

Pulaski Music Booster Meeting

Monday, October 14th, 2024 ~ 7:00 p.m. Pulaski High School

- Call meeting to order – Jeff Mommaerts at 7:01pm
- **Student Reports**
 - Crosby –
 - We need help for RRSC dinner. Sign-up will be coming out soon
 - Root beer float stand went well for homecoming. We made \$600 to help pay for hotel rooms for Acapocalypse.
 - We sang the National anthem for homecoming, thank you for feeding us that night
 - RRSC– 11/01 5th grade performance during school, 11/2 & 11/3 shows are both at 2:00pm. The ticket link was shared via Canvas, email and Facebook. Dress for regular choirs is Find your voice tshirt and jeans with NO holes
 - Emma Ahlswede was accepted into the first WI Choral Directors Honors Contemporary A Cappella ensemble in January. Only 20 students were selected.
 - Online fundraiser ends tomorrow
 - Kolton –
 - Final field show – thank you for all your help and making it a success! (met force & feeds)
 - Jazz starting up today. The bands started concert music today
 - Mackinac trip will be Father’s day weekend (June/2025)
 - Concert band & Wind Ensemble pep band will be starting soon. Symphonic band can join but it is not a requirement
- **Director Reports**
 - Mrs Brown
 - Chaperones for Chicago trip...register/sign up online for the trip. We will need 8.
 - Tri-M induction was last Monday. Went well. Short & sweet
 - Meeting during homeroom time on 10/16 for tri-m. There are some different volunteer opportunities. Kids need 10 volunteer hours. Encourage them to help with RRSC and Chilirific. Some examples...Look at churches, nursing homes, helping with PCMS band/choir, being in PCMS musical pit, playing or singing at concert that isn’t your own

- 10/21 RRSC practice 3:15-5:15, 10/27 rehearsal for sound and lights & bands and variety acts, 10/28 3:15-7:00 all choirs with a meal provided, eat about 5:00 (150 kids). PCMS eat @5:00, PHS eat @5:15, 10/30 3:15-6:15 rehearsal
- Thank you for sponsoring students for honors choir (Emma Ahlswede, Saige Wirtz, Kayden Brown, and Elizabeth Dornfeld)
- Mr Busch
 - Mackinac trip -We got a quote from Lamers \$20,000 for transportation (4 coach buses). In 2009 & 2018 we had 5 coaches and was WAY less. The price has increased by 30-40%. The trip should cost about \$500. The hotel is trying to decide if they are full which is why we don't have a set price yet. I will be looking at different hotel starting tomorrow. Rooms available at the Grand Hotel are reserved for our event
 - Conversations regarding shadow tour. I am not opposed to it. I don't want to be in charge but will be happy to share information. Only perk would be that the person in charge would get the trip compensated. We have never offered one in the past.
 - Deposit for kids will be mid-November. Will be about \$200 via check
 - Tentative trip schedule: Saturday depart mid-day – stay @ St Ignas. Sunday morning go to the island. The parade is in the afternoon. At some point we will check into Grand hotel. Meal will be at the Grand. There will be a big band in the ballroom. Monday morning breakfast will be at the hotel then some free time. We will depart about noon to cross the water back home
 - We wrapped up the marching season.
 - Starting concert season
 - Second quarter will be mostly technique and skill
 - Sole/ensemble has been moved to 3/15
 - The new pep band calendar out. It is on the music department calendar. On 1/10 there is a choir & band event...students in both should go to choir event to sign the national anthem
- Mr G
 - Jazz 2 & 3 started up tonight. A lot of interest at the freshman level.
 - We have started planning our Veterans Day concert. Will Gosse & Morgan Miskulin are at VFW to meet with legion folks and announce the event. Started selling meal vouchers. We are partnering with Figaro's/Cousins. See jazz kiddo to purchase a voucher. This is a fundraiser for them. They sold 181 meal vouchers last year to raise over \$1700. Goal to get people in seats in the auditorium on 11/9 7:00pm!

- Annual Veterans Day ceremony is on Monday 11/11 at Lannoye. It is currently set for 9:00am. Submitted field trip request to administration. Red raider jazz and some percussionists will be going.
- Friday was spirit day. Jazz sold quesadillas...made 148 of them and raised \$368. Thanks to students and parents who volunteered.
- Bonding night is coming up. The students really want to have a lock in type event, except the music calendar is very full. Thinking maybe right before solo/ensemble. We contacted Buzz Social. They put together a package for 11/15 from 8-10pm. There will be unlimited bowling, pizza buffet, unlimited soda and ½ hour of arcade games for \$20.00. The Music Boosters have committed some funds. Trying to get down to \$10/student. We will need some chaperones

- **Coordinator Reports**

- Communications –
 - Added the following to the newsletter... Jeff's changes in regards to the physical gift card sale, apparel sale, save the date for bowling, and give with Bing
- Chaperones - nothing
- Met Force –
 - Thank you to everyone for all your help during the football games, it is greatly appreciated.
- Resch –
 - October spots are full
- Music feeds
 - They went well. We need a shadow to help out. Jennifer is trying to put together a list of what a lead has to do. It is very helpful to have two people that share the lead responsibilities.
- Merchandise sale/restaurant night
 - We have been selling merchandise at the football games. Has been pretty slow...only sold \$16. Will continue to try to cover upcoming events.
 - 10/16 Buffalo Wild Wings restaurant night is from 11:00am-close. Just the one on Oneida street
 - From the last restaurant night at Noodles, we made \$36.00
- Fall/holiday sale
 - Set with some new apparel. Some best sellers from the last sale with new designs.
 - Link was already sent out.

- The sale closes on 10/29 at midnight.
- All the items should be in by Christmas
- We are thinking about doing some holiday products in December(wood/metal/raider graphics)
- RaiseRight physical gift card order
 - We had great success last time around, hoping to have similar success this time as well.
 - Orders are due by 11/11....NO LATER!
- RRSC
 - We found some leads to help out....Jennifer Sinkula, Kris Mommaerts, Katie Loehlein, and Jeff Mommaerts
 - The link to sign up for volunteers and donations will be in the newsletter tomorrow.
 - There will be a lasagna dinner Saturday and a French toast bake Sunday.
 - A pie auction will be held Saturday and a 50/50 auction on Sunday
- **Treasurer report –**
 - Current balance is \$94121.07
 - Student balances are \$34091.19
 - Accountant is helping Mindy write off old checks and do clean up.
 - Motion to Approve – Kris Mommaerts, Second – Carmen Raymaker
- **Secretary report**
 - Motion to Approve – Cara Gosse, Second – Nikki Love
- **Vice President report**
 - Really cool idea to mentor incoming freshman parents – no freshman parents were interested 😞
 - Maybe propose the idea at the orientation meeting in the spring. Coordinate with Mr. Couch.
 - Try asking freshman parents you know to come to volunteer or a meeting to start to get them involved. One on one conversations are more important than anything else
- **President**
 - Thank you to Nikki Love – There is a LONG list of responsibilities she had. She led Chilirific, was VP, was president, posted on social media, updated the website, posted videos, organized polka with the president. Supported the boosters for lots of years
 - Radio update – new ones are awful 😞 found a new set to try

- YouTube channel – please subscribe!!! From the Pulaski music boosters account, all the videos have been moved over. We are currently adding new videos. But we are up to a total of 28 subscribers.
- **New business**
 - Discuss trip payments for choir/band
 - Jeff showed that typical PMB expenses are about \$16500/annually
 - We have to have a minimum of \$50500 to cover expenses and student accounts.
 - If you start with the current balance of \$93000-\$50500+\$10000(Chilirific profits)=\$52500, which are the extra funds that we raised really for our trip to Pasadena that wasn't spent there.
 - Choir trip about \$800 (40 kids)
 - Band trip is about \$500 (band plus 8th graders=160 kids)
 - If we have 200 students going on the trips and we give them each a \$250.00 payment that would be \$50000
 - The Board thought it was a good idea to spend this amount since these students going on this trip were the ones that helped raised the funds for Pasadena
 - Should we be spending all the \$\$???
 - Kris Mommaerts makes a proposal to vote at the next meeting to make a payment of \$250 per student going on the choir and band trip. Second – Kim Hawpetoss
 - Initial trip deposit is a not refundable deposit and cant use the account
- Motion to adjourn at 8:19pm – approved by Cara Gosse, Second – Mindy Melendy

Next Meeting: Monday, November 11, 2024 @7:00pm – PHS Room LGI-1

