

**Amherst Band Booster Meeting Minutes
October 23, 2018**

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

Corresponding Secretary: Amy Rakar

Recording Secretary: Jennifer Amon

Members in attendance:

Diane Griffith

Nancy Strauser

Ranee Bennett

Mary Clotz

Scott Douglass

David Strauser

Jim Bennett

Jim Clotz

Bonnie Kywa

Angela Cecil

Karen Sharaba

Beth Strawn

Dawn Budzina

Tony Sharaba

Joe Houghtland

Sandy Wolf

Alexis Szudarek

Staff in attendance:

Christopher Barbaro

Christopher Lash

Allison Allen

Recording Secretary: Jennifer Amon

- Read the minutes from September 25th, 2018.

Motion to accept the September 2018 minutes as read - by Karen Sharaba.

Seconded by Scott Douglass. Motion approved.

Treasurer's Report: Bethany Matos

- Reviewed the financial report.

Account	Balance
Student Accounts	425.05
Florida Trip Account	56,997.50
Booster (General Fund)	2,841.39
Uniform Account	7,532.93
Indoor	0.00
Total	67,796.87

Motion to approve the treasurer's report as presented - by Karen Sharaba.

Seconded by Beth Strawn. Motion Approved.

President's Report: Jeff Rakar

- Officers met on October 16
- The code of conduct was discussed. More research is needed.
- Jennifer is gathering info from other Band Booster organizations.
- More to come at a later date.

Vice President's Report: Sandy Pack

- Dine to Donate at Sal & Al's. They were not prepared for the crowd. Only 2 waitresses.
- Still need \$111 check from last month's event
- Chipotle is November 5th

Corresponding Secretary's Report: Amy Rakar

- Advertised the Dine to Donate all over the place online.
- Banquet invitation and information was posted and emailed.

Committee Reports:**Uniforms: Bonnie Kywa for Lynette Gilles**

- Seniors are doing better at putting away their uniforms
- Bought 6 boxes of gloves
- Uniforms will go to the dry cleaners after the State competition
- The paint-damaged hat was able to be cleaned. The cost of cleaning and postage was \$45. The student is paying, even though he didn't do the damage.

Motion to pay for the hat cleaning and postage - by Nancy Strauser.

Discussion: Can it be paid from the uniform fund? **Answer:** That's the same bucket of money, since extra from the uniform fund will be transferred to the general booster account after the raincoats are paid for.

Seconded by Joe Houghtland. Approved.

Steak Fry: Scott Douglass

- Return on the steak fry is increasing year over year: \$4800, \$5000+, %6500, \$7200+
- This year: \$10,567
- Thank-yous are going out this week.

Band Banquet: Amy Rakar for Lynette Gilles

- Centerpieces are done
- Working on finishing touches
- 12 reservations (families) in so far
- Banners will need to come down and be taken to the banquet venue
- Video is being done by Mike Crisp. It needs to be taken to German's 3 days ahead of the event to ensure that everything works.

- Mr. B - We may want to use our own screen and sound equipment, so when the video is taken to Germans', it will be determined if we want to take our own equipment.

Chaperones: Bethany Matos

- We need a few more chaperones for State
- Yes, let's put the word out

Half Time Snacks: Karen Sharaba

- There are some left-over snacks, but not really enough to do anything with them.
- \$40 left of the budget
- Can we give the left-overs, and maybe some starburst (to show that we think the kids are stars) to the kids when they pick up their uniforms for State? **Answer:** Yes. It's your budget. **Discussion:** What if not enough \$. Parents will likely be willing to help.

Senior Night: Sandy Pack

- It went well. The kids seem to enjoy it.

AJH Director's Report: Amy Rakar reading info from Mrs. Perry

- 8th Grade Band Night was a complete success. 100% attendance.
- Several of the woodwind students are asking about starting to work on their marching instruments now
- Garret Hope - debut of his latest composition to be presented at...

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

- Senior Beret \$ and latest Disney \$ are locked in the cabinet. No keys this evening.
- 19 people have no paid the October deposit. Some paid September as much as 2 weeks late, so it feels like they 'just paid' when the October payment comes due.

Discussion: Use Square for this? People could then pay at the booster meetings or even over the phone.

- Senior berets were all paid for at \$10/each, so we collected \$400 to cover the \$300+ invoice. It was too cumbersome to charge \$9.78/each.
- Got an invoice from 3Dots Media for the marchingcomets.com web site. \$210.

Discussion: The site doesn't work right, at least for the home page. Modules don't show up when created, or they don't show up in the specified location. We can no longer cut/paste information into them, except when editing the raw HTML rather than using the WYSIWYG editor. Additionally. It doesn't work well at all for mobile devices. The owner is a band alumni parent, so we'll give it one more year, and then, if things aren't better after re-skinning the site, we'll drop the account, but keep the domain name.

Motion to pay for a year of web site hosting from 3Dots Media - by Joe Houghtland. Seconded by Karen Sharaba. Approved.

- Credit Card Itemization - 1104.19 due on November 12th

Discussed at the last meeting, but now on the credit card statement:

- 9/16 Big Lots \$13.34 Fact Decals for Drum Majors
- 9/18 Omni Cheer \$64.92 Color Guard - Money in/out
- 9/20 Party Place \$42.66 Guard Masks
- 9/22 Sunoco \$70.56 Gas for week 1 of competitions
- 9/25 Conveyer Caster \$512.00 New Wheels for the Ofrendas

New items:

- 9/27 Steve Weiss \$253.10 mounting arms, drum heads for 12ft rack
- 10/1 Home Depot \$10.53 PVC for flag holders on ofrendas
- 10/5 Tractor Supply \$175.03 4 no-flat wheels for bass amp cart. Bought 2 sizes. Not sure which needed. Don't need the whole coffin anymore.
- 10/6 Tractor Supply (\$102.46) Return of the 2 wheels that didn't fit
- 10/7 Amherst Pure \$40.03 Gas for week two of competitions
- 10/9 O'Reilly Auto Parts \$26.51 New charger for sound system battery
- 10/11 Payment (\$15.00) over-the-phone payment when payment was assumed to be late. (not late)
- 10/11 Amazon \$13.87 Not sure. Maybe Prime membership. Will Follow-up.

There should not be any additional charges coming through for this marching season.

Motion to accept the credit card statement as itemized, including approval for the \$253.10 to Steve Weiss preliminarily approved by the executive board - **by Joe Houghtland. Seconded by Jim Clotz. Approved**

- Music Budget approved at \$1700 (mentioned at last meeting)
- Repair Budget approved at \$2200 (mentioned at last meeting)
- Marching instruments needing repair need to go in right after state. There are many repairs needed: 3 mellophones, 2 or 3 baritones, some with holes in the lead pipes. This may require the entire \$2200.
- Marching Band:
 - Great Season - Grand Champs and 2 Runner ups
 - 2nd place at Brunswick was a surprise. Told kids to expect 4th or 5th
 - Home crowd has been very supportive.
 - Good luck at State. The school may do something to send us off.
 - Staff has all been paid except for the last \$700 to Laurel
 - This is a long week, with FB, State, and Halloween Parade. We had trouble getting lines on the field. Not there Monday. There today.
 - **State:** report 12:30, depart 1:00, \$5 for dinner
 - **Parade:** report at 3:00, depart at 3:30, parade at 4:00
School-appropriate costumes
 - Senior Night went really well. Thanks to all who helped, and especially for the clean-up and tear-down.

- Senior banners need to come down and be taken to Germans' - Joe & Brian
- There will be no professional recording this year: not enough interest for a \$20 CD. People no longer have CD players. Considered USB bracelets, but those, too, were \$12/each. Kids just use YouTube.
- Auditions:
 - They were done in Google Classroom. They had to be done early in order to assign kids to study halls. They didn't save enough slots when they moved from the gym to other rooms.
 - Difficult to place people accurately. He has to listen to some multiple times. Kids can challenge to move up.
- Spring Tour:
 - Time to follow up with Precious Cargo, Pirate Dinner, and Celebration about deposits, remainder due, etc.

New Business:

- Jennifer Amon: Do we need to be thinking about uniform fund-raising, with the band growing year over year? **Answer:** In January, we can survey the kids to see how many plan to be here next year. Not all will want to march.

Motion to adjourn by Joe Houghtland at 8:12p.m.

Second by Beth Strawn. Motion approved.