

Amherst Band Booster Meeting Minutes—January 23rd, 2018

The meeting was called to order by President Jeff Rakar at 6:37 p.m.

Recording Secretary (N. Strauser): The minutes from the November 28th, 2017 meeting were read.

- A motion to accept the November 28th, 2017 minutes was made by Lynnette Gilles, seconded by Jim Hickman; motion approved.
- Members in attendance: David Strauser, Joe Schulin, Jim Hickman, Joe Houghtland, Bethany Matos, Bonnie Kywa, Lynnette Gilles, Scott Douglass, Beth Strawn, Sandy Wolf, Christy Perry, Jeff Rakar, Jean Maxwell, Nancy Strauser, Amy Rakar, Val Houghtland.

Treasurer (V. Houghtland): Val reviewed the monthly report.

- A motion to approve the treasurer's report was made by Jim Hickman, seconded by Bethany Matos ; motion approved.

President's Report (J. Rakar):

- Executive board met on the 16th; started reviewing bylaws (needs to be done every two years).
 - Jeff will email committee chairs to see if there are any changes to committees for the bylaws.
- Paid for 11 AJH students OMEA Honors Band (approved by executive board)

Indoor Winds:

- Mr. Lash reported that they are off to an amazing start
- The entire show is on the tarp
- Cymbals are cutting the players; gouges are out of the cymbals
- Cymbal straps falling apart; three are needed
- Subwoofer for electronics/front isn't working; they have tried various fixes. A New sub is \$1,600-2000; they would like to send it out to Stagecraft to get diagnosed.

A motion to get the subwoofer repaired unless it is too costly was made by Scott Douglass, seconded by David Strauser; motion approved.

Vice-President's Report (J. Maxwell):

- Dine to Donate: Applebee's-\$126.99; D'Tutanelli's-\$114.17; Red Robin-\$306.00; almost \$2,100.00 total so far.
 - Hot Dog Heaven is the next dine to donate, on President's Day
 - Band website has all upcoming dine to donate events listed
- The store "Etc." would like to do a shop to donate; Jean is waiting on more information

Corresponding Secretary (A. Rakar):

- December concerts flower sales:
 - 6/7th grade, \$82.00; 8th grade, \$82.00; Steele, \$136.82. Total \$399.32.
 - Sold lanyards-\$125.00
 - Buy more lanyards to sell? Amy will check on prices.
- Night at the Races info is on Facebook, emailed out, and on website.
- Minutes are on website.
- Thank you notes sent out in December for instruments that were donated.

Committee Reports:

- **Band Banquet (L. Gilles/S. Pack):**
 - Just received invoice from Spitzer.

- They charged a technology fee of \$110.00, which we hadn't been charged for in 2016, 2015, 2014.
- Lynnette is looking into a different venue.
 - Talked to German's Villa; hall fee is \$900, will give it to us for \$400.
 - Meal with drinks is \$15/person (buffet). Two meats, salad, one vegetable, one potato, linen table cloths and napkins. No technology fee.
 - Grand ballroom; they will hang senior banners on the wall with a spotlight on them.
 - Sunday, November 11th is the tentative date. 4-7 p.m., eat at 5.
- **Hat Drive (J. Rakar/S. Douglass):**
 - Jeff, Scott, and Amy re-labeled the hat boxes with "Wood" instead of "Woods."
 - Jeff doesn't see a reason to keep the hat drive on the You Caring website.
- **Night at the Races (J. Hickman/B. Matos):**
 - \$1,000.00 raised so far.
 - 20 horses sold so far; need to sell 100
 - Mr. Barbaro would like more deadlines; Jim said that February 2nd will be the deadline for horses.
- **Pancake Breakfast (S. Davis/J. Hickman/ J. Houghtland):**
 - \$1,402.00 profit.
 - \$1,132.00 was the profit the last time it was done two years ago (at Applebee's).
- **Uniforms (L. Gilles/S. Pack):** All tuxes and dresses are out to the kids; checking to see if any other hats need repaired, besides the one with the triangle that fell off.
 - Scott Douglass found a place to clean the hats.

AJH Director's Report:

- Mrs. Perry thanked the boosters for the honors band payment; all 11 students were accepted
 - First time the junior high band has participated
- 23 solo and ensemble registrations
- Update on the schools supplying instruments: AJH received a new drum set before Christmas break; a new Pearl concert bass drum has also been received.

New Business: Val Houghtland spoke about using a "Square" account to collect various fees by credit card payment. Fee is 2.75%; we may do a trial run during flower sales.

Director's Report:

- A motion to pay the credit card balance at \$3,114.36 was made by David Strauser, seconded by Bethany Matos; motion approved
- A motion to pay \$210.00 per ensemble for OMEA Contest was made by Beth Strawn, seconded by Bethany Matos; motion approved.

A motion to adjourn at 7:58 p.m. was made by David Strauser, seconded by Lynnette Gilles; motion approved.

*Our next booster meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 27th, 2018, at 6:30 p.m.