



OE BAND BOOSTER MEETING MINUTES

Submitted for approval by: Kerri Church

DATE: Tuesday, September 1, 2020

TIME: 7:00 p.m.

LOCATION: Zoom Virtual Meeting

Pre-Meeting Activities

No pre-meeting activities. Appx. 54 parents were in attendance via Zoom due to the pandemic.

BAND BOOSTER AGENDA TOPICS

Welcome

Meeting Minutes-

- May 2020 Booster Meeting Minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report

- Contributions due to COVID19 were budgeted to be lowered from \$300 to \$175 for marching band and from \$100 to \$50 for concert band.
- Some of the field show expenses were already incurred last Spring but there were several other field show expenses that were able to be taken down to zero in the revised budget.
- For new parents to Olathe East Band it was mentioned that the Boosters exist to assist the band program with costs outside of the school budget and they hold fundraisers throughout the year to raise funds.
- The Quickbooks version that was being used for the accounting of the Booster funds was outdated and not supported any longer. The cost to update Quickbooks was \$200 and this amount was added to the accounting expense line item on the revised budget.
- It was noted that while things are different this year, there are routine maintenance/yearly expenses that need to be paid for each year. The budget for refreshments stayed what was originally budgeted as it was so that some type of year-end celebration can be done for the band.
- The revised 2020-2021 budget was approved.

Music Director's Report

- There will be a partial refund from the Indiannapolis trip. In about 2 months, parents of the 2019 - 2020 drumline students should get a refund of \$300.
- On-line band classes will play their instruments while learning remotely. Students will not play for the entire 90 minutes, there will be some team building and different things that will be done during breaks.
- Marching band will still do a show. There will be Monday evening rehearsals for everyone and Thursday morning rehearsals for the drumline. Wind players will not be able to start Monday night rehearsals until the performance masks and bell covers arrive. These items have been ordered and are being paid for out of Mr. Smikahls budget from the school district.
- Students who signed up for remote learning for the 1st semester have finally been added to the gradebook so Mr. Smikahl now has their email information and can reach out to them. He will do whatever he can to make their remote learning experience work. Remote learners will be able to participate in Monday night rehearsals.
- The students will have playing tests. They will record themselves and submit them.
- Grades will happen this semester. There will be playing tests.
- Mr. Smikahl is looking to purchase a Learning Management System (LMS) that is separate from what the school district is using. He has been looking into this for a while now but it is expensive and he will need booster help to pay for it. Other Olathe schools are also looking at buying a LMS as well.



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- We did have the Silent Auction last month and did well raising money through it but we did lose income by not having the BBQ, Lincoln Test Drive and Car Wash fundraisers.

- The band trip for the 2020 - 2021 year has been moved to the 2021 - 2022 school year. Mr. Smikahl will release trip information later this year so that trip payments can be made over 18 months to help spread it out. He is already working on securing hotels and buses as 7 schools in the area have already started booking for next school year.
- As of now we are not having a forms and fees night as right now the band isn't traveling so those forms are needed. If things change, then the forms will be made available but an in-person forms and fee night will not occur.
- Auditions will still be done for District Band and remote learners can still audition. Sousa Honor Band music is on the band website in the Member Only section. The password is Hawks.
- Please go to the website oeband.com and look on the left side towards the bottom for the following link to pay the suggested contribution for the year. The suggested contribution is \$175 for marching band students and if you have a second student in marching band then the discounted suggested contribution is \$100 for the second student. If your student is in concert band, the suggested contribution is \$50.



Booster Fundraising Events

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

Upcoming Events Until Next Booster Meeting

TBD due to pandemic.

Next Booster Meeting

TBD

Meeting adjourned at 7:49 pm



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POST-MEETING ACTIVITIES

- None