

Pulaski Music Booster Meeting

Monday, January 11, 2021

Meeting called to order by PCSMB President Kelli Birk at 7:00 PM

Treasurer's Report (Helen Seiltz-PCSMB Treasurer)

- Checking: \$58,103.87
Money Market: \$73,901.30
Endowment: \$3500
We have found a discrepancy in the gift card amounts that we are working on figuring out. The amounts of gift cards we have on the books as of today are as follows:
Festival: \$-2350
Woodman's: \$3000
Kwik Trip: \$5240
The amount of gift cards we physically have in our inventory as of December 9 are as follows:
Festival: \$900
Woodman's: \$2600
Kwik Trip: \$2700
Helen is going to work with Matt _____, the accountant. We will revisit this issue next month once Helen has had time to go over this with Matt.
- Motion to approve treasure's December report made by Rachel Cheney and seconded by Krista Halla-Valdes. Motion approved.

Secretary Report (Rachel Cheney-PCSMB Secretary)

- Hard copy of the November and December minutes taken by Rachel Cheney were sent out via boosters email.
- Motion to approve the November and December minutes by Joanne Widi, seconded by Krista Halla-Valdes, motion approved.

Directors'/Officers' reports:

Band (Mr. Busch-Director of Bands)

- Spring dates for football: March 26, April 16, April 23. Please put these on your calendar. These are the 3 home games. We are looking forward to getting our half time show ready to March at the games.
- Our show is Pirates of the Caribbean.
- We tried offering marching band as an optional participation in band for the past 3-4 years. We did this to see if we could increase student involvement in the band program and still allow our marching band program to thrive and survive prior to the Covid outbreak. Mr. G and I have seen the decline of participation and a stagnation or decline of the student's ability to improve their musical skills with the students who do not participate in marching band. We are very seriously talking about reinstating Marching Band as a requirement to be in band again.
- Band Camp is tentatively set for July 26-30 (Monday-Friday).
- We are looking into some of the local areas parades in hopes of becoming a performing marching band again. Hopefully we will have more to come. We have been invited back by Fred Benning from Winona to march in their Steamboat days parade. We have not accepted yet.
- Do we give any consideration to planning a summer trip for the students? We have lost a lot of students due to lack of performance/trips. Would planning a trip increase student interest once again.
- Many parents gave positive feed back and support for moving forward on planning a summer trip.

Jazz Band (Mr. Guerrero-Asst. Director of Bands)

- We are excited to have the students coming back to school and being able to play. We have PPE ordered and on its way.
- We will be starting up the Jazz bands in earnest. We will not start the first week back, but we will hold a mid-week rehearsal. We have discussed mitigation strategies with the students and administration is on board.

Choir (Mrs. Brown-Director of Choirs)

- Thank you to everyone that watched the holiday concert.
- We are in the works right now for Musical. We are not sure what it will look like, whether we will be able to perform on stage or not. We are hashing out those details now. The show will be on the last two weekends of April instead of a February show. We swapped the spring show to be a Swinter show. We have not chosen a show yet, because we are looking at doing a show that has streaming rights, due to limited number of people allowed in the audience. We wanted to give people the option to stream the show to their home. There are very few shows that allow that, so our hands are a bit tight with the choices. We have to keep in consideration how many people can be in the pit/on stage while still maintain social distancing requirements. Please watch for more information to be coming out in the next few weeks.
- All spring Solo/Ensemble will be virtual. We are working on that right now making sure everyone has a number to work on and perform. We will be working by cohorts.
- Chamber Choir will be starting back up second semester. We will most likely have rehearsals on Monday and Friday, we are still working out the times.
- I am onboard with moving forward to set up a music department trip for this summer.

Agenda Items:

Resch Center Fundraising (Krista Halla-Valdes)-

Nothing. They have not reached out at all for volunteers.

Script/gift cards (Krista Halla-Valdes)-

We have had a few people use it. Not sure how to get more people to use it. Maybe once a trip is planned then people will utilize this fundraiser more.

Cookbook (Margaret Winkelman)-

The cookbook site is up and ready to go for people to upload recipes. We can only put one picture on the book, so do we have a picture that has the band and choir together? Or can we merge a band and choir picture?

Chili Fundraiser (Charlotte Skala)-

We can use the Pulaski VFW to cook the chili. We will do presales/preorders only and have pick up be February 6, 2021, which is the Saturday before the Super Bowl. We can make the chili Saturday Morning and then have pick up later in the day. We can contact American Foods to see if they will donate the meat again. We can ask students to donate celery and onions. The cost will be \$24 for a gallon, and \$12 for half a gallon.

Booster Website (Kelli Birk and Margaret Winkelman)-

We got two quotes for cost of building a new Booster Website. The first was given by an agency that Margaret contacted. The total with the company doing everything would be \$13,000 on the low end. If we took care of migrating the "Blog Posts" it would be \$8,000 on the low end. Once the site is made, it would cost \$350 a year for hosting fees.

Kelli Birk reached out to a free-lance web designer, gbfreelance. It would include a mobile website, secure hosting, website design, the programming, installation, and web hosting would cost \$1950. It would be \$99 dollars a year to host.

Several parents were in agreement that we need a new website. Several parents suggested going with the lower cost free-lance web designer. Being able to put a payment link on the website was brought up. Helen and Kelli will look into that.

Kim Hawpetoss motioned to accept gbfreelance proposal and move ahead with a new website. Rachel Cheney seconded the motion.

Non Agenda Items:

- Scanning Tickets for the Packers game fundraiser was brought up. They offered a raise so that people would be making \$9.75/hr per person. We would need 9-11 volunteers per game and some one to be the lead. A discussion was held and it was decided to decline the contract offer for this year.
- Kim Hawpetoss offered to donate cloth masks she made from music themed prints to the music program. Thank you Kim.

Motion to adjourn made by Rachel Cheney, seconded by Charlotte Skala.

Meeting adjourned at 8:48 PM. Next Meeting will be Monday, February 8, 2021 7:00 PM on Zoom