

Pulaski Music Booster Meeting

Monday, September 14, 2020

Meeting called to order by PCSMB President Kelli Birk at 6:06 PM

Treasurer's Report (Helen Seiltz-PCSMB Treasurer)

- PMB account balances are reported as-
Checking: \$ 55,291.21
Money Market: \$ 72,905.96
Endowment: \$ 3,507.00
- Gift Card Inventory-
Woodmans: \$6,250
Kwik Trip: \$12,650
Festival Food: \$4,700
- Motion to approve the treasurer's September report made by Rachel Cheney seconded by Lisa Ficarri, motion approved.

Secretary Report (Rachel Cheney-PCSMB Secretary)

- Hard copy of the July minutes taken by Rachel Cheney were available for review.
- Motion to approve the July minutes made by Kim Hawpetoss, seconded by Charlotte Skala motion approved.

Directors'/Officers' reports:

Band (Mr. Busch-Director of Bands)

- Thank you everyone for your support as we figure out these unique times. We usually would be pressed for time preparing for a football game or concert, but due to the circumstances (Students not being able to play instruments at school, football season being put on hold until the spring, all the changes due to Covid 19) we are trying to use this opportunity to study and learn things we usually don't have time to study more in depth.
- Thank you for supporting us in getting the Music First Suite which we feel will be the most beneficial for the students here at the HS and the Middle School will be utilizing it also. To get the Music First Suite for our music program will cost \$3000. On the bright side we are not buying a drill at this time, so the cost of the Suite will somewhat offset the cost of what would have been paid for the drill.
- In the spring both Concert band and Wind Ensemble had the opportunity to record their performance pieces and they both turned out pretty well. We are looking into making a recording of the Red Raider Band recording the "Heroes Near and Far" piece virtually.
- Mrs. Brown is also planning on doing some virtual recordings with the choirs.
- Solo/Ensemble will be happening twice this year. WSMA/WMEA will be doing a virtual Solo/Ensemble in the fall (Nov/Dec district date). State date would be in January. If all goes well and things go back to normal, we will hold an in person Solo/Ensemble in spring here at the school like normal.

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

- We are trying to focus on opportunities instead of focusing on the set backs or barriers.
- We are trying to stay positive with the students and study music history, music theory, music composition, improvisation, and taking more time to do these things.
- We have done a lot of research and are opening up some doors to somethings, music first for example, also sight singing factory, to engage the students. We are using these things to find our way through this time.
- One of the opportunities that has come along, probably around mid-summer, comes through a gentleman named Scott Lang who is an educational leader and former band director. He writes a lot of things on leadership, character development and that sort of thing. He teamed up with a really well-respected retired band director/composer named Richard Saucedo and they created a piece and curriculum called "Heroes Near and Far". It is a five-movement work, and each movement is a different Leadership characteristic. The leadership piece of the curriculum is nonmusical, the students would be doing nonmusical work along with learning the piece to perform. We see this as opportunity to have

social emotional learning and to maintain positivity. We have reached out to Richard and Scott, and some other Facebook communities to get their support during this time. They have been very supportive of us and hopefully when the time comes, they can come in and speak to the students and help us prepare.

- For Jazz students, I have been looking into somethings for them. I want to give them something that is meaningful and not just something to do. Especially for our seniors, I want them to have the opportunities that they can get.

Choir (Mrs. Brown-Director of Choirs) Not present

Agenda Items:

Met Force Updates (Jessie Drevs)- Not present

- No update.

Resch Center Fundraising (Krista Halla-Valdes)-

- Due to the shutdown of social events we have not heard from the Resch Center. We do not have any events to sign up for right now.

Music First Suite Boosters Support-

- The PHS music directors approached the PHS Music Boosters Executive committee about the boosters helping to pay for the Music First Suite so the students would have a better band experience during the shutdown. The executive committee talked about it and agreed that this would be beneficial for all the students. The cost for the suite comes to \$2627 for the year. They did not get any additional funding from the district.

Script/gift cards (Krista Halla-Valdes)-

- We are good on our inventory.
- I would like to expand script if possible, due to a lot of other fund raisers being canceled. The shopless Script program looks like a good option. You can do physical gift cards or e gift cards. They also have an app called "Raise right App" where you can have all your gift card information stored on your phone. You can also add to the app instantly while you are in the store. They have over 750 stores that you can get gift cards for. There is no fee other than the percentage taken for the online e cards, but the physical cards do have a shipping fee.

Fundraising Opportunities-

- It looks like we will not be doing the Chilirific Musicpalooza this year, so we need to think about how we can raise funds this year. Creating a cookbook put together by Alumni/Students favorite recipes or holding a Winter or Spring Carnival was brought up. We could also do a fund raiser with the student sweatshirt order. Just charge \$5 more for the sweatshirt.
- Memory Mates can still be done for the Choir and Band. It can be done totally online and contactless. It was discussed doing the pictures in the sweatshirts instead of their marching uniforms. Some students have not been fitted yet of their marching uniforms which does cause a problem with doing a nice group picture with all the band in their uniforms.

Motion to adjourn by Rachel Cheney, seconded by Charolette Skala.

Meeting adjourned at 7:02 PM. Next Meeting will be Monday, October 12 2020 7:00 PM Location TBD