**BBOBBBOB General Meeting**

**November 5, 2018**

**Call to Order**: 7:00 PM

**In Attendance**: Scott Wolf, Susan Mashburn, Mary Spiegel, Jennifer Kadans, Jenny Thai-Tang, Nancy Simoni, Don Finney, Laurie Runk, Marilyn Kales, Julia Schenke

**Welcome/ Approval of Minutes (Mary)**

* Motion made by Jennifer Kadans to approve minutes of the last BBOB meeting on October 2, 2018; seconded by Nancy Simoni; motion passed and minutes approved

**Band Director’s Report (Susan in place of Alan)**

* Alan is not present as he has been invited to guest conduct with the DYSO
* Marching band season was an overwhelming success; received straight first division ratings and all A’s in every subcategory from every adjudicator
* Hosting MSBOA marching band festival was a huge success; hope to host again next year; HUGE thank you to BBOB for all their help
* Next band camp is confirmed at Spring Arbor University for July 30 – August 4, 2019
* Pre-camp at school July 23-26: 7/23 for leadership; 7/24 for leadership, freshmen, drumline, colorguard; 7/25-26 for full band
* We will host State Jazz Festival on Tuesday, March 26; thanks again, BBOB!
* 2020 trip: working on proposals, gathering quotes from travel companies; will be asking for parent input before selecting a travel company
* Both Premier Concert (Black Hawk Band) and Halloween middle school tour (marching band) went well
* Symphony and concert band auditions completed; campus band auditions in process

**Orchestra Director’s Report (Scott)**

* As mentioned, music teachers are currently looking at different travel companies for the 2020 international trip; would very much like parents to be involved in the selection process
* Lots of students will be involved with Solo & Ensemble Festival; first year this is mandatory for Symphony Band members; between band and orchestra there are 76 entries; more ensembles than soloists registered
* Recent visit from Central Michigan University music professors: James Fiste (cello) and Alicia Valoti (viola); conducted a small clinic as well as a discussion about studying music at CMU; after meeting our students, one violist could potentially be offered a scholarship; will try to get a violin and a bass professor to visit next
* Heading into final weeks of intensive rehearsals for Cinderella; extended lock-in rehearsals will be Saturday, Monday, and Tuesday; no more school-day lock-ins as it is not respectful to the other teachers and can be stressful for the students to make up missed work; going very well and will be a great show
* Collage Concert coming up December 12 and 13; will need to figure out a way to ticket the free event so we don’t “oversell” the capacity of the auditorium

**Treasurer’s Report (Jennifer)**

* Membership and donations is at $8355; already exceeded the budgeted goal
* Concessions earned a net profit of $8886, despite earning less than expected from festival and the final football game; poor weather was a factor in lower attendance, and schools that said they would patronize the concessions stand ended up leaving
* Future opportunities for concessions stand will be Band and Orchestra Festival and Jazz Festival in March
* ALL uniform cleaning fees have been collected!
* For expenses, still waiting on invoices from the drumline and colorguard instructors
* Need procedure and transparency of any additional expenses that require reimbursement from students (for example, colorguard costume expenses not covered by budgeted amount)
* Edustaff confusion over proper payment to band camp staff; believe that due to employee turnover at Edustaff, there was no training for the new person on how to handle our camp staff payroll; for liability reasons, we have been paying camp staff through the district with Edustaff, but an 18% service fee is charged resulting in a reduced amount to our staff
* Explore labeling these camp staff payments as an “honorarium” as it has different limits and may be easier to work around

**General Agenda**

* Marching band uniforms have all been collected and processed; at the cleaners currently; not too much damage this year; will probably need to replace hats as the silver band is coming off due to wear and tear
* Remaining concert uniforms have been swapped out with marching band uniforms are ready for pick up in the band room on clothing racks
* Uniforms are up for bid this year; Scott would like to present a proposal for all band, orchestra and choir uniforms to the district; please do an inventory and provide to Scott by early December
* Koeze Nuts fundraiser: Stephanie Spinale is the parent coordinator; will talk to the students Monday/Tuesday to launch the sale; students will have 2 weeks to collect orders; order forms will be due on the Monday after Thanksgiving; mandatory product pick up on December 6
* Question asked about why we participate in a nut sale given all the nut allergy restrictions around the district; the Koeze nut sale is a legacy from Andover (25 years?) when it used to yield as much as $25,000; this was primarily due to corporate gifts purchased in bulk by Compuware; today it generates closer to $4,000
* Open to new fundraising ideas: Cherry Republic? Fun Run? Sheets?
* Recruitment: volunteer coordinators needed for critical committees (band camp, marching band uniforms, concert uniforms, concession stand); currently the board is 80% junior parents; parents need to be identified before the end of this school year in order to shadow this summer
* Continue to set up a BBOB table at concerts, especially at Collage which is extremely well attended

**New Business**

* Marilyn Kales is working on orchestra t-shirts; shared picture of the student design; working on quotes from vendors; budget is $1000; reminder that band members in FLORK do not receive this shirt since they received a marching band t-shirt

**Good and Welfare**

* Congratulations are in order: Alan Posner’s wife is pregnant with their second child, expected in the spring

**Adjournment** at 7:40pm

**Next Meeting: December 3, 2018**