says he will continue to service Amherst instruments. Anyone with instruments there now, should make arrangements to pick them up.
  - There is an open PO for \$2200 with Tony
- Honors Bands
  - Congrats to David Hickman, Cassie Pennington, and Emily Capitano for going to KSU's Honors Band.
- Solo and Ensemble Contest
  - OMEA Contest is at North Ridgeville High School on February 9. Participants are registered.
  - Lorain County Contest is at Firelands High School on Saturday, February 23. Participants have been registered and must pay the fee by the end of the week. Due to the "no school" day, the registrations were prepaid by Mr. B., and he is to be repaid.
  - There are total of 15 events registered for the 2 contests.
- Amherst Festival of Bands
  - Scheduled for Monday, March 11th at 7p.m.. In the main gym. Free.
  - Junior High and H.S. Bands will perform. Two bands will be seated at a time, with one transition. Students are expected to stay for the entire program.
- OMEA Large Ensemble Contest at Westlake High School
  - Friday, March 15th for the Wind Ensemble
  - Saturday, March 16th for the Symphonic Band
  - Cost is \$210 per ensemble, with check payable to OMEA Treasurer
  - **Motion to approve payment of \$420 for OMEA Large Ensemble contest entry fees** by Joe Houghtland.  
Seconded by Scott Douglass. Approved.
  - Buses are being requested for transportation for the event because it is part of the curriculum.
  - We will need 1-2 chaperones per bus
  - Big shoes to fill: Wind Ensemble had had 6 Superior performances in a row.

- OMEA Professional Development Conference
  - OMEA Convention in Cleveland next week
  - Requesting \$300 to have on hand to take advantage of deals at the convention.
  - **Motion to approve a \$300 budget for convention purchases** by Joe Houghtland. Seconded by Beth Strawn. Approved.
  
- Marching Band Spring Tour:
  - 5th installment was due last week, with the last \$105 due 2/15.
  - Currently have \$965 in late payments
  - There cannot be any late payments in February.
  - There will be many forms posted on the Disney PDF page, and lots of information in Google Classroom.
  - Handbook, rooming assignments, not-returning form (due 3/6), meal chart, etc.
  - Students should have approx. \$101 to cover meals not covered in trip fees.
  - Disney costs were \$43,376. This includes the 3 meal cards at \$8514
  - Budget has not changed other than our own changes in numbers going.
  - We have paid \$13K of \$24,630 to the Hotel
  - We have paid \$10,900 of \$33,390 to Precious Cargo
  - Meals will be paid off next.
  - Final payments after 2/15 will be to the hotel and bus companies
  - Bus sign ups will be on 2/15 for those with a zero still owed (tradition since 90s)
  - Chaperones have all been approved. Waiting on 3 background checks to be completed or transferred.
  - Mandatory staff and chaperone meeting on Tuesday, March 5th at 6:30
  - Student leadership meeting that same day
  
- Marching Band Tour Highlights
  - Review of itinerary
  - Reminder to look at Final Forms and make any changes by March 6th
  - There will be a Uniform Check on Wednesday, March 13th after school. Anything needing to be fixed should be fixed by the 20th

### **New Business**

- Drawing for Duck Races ticket sellers:
  - Dan Kywa
  - Susan Pack
- Next meeting is February 26, 2019.

**Motion to adjourn** by Scott Douglass at 7:29 p.m.  
 Second by Beth Strawn. Motion approved.