

South Lyon East Band Booster Meeting

January 12, 2017 – Meeting Minutes

Minutes were approved by the board via email on 1/30/17

- I. **Open Meeting** – Joe Grima called the meeting to order at 7:02pm
 - a. In attendance were: Matt Smith, Steve McGuire, Heidi Sanford (Secretary), Joe Grima (President), Jim Hill (Treasurer), and Jay Blades (VP Operations).
 - b. Approval of previous meeting minutes – the minutes from the November meeting were approved by the board via email on November 14 and posted to the band website. A booster meeting was not held in December.

- II. **Director's Report** – Matt Smith
 - a. Cabaret Review – this event went really well and the new venue was a success. We made double the amount we've ever made before, with a profit of \$1,190 for band (and an equal amount for choir). We spent about \$300 less on food this year, and also had a Meijer donation of \$250, which made a big difference.
 - b. Christmas Concert Review – the auditorium was packed, with audience members even sitting in the third level balcony! The students performed a concert the next day for the rest of the school, which was good, too, and the band students were all very helpful cleaning up afterward before the holiday break.
 - c. What's next – Band Festival is coming up and the kids have their music already. There will be a Pit Orchestra interest meeting next Wednesday (1/18), and that music is in already, too. Lots of students are getting ready for district Solo & Ensemble this weekend at Brighton High School. State Solo & Ensemble will be held at SLHS this year on March 18th – Mr. Cort has already asked for our assistance with running it (student and parent volunteers). Mr. Smith has already talked to the design staff working on our marching show for next year – it will be designed specifically with East's students in mind.

- III. **President's Report** – Joe Grima
 - a. Nothing to report.

- IV. **Music Department Coordinator's Report** - Laura Hogan
 - a. (Laura was not present, so Jim Hill reported on her items)

- V. **Treasurer's Report** – Jim Hill
 - a. Update on Laura Hogan's items
 - i. Band Fee debt – Laura and Jim have written a letter that will soon be mailed to parents who still owe money for this year's band fees. Marching Band members still owe about \$900, and Concert and Symphonic Band members still owe about \$225. A good chunk of payments did come in during December. We've collected approximately \$1,870 over what we had budgeted for the year.
 - ii. Cabaret – We earned over \$500 more than last year's profit (each, for band and choir).
 - iii. Trip Fundraisers – Pizza kit sales due next week on January 17th.
 - b. Update on account
 - i. Account Status – We are currently holding \$7,587.92 in student trip fundraiser money. We had some winterguard rollover money from last year (due to them re-using some equipment). The current total in the booster account overall is \$3,108.80.
 - ii. Non-profit status update – All required paperwork has been submitted, we're just waiting for official word that our tax-free status has been reinstated. It could take up to 3 to 6 months to be resolved, but it should be ready in time to file this year's paperwork online by June.

- VI. **VP of Development** – This board position is currently open. The responsibilities include helping with fundraiser coordination, making sure member-at-large committees are functioning (food for students, uniforms, etc.), and looking into getting corporate donations. The job can be shared by more than one person, if a couple of people would like to divide the responsibilities. If anyone would like to take on this position, please let someone on the board know, or tell Laura Hogan or Mr. Smith.

- VII. **VP of Operations** – Jay Blades
 - a. Nothing to report.

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VIII. New Business –

- a. For upcoming meetings, we should start to think about when the board will meet to plan next year's budget (preferably before May), and also about nominations for board positions for next year, as there will be 3 vacancies on the board after this year.

Joe motioned to close the meeting, Jim seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 7:21pm.

****Next Meeting: Thursday, February 2, 2017 at 6:00PM (earlier this time due to Curriculum Night at 7pm)**
ALL PARENTS AND STUDENTS ARE WELCOME!**