

David&Carolyn McLaughlin, sherri sand, Kathy baker, doug betsy (treas) , lynn Kelsey, robin Roberts kate bonnelle,

Call to order

No minutes to approve from previous meeting

Thank you notes for summer camp and uniforms mailed out. Brian will look into cost for bulk thank you not purchase. Lynn will look into school thank you notes

Treasurer's report – Betsy Band did not make any money on the Chicago trip taken by the middle school (\$2700 on report is incorrect). Checking account balance may be incorrect and actually \$2700 less than indicated. Bottle return goes into the general fund rather than into individual student accounts. The booster has a fund and the school has a general fund and then there is a middle school and high school activity accounts. Sue Jennings keeps a record of the amount accumulated in each student's account. For bottle return, if 50 kids raise \$1000 the money is distributed to their accounts by the amt of time they worked. The camp bills are paid out of the activity accounts. Brian expressed concern that with budgets tightening it might look like the school is paying for band camp when it is really the kids contributing to that account with activities. Sue Jennings and Betsy Reukert can make arrangements to coordinate what slice of the total booster fund is actually student contribution so needs to be set aside for that purpose. Betsy will contact Sue to coordinate this. Lynn said her student activity account with the school is in the hole. Betsy will determine how much the boosters owe the activity fund to cover our portion of band camp. It will take some time for parent checks written for band camp to clear due to the school's new administrative process that is currently undergoing change.

There are no outstanding bills for the Chicago Trip but the \$2700 might be the amount that needs to be reimbursed to the middle school's activity account. Lynn will check with Melanie.

Vice President's Report – None

President's Report – 15 parents helped with band camp & 10 helped with uniforms

Phobee – 4925north Williamston rd; Diane Simonds - mccormick street; Stacy Jenkins, Tracy O. may now be Tracy Jenkins (Lauren Carr's mother); Uniforms went well.

Scaffolding had been donated by Grand River Rental to help Lynn with working with the marching band. There was an advertisement sign last year that was damaged by weather. The Williamston wrestling team asst coach Brad Johnson can make a new sign for \$40 ("Donated for Band Use by Grand River");

Motion to approve \$40 for new sign by Lori P.; motion seconded by Diane McLaughlin. Brian will make arrangements. Betsy will write a check.

Shanes and Reviako have agreed to coordinate the senior night during the last home game. They may need advance expenses paid to reserve community center, cake from D&W, flowers for seniors at half

time (grand river floral), etc... It is possible that the center may allow us to use the facility for free. The committee will be told to try to pull the whole thing off for \$150 or less.

Carolyn McLaughlin has volunteered to coordinate the home football games - she still needs people for cleanup after the game and bleacher covers for 10/7 (homecoming) . Don't need granolas, apples, bananas for half time due to potluck. Ms. Kelsey said that cleanup happens even if a specific volunteer isn't identified. Remaining tasks are assigned for the season.

Sandy Blaylock has agreed to coordinate refreshments at band concerts and will arrange to sell items.

Brian Jennings has agreed to serve as exhibition coordinator. Brian has the minimum of 2 volunteers for chaperones and will take more if they offer for each event (Chelsea & grand ledge). The event hosts want bands to come early and stay until the end. The busses will leave shortly after school ends and will return late (GL later than Chelsea).

Band merchandise at home football games still needs a coordinator – Lynn will organize the middle school parent forms and hand them off to Brian to look for possible volunteers.

Hurts have tentatively agreed to coordinate the Jazz event and Robin will co-volunteer. Lynn will recreate the list of volunteers that helped with the jazz event last year and provide to Robin and Doug.

Still looking for a volunteer to serve as fundraiser coordinator. There may be a volunteer for music lesson coordinator in the middle school parent forms.

~2/3 of the parent volunteer forms have been returned. Lynn said this is average.

Brian passed around copy of the flyer used at middle school open house. Next year a table will be set up with poster and flyers instead of having a person man the station due to low level of turnout at this station this year at both the middle school and high school.

The band website was previously updated by Melanie. Lynn is not sure if it has been updated recently and will check with Melanie Rosen.

Brian set a goal to increase parent involvement. 25/100 parents volunteered for the first 2 events (band uniforms and band camp). Brian recommends checking with other local band booster organizations to see what they have found successful in keeping their band programs energized and well-funded. Brian discussed inviting surrounding band booster organizations to attend a discussion group about types of fundraising events that have been successful, ways to increase parent involvement, ways to energize the band program in general, etc... Brian will start by reaching out to identify interest and then begin making arrangements to host the event.

Brian set a goal to increase student involvement. Lynn said that it has been difficult to recruit enough students to form pep bands for the basketball games. Last year the girls' basketball team stated a preference for CDs to play during their warm-ups so the pep band dissolved. Lynn prefers to not have

the band play at every community event request because the many of the band students do not like to do these events.

5013C status – there are several organizations in Williamston that have this status which allows sponsors to write off donations as a tax deduction. Brian recommended looking for a volunteer to investigate this option. 5013C will allow corporate sponsorship with tax benefits. One big Williamston Bands goal is to replace the band uniforms. Grand Ledge recently purchased band uniforms for ~\$65,000. Carol and Betsy agreed to support 5013C status. Brian will contact attorney Mike Daeschlein, (former & future parent of band student) who reportedly started looking into this previously.

Brian would like to find a parent volunteer to coordinate music lessons; band boosters previously helped support student lessons

Goal is to put these ideas into place so that corporate sponsorship can be solicited. Would like to see enough money accumulated so that band uniforms could be considered in 3-5 years.

Brian suggested a scrap metal collection day as a fund raiser. Grand Ledge held an event like this that raised \$6500 by filling 3 trailers. Their event included drop off and pick up. Brian will contact Williamstown Township to see if the band could coordinate an event like this with their monthly recycling event.

Michelle Robinson is coordinating the bottle drive. There was an advertisement in the Enterprise about the upcoming event.

Brian suggested making customized metal water bottles with the band logo to use as a fund raiser within the band. Another suggestion was made to sell metal water bottles with the general school logo on it at upcoming sporting events. Lynn will look into use of the Hornets logo. Brian will gather cost and turnaround information from the vendor.

Brian – will reach out to other boosters organizations, get a 5013c thing going, organize a metal drive for the spring,

Next Friday football, next Saturday bottle drive, folloiw n weds is Chelsea, home game, home game, grandledge, Thursday after grandledge hosting msu something here,