



OE BAND BOOSTER MEETING MINUTES

Submitted for approval by: Kim Van Dyke

DATE: Tuesday, October 8, 2019

TIME: 7pm

LOCATION: Olathe East Band Room

PRE-MEETING ACTIVITIES

No pre-activities. Appx. 30 parents were in attendance.

BAND BOOSTER AGENDA TOPICS

Welcome

Meeting Minutes-

- September 2019 Booster Meeting Minutes Approved

Get Connected:

- Check the website for the most up to date information. www.oeband.com
- Join the boosters private Facebook group (search for Olathe East Band Boosters- private booster page is different than the public band page).
- Email questions to band leadership at oebsbandboosters@gmail.com
- Follow us on Twitter, Instagram, and Snapchat

TREASURER'S REPORT

- Budget reviewed.
- Suggested Contributions are picking up; however, not at budget yet. To make your contribution, please go to oeband.com home page and click on the Pay Membership Online and follow directions. If you have financial concerns, speak to Mr. Smikahl.
- Questions about the cost of Marching Accessories. Checks should be made out to Olathe East Bands.
 - Shoes- \$35.00
 - Gloves- \$5.00
 - Dry Fit Shirts- \$10.00- Mr. Smikahl has not charged for these at this time due to preparing for OMI and Band Competitions. Payment will be requested in November.

NEW BUSINESS-

Request from Mr. Smikahl for Booster Funds:

1. Travel expenses including airfare and hotel for Mr. Smikahl and Mrs. Creek to attend the Percussion BOA Familiarization meeting in Indianapolis. Final costs have not been determined; however, should be under \$1000.00- vote taken and approved.
2. Mr. Smikahl requested funds to have custom music for Percussion BOA. Advantage is the music would be performed for the first time ever at the BOA Percussion and if Olathe East commissions the music our name would forever be attached to the music. Funds requested \$1200- vote taken and approved.
3. Spirit wear site will be launched in the next couple of weeks on oeband.com. Stay tuned.



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MUSIC DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Smikahl provided the Music Director Report and had the following comments on current topics.

- October 26th- Olathe Marching Festival (OMI). Mr. Smikahl and Chairs Stephanie Bowen and Kerri Church spoke about the event and planning.
 - Focus for the next week will be to solicit local businesses to advertise in the program. Information packets were handed out to boosters in attendance and pleas were made to get out and try to encourage at least one business to buy an ad. This is a revenue and will help lower first year operating costs. Other revenue opportunities are: concessions, band entry fees, and audience entrance fees.
 - A volunteer signup will be available and communicated this next week. It will take 150+ volunteers from OE. Parents should be hearing more soon.
 - Latest and greatest Information is available at oeband.com or in Mr. Smikahl's emails. Save the date since this event will take all parents to be successful.
 - The goal has been met of having 13 bands sign up for the competition and we have 14 which is great for the first year.
 - OE and ONW will be performing shows as exhibition. OE will perform prior to caption awards in the afternoon approximately 4:30pm and ONW will perform prior to finals awards approximately 10 :30pm.
- October 12th- Shawnee Mission North Competition. 2 performances. The first performance will be mid-afternoon and finals in the evening. This will be a late night. Mr. Smikahl will send out an email on 10/09.
- October 19th- KS Bandmasters Competition in Topeka. Most competitive competition of the season. Mr. Smikahl will be sending an email with all the details. OE will perform at 4:15pm. Final bands will be announced soon after. This will be the latest night of the season.
- Football Playoff Games- Keep November open for the chance of playoff games. OE will play at home games only and Friday morning rehearsals will occur.
- There are only a few rehearsals left for marching season. *Heavy sighs from Senior Parents.*
 - Wednesday, October 9 at 7am
 - Monday, October 14 at 7am
 - Tuesday, October 15 at 7am
 - Friday, October 11 from 1-4
 - Friday, October 18 from 1-4
- No emails will no longer come through Charms. Mr. Smikahl has converted to Gradebook emails. If you are not receiving emails need to update emails through the school office.
- Percussion Parents Only: Students were provided an info sheet with the latest news for Indianapolis last week. If you have not seen it, please speak to your son/daughter. The district will be paying for Charter buses, portion of hotel costs, and portion of food costs. A payment to BOA will need to be made by October 15. Boosters are paying for the initial payment until parents have more information, then later the Boosters will be paid back from parents.
- Freshman Concert and Jazz Band performance on November 5, 7pm
- District Honor Band Auditions November 9, at OE.



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OLD BUSINESS (Items still outstanding from past meetings)

- Lincoln Test Drive numbers are still outstanding.
- Recruitment of new board members, chairs and co-chairs
- Band parents will need to start looking for big ticket items for February 2020 Bingo
- Looking ahead: Mr. Smikahl mentioned that in the future (not the next couple of years) that he would like the band program to invest in a semi-trailer so the annual expenses of renting a box truck could be removed. We could buy more trailers to pull but this would increase the need of parent drivers and personal vehicles being used. With the semi-trailer, we would hire a CDL driver to drive to all day competition events or BOA in St. Louis. Besides the semi-trailer costs there would be construction expenses to build out the inside of the trailer and custom painting for the outside of the trailer. The multi-level unit would hold all percussion instruments and band instruments and equipment.

BOOSTER FUNDRAISING EVENTS

If you have any ideas for fundraisers please contact a Booster member or email oehsbandboosters@gmail.com.

Happening now- Fall Final Survival Kits are gearing up for sales and will have another school wide push in November.

Coming soon-

- Cookie Dough Fundraiser for student accounts.
- Percussion Fundraisers for Indianapolis. Students to earn funds for their band accounts.
 - Hen House Sacking- Saturday, October 13. All shift slots have been filled.

CURRENT VOLUNTEER SIGNUP OPPORTUNITIES

- Groom and Plume Chaperones
- Hospitality
- Water
- Coming Soon: Olathe Marching Festival

Mr. Smikahl will be sending a links in emails and these are also posted on oeband.com members only section. Password Hawks or find the Signup Button on the Home Page of oeband.com.

UPCOMING EVENTS UNTIL NEXT BOOSTER MEETING

10/11- Marching Rehearsal

10/12- Brigade Marching Competition- Shawnee Mission North

10/13- Percussion Fundraiser- Hen House

10/18- Marching Rehearsal



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10/19- KBA Competition

11/01- Potential Football Playoff

11/05- Freshman and Jazz Band Concert

11/08- Potential Football Playoff

11/09- District Band Auditions

NEXT BAND BOOSTER MEETING

Tuesday, January 14th, 2020 7:00pm in the Band Room.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm

POST-MEETING ACTIVITIES

No post activities.