**AHS Music Booster Meeting**

**September 1, 2015**

**Attendees**:   Eric Posner, James Woomert, Katie Meloro, Kelly Meissner, Bonnie Frazee, Mistra Memarzadeh, Linda Corso, Joanna Casto, Julieta Riveral-Estrada, Chizuko Takemoto, Ed White, Hollis White, Cathy O’Brien, Lisa Armes, Erika Tyson, Lisa Rhodes, Therese Madden, Nancy McAlduff, Kelly White, Kitty O’Hara, Beth Shepard, Alex Tu, Sandra Battle, Ruth

**Handouts:** Sign-in Sheet, Minutes from June, Budget

**Meeting was called to order at 7:05pm in the band room**

**Booster President**

* Welcome to Katie Meloro, new choral director
* Minutes from June meeting were reviewed and approved
* Giant, Scripps, fundraising, and other fundraising programs were explained for the new parents.
* Orioles fundraiser was explained in detail.
  + We are in danger of losing this fundraiser if we continue to have a hard time meeting our minimum commitment. The music department families are not the majority of the volunteers from AHS and that means less money for our program. We need to decide what we can do for next year as the new contract will need to be signed by December. Training sessions start in January and opening day is April.
  + Suggestion from new parents to provide more detailed information on the program and what it takes to volunteer and the magnificent benefits to the program.
  + A new coordinator or a committee is needed for this year.
* Patrons is an easy way for families to donate money to the program

**Directors’ Report**

* James Woomert: A large number of freshman have joined us from 5 feeder programs. Working on technique building to get everyone on same page. The first annual Orchestra Picnic had a lot of attendance and was a big success.
* Katie Meloro: Choral director, also teaching Piano, Guitar, and music theory. Getting to know the school, the program, and the kids.
* Eric Posner: We now have 3 fully instrumented bands. They all sound great already and learning quick. Jazz band is TBD, soliciting interest from students.
* New instruments from county and fundraising of boosters are starting to come in.
* Thanks to Jordan family for working tirelessly to put the new choral risers together. Our old risers will go to a middle school in need.
* At this year’s mattress sale we sold 43 mattresses, a lot of pillows, frames, and protectors. Estimated $4K – 6K coming to the music department.
* Dr. Foose and Allen Kittleman visited Atholton on the first day of school and made a point to stop by Percussion Ensemble to see our band. On Oct. 22 Dr. Foose plans to recognize the Atholton band at the board of education meeting. We are now the only volunteer marching band in the county.

**Treasurer’s Report**

* Budget for the new year was shared and discussed
* Spring Trip is set at zero (see notes under new business)
* Projected gross income $45K, providing $40K to the music department, $75K remains in our savings.
* A vote was taken and the 2015-16 music boosters budget was approved.

**New Business**

* Concessions with Concerts or not? Food and drinks are not allowed not allowed in the auditorium limiting sales to during intermission. It was agreed that it would not make that much money. A vote was taken and it was decided to continue with having kids pass baskets at concerts for donations. Ed White agreed to coordinate.
* Wind Ensemble trip is in need of corporate sponsors. Bonnie Frazee has the form.
* Music Trips – Boosters has been running the administration of this trip, enforcement of county accounting policy is requiring us to move the administration of the trip to the school book keeper. We have met with the school and are in the process of working the details so the student accounts can still be used for the trips.
* We need someone to spearhead ordering Poinsettias for Winter Concert – Let Kelly Meissner know if you are interested.

**Committee Reports**

* **Fruit (Linda Corso and Lisa Lindberg)**
  + Waiting on Grove to provide pricing so we can get started with the program.
* **Giant (Lisa Armes)**
  + Giant cards are available at every meeting for purchase. We also encourage monthly subscriptions.
  + Credit to student accounts may take a few days to show up.
* **Marching Band Uniforms (Joanna Casto)**
  + All students have been fitted. At Saturday mini-camp we will provide new students with instructions on how to wear and care for their uniforms.
  + Shoes have arrived and will be handed out on Saturday at mini-camp
  + Some jackets were prematurely damaged. The company has agreed to repair them at half the cost.
* **Scrip (Cathy O’Brien)**
  + Many of the gift cards are available at the meeting, they can also be purchased online
* **Spirit Wear (Chizuko Takemoto, need a co-chair)**
  + New neon green T-Shirts have arrived. You might have seen them at back to school night.
  + To carry an inventory requires bulk orders which is a larger one-time cost and will require storage. We have explored on-line orders as an option, which raises the cost of each item and reduce the chances of people buying them. There was discussion on how to put the items at display more often/permanently, and give students an option to buy them more easily throughout the year.

**Meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm**