

# **Armada Music Boosters E-Board**

## **Meeting Minutes**

### **January 22, 2014**

**Present:** Monique Albertson, Maria Cefali, Steve Loveday, Debbie Sheridan and Rachel Ulinski.

**Guests:** Cindy Bell, Sheila Ruczynski (uniform committee), and Teresa Telly.

**Next Meeting:** Monday, February 24, 2014 at 7:00 pm, Armada Middle School Band Room.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer's Report showed the current students' account balances at \$11,909.41 and the current regular account balance at \$7,337.84.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**New York Trip:** The trip for all participating high school students is all set, except for waiting to hear about bus transportation. The Superintendent of Armada Area Schools, Michael Musary, will be going on this music department trip.

**Michigan Music Conference:** The conference was held last week and both Steve Loveday and Rachel Ulinski attended. Paperwork was turned in to the district, but due to multiple "snow days", one before the winter break and three after, there wasn't any time for the necessary paperwork to be signed for the approval of the amount that the district usually contributes. Payment was made by boosters and instructor's own payment. Boosters will contribute 50% toward the cost and the rest will be paid by the district. Registrations were \$125.00 and motel costs were under \$300.00 for two nights.

**Smart Music System:** Mr. Loveday informed everyone that Mr. Thomason, and he, would like to see the music department acquire a "Smart Music System" program for the district. Software for a year is \$140.00 and a lap top to run the system was found for \$179.00. He stated that it would be a huge benefit for the music program. The interactive software gives feedback about performances by showing correct rhythms, pitches etc. and documents student progress. He stated that it is hard to provide evidence of music students' achievements, and that this would be a wonderful assessment tool for the instructors to use to document what the students are learning. He added that the price is very good for all of the benefits. It is something everyone agreed sounded like something that the district would benefit from and should acquire.

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**Portable Piano:** Mr. Loveday and Mr. Thomason would like to replace a portable piano that was stolen several years ago and never replaced. Mrs. Ulinski uses her own. When they use the piece of equipment that they currently use, it causes damage to it. Mr. Loveday told those present that a portable piano would especially benefit the jazz band.

#### **CURRENT PROJECTS:**

**Marching Band Uniform Inventory:** This year's uniform committee, Sheila Ruczynski and Monique Albertson, have been taking inventory of marching band uniforms. Sheila reported that there are still 23 uniforms that need to be returned by students. Students have been reminded several times in class and it was put on the website, asking for them to be turned in. Many original hangers are missing as the original hangers were probably not removed when taken for dry cleaning, and they were returned with wire hangers. A few uniforms were also not turned in with their garment bags. Many shakos and plumes are missing and students have been asked to return them also. There was a debate on what the best way would be to handle the distribution and collection of the plumes. It was determined that next year's contract needs to be updated to include every item that students are to be responsible for. Mr. Loveday will get a list of prices for items. It was also decided that there needs to be a specific date on next year's contract informing students as to what day all uniforms and accessories must be turned in. Students that turn in uniforms not dry cleaned, will still be responsible for paying for the dry cleaning of their uniform. A volunteer takes un-cleaned uniforms to and from the dry cleaners. Sheila volunteered to call all parents to remind them that the uniforms need to be turned in, using phone numbers provided on the contracts. They will be given two weeks to turn the uniforms in.

**Music Department Dinner Dance:** Monique Albertson contacted the Creek Center Banquet Hall last fall and reserved the hall for March 28, 2014 for the annual dinner dance. A deposit of \$50.00 was paid to the hall on November 26, 2013. Monique will make the necessary updates to last year's flyer and order forms and have them printed up. She will prepare envelopes and vouchers to be given out to students with the order forms. Cost will be \$20.00 per person, \$15.00 for performing Jazz Band, Orchestra and Chorale music students. Mr. Loveday brought up possibly offering a child priced ticket, but it was unknown if that would be possible. Monique will contact the hall to find out more, and if it is possible to offer child priced tickets. Ticket sales dates were set for February 24, 2014 to March 11, 2014. On March 12<sup>th</sup> the ticket price will increase \$5.00 per guest and performing student. Monique and Debbie Sheridan will handle the ticket sales. We will be using "virtual tickets" again and guests will have their name written down and they will check in at the door. Maria Cefali will make table center pieces.

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#### **Music Department Dinner Dance: (continued)**

Teresa Telly will make up raffle baskets. She will call people who signed up to donate items for the baskets. She will be reimbursed for any items she still needs to purchase to make the baskets. Baskets will be made in themes. Mrs. Ulinski will have two baskets made from her classes. Five to six baskets were said to be a good amount for the basket raffle. The idea was raised to try to sell tickets at the upcoming "Charlotte's Web" play, to be put on by the Armada Theatre group. People always line up early for performances and the idea was presented to have a possible saxophone trio play for those waiting, and to have an area set up where people could buy dinner dance tickets if they wanted to. Mr. Loveday said the high school principal has a way to print large posters and it was suggested that we find out if he could print our flyer into a 16x20 poster. Monique will contact Mr. Jankowski, principal, about the poster. Monique will inquire as to when we need to give a final ticket count to the hall.

**Band/Orchestra Updates:** Mr. Loveday informed us that four students performed for the Armada School Board last night, January 21, 2014. State Representative, Ken Goike was present at the meeting. Everyone was very complimentary to the students.

The high school jazz ensemble, a saxophone trio and a string quartet will perform at the Macomb County Intermediate School District MCTEAA scholarship breakfast the same day as the CMU event. They will leave at 6:30 am, perform at 7:30 am to 8:00 am, return to the school, drop off students that will not be going to CMU, then go on to CMU.

District Solo Ensemble is an all day event, Jan. 25. Times are still not posted as the MSBOA is having computer problems. It is still not known about festival dates.

Mr. Loveday applied to go to festival at Avondale in Auburn Hills, but only the first 30 can go. He applied as soon as applications were taken so he thinks there is a good chance they may be able to go. They have a whole new rating system with extra scores. If they do not go there, they will go to the normal festival.

**Choir Updates:** Mrs. Ulinski has one student participating in the solo ensemble. The student will be singing at Chippewa Valley.

The choirs will be having a rummage sale on Sat. March 15, 2014, to be held in the Armada High School cafeteria. Donations are needed and will be accepted in the high school choir room. A parent is heading up the event and organizing it.

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**Choir Updates: (continued)**

The choir will not be having a pre-festival concert this year, (band and orchestra pre-festivals were also cancelled this year) due to the stage being set up for the upcoming theatre group play. The stage set is not one that can be easily taken down for another event to take place.

A guest clinician will be coming in February, for an hour, during regular scheduled class times. They will get an hour, instead of 15 minutes like they do at the pre-festival. Mrs. Ulinski informed us that the students get a better understanding of what is expected when they hear the clinician tell them some of the same things they have heard in class. Mrs. Ulinski told us that the middle school students love their choir class and are always excited about class. High School Choir is working on "Broadway" and Festival. Chorale is working on their Singing Valentine event. Mrs. Ulinski informed us that the choir classes are doing a great job, they follow instructions well, and there are new students now taking the lead, not just a few, as in the past.