

Traverse City Music Boosters
June 9, 2020
Meeting Minutes

I. Call to Order by Kevin Smiley at 6:34 p.m.

Attendance

Kevin Smiley, President
Linda Blakkan, Vice President
Andy Richards, Treasurer
Sherry Richards, Secretary
Jill Jenkins, Grant/Scholarship Coordinator
Wendee Wolf-Schlarf, Music Director
Jody Simpson
Peter Deneen
Lisa Woodcox
Tami Williams
Nancy Will
Stephanie Schall-Brazee
Doug Downer
Aline Buetler
Erich Wangeman
Eileen Mikulski
Emerick Dee

II. Review and Approval of January 2020 Meeting Minutes

- a. Move to approve by Linda Blakkan . Second by Jill Jenkins.

III. TCAPS Music Director's Remarks - Wendee Wolf-Schlarf

- a. Staff has come together to get goals accomplished during COVID pandemic. Everyone has been willing to do whatever necessary during this difficult time.
- b. Recent graduation festivities
- c. Staff has been brainstorming ideas on how to deliver core music content
- d. Hired new Central High School band director - Thomas Veiura, from Indiana
- e. Buildings and rooms are being cleaned and prepped for summer and fall
- f. Potential instruction options for fall - face to face/hybrid of face to face and online/online only - still much speculation and uncertainty
- g. Uncertain as to concerts and music programs in the near future. Working on getting materials (band uniforms, instruments, etc.) returned from students.
- h. Travel plans for programs unknown at this time
- i. Eileen has been working from home and has kept business on track

IV. Treasurer's Report - Andy Richards

- a. Budget shows \$200 shortfall, but we haven't paid out mini grants yet. Shortfall is due to lack of benefit concert.
- b. Move to approve budget by Jill Jenkins. Second by Jody Simpson. Motion passed.

V. Vice President's Report - Linda Blakkan

- a. Working on maintaining website.
- b. Work to promote Amazon Smile program.

VI. TCC and TCW Organization Updates

- a. TCW choir had successful event in February. Still waiting on final accounting of money raised. Organization put together bags for seniors.
- b. TCW band also put together gift bags for seniors.
- c. TCC Choir did "Disney and Desserts." Also did senior ad books. Tami did water bottles for seniors as well with custom logos.

VII. Old Business

- a. Music Booster Awards - Eileen Mikulski - Senior awards were handed out during senior pick up/drop off day. Rest will be handed out in fall. Bulls-Eye did great job on awards. West and East Middle School awards are the only ones left to hand out.
- b. Music Booster FaceBook posts - Thank You, Eileen! Please send Eileen notifications and/or pictures for our FaceBook page. Drumline practices start next week; Doug may be able to get some pictures. Need to let public know that music education continues through social distancing concerns.
- c. Annual Benefit Concert - May 2020 - Huge thank yous going out to music staff for all the time and preparation they put into concert, even though it didn't happen. Hard work went into prep.
- d. Elections for Board 2020-2021 & online voting - Kevin Smiley. Kevin, Linda, Andy, and Jill are willing to stay another year. Sherry would like to step down due to work schedule. Alline has been nominated for secretary by Jill Jenkins.
- e. Meeting and event date updates (see end of report)

VIII. New Business

- a. Highlighting student and program accomplishments - Make sure our program is highlighted in both community and fundraising efforts. MB could be part of making connections with community in new ways (such as recording performance snippets for public viewing) Parent organizations could be a great resource for us in accomplishing this.
- b. Fundraising options - Fundraising letter was not sent in spring 2020 due to COVID issues, but could consider again for fall/winter. Re-evaluate fundraising list we have and revise for new efforts.
- c. Connect with new superintendent - Takes office July 15, 2020. Previous superintendents have had strong relationships with music programs. We need to help

foster same relationship with new superintendent. Meet with him before annual meeting?

- d. Used instrument sale - Saturday, Sept 12, 2020 at WMS. Eileen will reserve room. Last year worked well having on same day as West Band car wash. Doug Downer will look into this. Emerick Dee brought up fact that the WMS Little Theater is currently under construction.
- e. August meeting at Left Foot Charlie - social gathering and meet/greet
- f. Shop Your Community Day application - Jodi Simpson will look into this and handle the details if offered to us this year. Perhaps we could pass out info regarding this at the Used Instrument Sale in September. Nancy Will discussed that Target now also has something similar to this.
- g. Thomas Vieira, CHS Band Director - welcome card or other gesture, Thomas loves coffee so maybe a gift card to a local coffee shop?
- h. Securing parent organization leaders to serve on MB board - needs to be a priority this year. Hoping for members who are willing to step into MB leadership as school year goes on. Having meetings on Zoom may help by making easy to attend.
- i. \$100 was appropriated to Philip Leete's family for daughter, Madelyn. Card will be sent with donation.

IX. Open Forum

- a. One mini grant unused due to COVID changes. Kim Teachout received money again for Montessori string program and would like to reapply for grant again next year.
- b. Jill spoke about scholarships. Few students were using money for summer camps, which have been cancelled. Also, many students were unable to get lessons completed due to COVID. Could MB be flexible in allowing scholarships to be extended or used next summer instead? Will be discussed at August budget meeting when we know more about our account status.
- c. Wendee wondering if we're doing fall Google doc for student information like we did last year? Appropriate for FB post? Would parent organizations share their contact information with MB? Address further at August meeting?

X. Move to Close Meeting at 7:44 p.m. by Andy Richards . Second by Linda Blakkan.

Respectfully submitted by Sherry L. Richards, Secretary

Meeting and Event Dates (Proposed 2020-2021)

Tuesday, August 18, 2020 6:30 via Zoom E-board meeting for budget discussion

Tuesday, August 25, 2020 6:30 pm Social Gathering at Left Foot Charlie

Saturday, September 12, 2020 9:00 am - Used Instrument Sale -TC West Middle School

Thursday, September 24, 2020 7:00 pm Annual Mtg @ CHS Orchestra Room

Tuesday, November 17, 2020 6:30 pm Regular Meeting

Tuesday, January 12, 2021 6:30 pm Regular Meeting

Wednesday, February 3, 2021 3:30 pm East, West MB Scholarship Auditions

Tuesday, April 13, 2021 6:30 pm Regular Meeting

Thursday, May 27, 2021 7:00 pm Music Booster Benefit Concert @ CHS

Tuesday, June 15, 2021 6:30 pm Regular Meeting