

BLANCHESTER MUSIC BOOSTERS

August 17, 2015 7:30pm

In Attendance: 9 people signed the attendance sheet:

Kathy & Scott Honaker

Kim Holland

Glen Ray Vestal

Melanie Heitzman

Jen Gerlach

Rita O'Neill

Tony & Linda Falgner

Call to Order: President Melanie Heitzman called the meeting to order. She noted that during the mattress sale the band received a \$10 donation for playing Happy Birthday and another \$5 donation to add to the total.

Minutes: Minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed. The minutes were accepted by Ms. Gerlach and seconded by Ms. O'Neill.

Director's Report: Ms. Heitzman reviewed in absence of director Mr. Wood. The Weebly calendar has been updated. The calendar is at www.blanchestermusic.weebly.com. Also, the current band uniforms need to be washed. Should we get volunteers to take uniforms home to wash them every three weeks? The school does have a washer and dryer. Ms. Falgner noted that students had been responsible for this and a uniform inspection would be held (in the past) to check on status. Consensus was to not make any changes at this time.

Building of Cabinet: We need a cabinet for the synthesizer and 6 doors for the show. Mr. Falgner and Mike Williams will be building these. Lowe's has screen doors for \$23 each. They will check with BDK to see if their price is better. Solid doors are more expensive. They do need to be painted, and it was suggested that the art department may be able to assist. They need to be on wheels. Rita O'Neill volunteered four hollow doors that she has at home. Mr. Wood is picking up the uniform carts tomorrow.

Donation: The Blanchester School Foundation received a \$500 check from Olthof Homes through Jen Gerlach. The Music Boosters will send a thank you card, and also a card to Mike Williams for helping build props. The band is also signing a get well card for Ms. Shirley Vallee (contributor for band uniforms) as she is recovering.

Uniform Project: The shoes are in. The guards have everything they need. The pants are not in and we are waiting to hear from the factory regarding delivery date.

Mattress Sale: We sold one more than last year for a total of 29. We did not reach our goal of \$5000 this time.

New Business: Trailer Clean Out Day is needed. Old props and uniform carts need to be removed. August 28th is the first day we will use the trailer this season. Mr. Falgner noted that the trailer needs repairs including a piano hinge. He will look at this on Wednesday.

GFS: They are suspending their fundraiser program. This does not really apply to us. Melanie sent a thank you letter to GFS for their program.

Treasure's Report: Jennifer Gerlach submitted the Treasurer's Report. A List of Transactions for 7/1/2015 through 7/31/2015 was handed out and reviewed by all present. Beginning balance as of 6/30/2015 was \$7,386.41. Ending Balance as of 7/31/2015 was \$6,743.62. Also, Cash Flow for the beginning of the month of July (7/1/2015-7/31/2015) was reviewed. A List of Deposits and Bills from the Director for August 2015 was passed out and reviewed. A motion to accept the treasurer's report was made by Ms. Falgner and seconded by Mr. Honaker. A motion to pay current bills was made by Ms. Gerlach and seconded by Mr. Falgner.

Unfinished Business:

Macy's Fundraiser: This is coming up in 2 weeks. A monetary prize will be drawn by Macy's and a question was asked about the date for the drawing. The cards need to be in the store by 8/29. Ms. Heitzman has agreed to sell the Macy's passes at the mall on Thursday.

Bengals Basketball Game: Mr. Honaker left a message for Ickey Woods regarding a fundraiser signing at Goldstar Chili, or possibly at a football game. Mr. Heitzman may be able to talk to one of the BenGal cheerleaders as well to see if this is an option.

Quarter Raffle: discussion was held regarding options for dates. A vote was taken and the date was set for November 20, 2015.

Homecoming: This is a free event to set up a booth, the festival will be held on October 3rd. The group unanimously decided not to participate this year as it was not a good fundraising event.

Flag Clinic: this will be held on October 9th in conjunction with Youth Night. There will be a \$25 charge for youth camp, for students in 4th through 8th grade.

ATP Signup: there is a sign up for volunteers on the web. This will be held on August 23rd and we need additional volunteers for a total of 15. Volunteers need to be of high school age.

Additional discussion held regarding the option of a fundraiser committee to ensure participation. Possibly the person who has the fundraiser idea could chair the committee? Ms. Gerlach suggests making phone calls to parents to provide information and obtain volunteers. Will continue to discuss.

Next Meeting: Motion was made for adjournment by Ms. Gerlach and seconded by Ms. O'Neill. Next Booster meeting will be held on September 8, 2015 at 7:00pm in the high school band room.