

ARMADA MUSIC BOOSTERS E-BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
September 11, 2012

Present: Maria Cefali, Chris Hess, Sharon Knust, Steve Loveday, Debbie Sheridan
Guest: Cheri Benoit, Jo Ernst, Dawn Urban.

Next Meeting: October 16, 2012 7:30 pm to 8:30 pm at MS Band Room.

Treasurer's Report: Sharon presented the 9/11/12 Report. Current General Fund Balance: \$6,805.13. Current Student Account Balances: \$13,445.77.

NEW BUSINESS:

Music Department Handbook: The music directors are creating a music department handbook for all middle school and high school students. The handbook will include a sign off page from the parents and will include an email address.

Communication Method: A parent email address list will be generated and used to send out mass emails to announce upcoming events and volunteer opportunities.

Middle School Tax Order: The boosters will try to find volunteers to fit the 6th graders at the open house scheduled for 9/18/12 from 6 pm to 6:45 pm.

Booster Recruitment: The boosters are in need of middle school representation to job shadow high school boosters in order to take over duties as their students enter high school. The current booster team includes 2 of 4 members who no longer have students in the program and/or have graduated. The remaining 2 members will retire from the program in 2014 when their students graduate. The boosters can only be successful if parents step up and take a lead role.

MS – Music Composition Project: As part of Keenan's final project towards completing his master's degree he will work with the students on the benefits of music composition. As part of the research process Keenan has enlisted the help of a friend (Dan Walshaw) who will make frequent trips to Armada from his home in Washington D.C. to help with the composition process. He will also compose an original piece of music for one of the ensembles for the spring concert. This is a great opportunity for our district. The average cost for an original composition is between \$3,000 to \$5,000. Dan has agreed to waive the costs to compose the piece of music. In appreciation for his generosity the boosters will cover the cost of airfare if applicable, along with funding an appreciation gift which will be presented to him at the spring concert.

Fundraiser Coordinator: Wendy Pado has elected to step down as fundraiser coordinator as she no longer has students in the band program. Lisa Schmid has expressed interest in coordinating the two annual fundraisers: Florida fruit sale and Little Caesar's Pizza Kits. The Kroger Rewards program will be transferred to the treasurer.

2013 Annual Dinner Dance: A tentative date has been set for April 12, 2013 to be held at Creek Center Banquet Hall.

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2013 ARC Bleed for the Band Blood Drive: A tentative date has been set for 5/31/13. The boosters are waiting for confirmation that HOSA will set a blood drive date as this is a prerequisite for the boosters to host a drive. Maria Cefali will coordinate the 2013 blood drive and work with ARC to ensure there is ample time between the two blood drives to maximize donor recipients.

2013 Annual Music Department Trip: The music department will include the drama department to participate. Tentative plans are being made to go to Disney World in Florida. The approximate cost per student will be \$800.00. Steve will send out a commitment letter asking students to make a down payment of \$50.00. If enough students commit, Steve will start the planning process.

2013 Marching Band Camp: The group has issued a down payment to return to Sea-Gull in Charlevoix, MI. The camp owners stated they were very impressed with the Armada group and gladly welcome them back.

CURRENT PROJECTS:

Marching Band Uniforms: The marching band will wear their new uniforms at the home opener varsity football game on 9/14/12. The boosters have prepared a flyer that will be distributed at all home games. One side includes a list of all band members and the other side is a “thank you” to all community members, businesses, and organizations who contributed to the uniform fundraiser.

2012 Blood Drive: 6/01/12 blood drive resulted in 37 useable pints of blood. In appreciation for hosting a blood drive, the American Red Cross made a donation to our music supplier, JW Pepper in the amount of \$500 which will be used to pay for music throughout the school year.

Summer Fundraisers: The summer fundraisers exceeded previous expectations. The fair parking resulted in total donations of \$11,574.00 (Mon – Sun: 420, 1010, 2394, 1281, 2122, 2839, 1524). The student volunteers received a total of \$2,319 in their individual accounts. The fair set up resulted in a total payment of _____ with \$1,422.75 going to student volunteers.

Student Unpaid Balances: Previous year outstanding account balances have been tallied. Letters will be sent home to parents as a final attempt to collect the balances before being turned over to the school administration. Once the balances are turned over, they become part of the student’s permanent record and a graduation requirement.

Good Old Days Parade: The 2011 parade fees have been paid along with the 2012 fees. This item is closed.

Kroger Rewards Cards: Annual enrollment is required for each participant every May per the Kroger Corporate Policy. We will communicate this each year via the website and periodic newsletters.