

ATHOLTON MUSIC

AHS MUSIC BOOSTER MEETING MINUTES

Date: November 5, 2020

Directors' Reports

Mr. Woomert – As HCPSS begins to explore hybrid models, I want to encourage you to work for what we will need to return. Wind instruments pose challenges to returning with in-person instruction. We will need instrument covers, disinfecting wipes for the music stands. There is other logistics that will go into planning a safe return. If we are in hybrid format the classes will be split in half, so we'll have between 13-20 in each band class at a time. That's more than manageable for the space that we have so I'm not as concerned about that, and I've begun planning what we might be able to work on in smaller groups. There's nothing we can do right now. However, I encourage you to take part in the Town Hall next week and pose questions to the Board & Superintendent about PPE for music students. HCPSM is staying out of it due to a split in its membership as to how the school year should proceed, so we need you to advocate for us and other programs for what we need in a return to in-person learning. If you're willing to ask some questions please contact Maggie Fischer (margaretfischer87@gmail.com). She has a long list of good questions that she can't ask by herself, please contact her tonight!"

Ms. Meloro – Choir singers are working on surviving virtual learning this semester, and we're doing our best despite multiple struggles involving technology and social-emotional wellness. We are slowing down the 'output' and focusing more on the 'input' when it comes to academic and musical products.

Mr. Posner – "Marching Band is finishing up with its final rehearsal on Monday. The students have worked really hard and the final products are in the process of being produced. We're hoping to have everything from the show and Carry On done for the Virtual Banquet on the 20th and will have a surprise production released in December. I want to sincerely thank all of the parents for their support of Marching Band continuing during the school closure.

Classes are going well. Concert Band students are getting better each day, and we're figuring out how to improve our system for rehearsal in the combined Symphonic Band/Wind Ensemble class.

President's Report -

- **Open positions** – We still actively seek folks to help with Recording Secretary, and specific fundraising chairpersons.
- **School Booster Meeting / Mr. Senisi** – Status. Margaret and Gisela attended the extended school booster meeting on October 21. The discussion centered on a school collection to donate to the Howard County Foodbank and/or Columbia Cares. It was discussed that the Music Boosters be able to support this. We discussed creating a donation button on our website with a minimum donation amount of \$10. Shortly after the Nov 5th meeting it was realized that

funds would not be able to be collected through our website. This is due to restrictions on non-profit organizations such that they may not collect money for any other purpose.

Treasurer's Report –

- We did share a treasurer's report due to Jen's availability. In the future, we will do our best to have a written report provided if the Treasurer is not available.

Committee Reports

- **Webmaster & Technology** – Patrick Callahan – No concerns or issues to discuss.
- **Restaurant Fundraiser** –Lori Rudolph – Currently two scheduled fundraising nights:
 - o Tuesday, November 10, 7:30 am - 7:30 pm: Corner Bakery - 15% pending final approval from restaurant
 - o Tuesday, November 24, 5:00 pm - 9:00 pm: Corner Stable - 15% - pending final approval from restaurant

Spirit Wear – Yvonne Fischer-Aein – Status presented by Van due to a schedule conflict. 105 items sold. The most popular items were the Hoodies, Flannel Pants, and Sweatpants. \$3,276.10 subtotal. \$3,907.60 grand total. \$410.36 shipping fee. \$221.14 Md sales tax. The commission for the site is \$519.03 and the commission checks for last month's sales will be sent out soon.

Yvonne proposes that we have another 'spring' sale during Feb. it can be 2 or 4 weeks long. And she would like to consider giving a survey to determine what should be offered.

Yvonne also asked if we would we like to do something special for our music seniors at the end of the school year? We didn't finalize this answer and it will be discussed again in December.

In addition to Yvonne's status, it was discussed that there were some spirit wear items left in the booster closet from a few years ago. It would be a smart idea to offer these for sale while we distribute and sell the cookbooks. Margaret Finegan agreed to take the lead on this.

- **Cookbooks** – Judie Jaquis – We are ready to start distribution of the cookbooks. We will coordinate a date/time/locations and volunteers to manage the distribution and we will offer the spirit wear items for sale at the same time.
- **Concert Uniforms** – Theresa Howarth – All of the returned uniforms have been cleaned and returned to the uniform closet at Atholton. Thank you to Ms. Meloro, Mr. Posner and Ms. Veslany for their help!! There are a few class of 2020 senior uniforms that are missing, but the directors have been notified whose are missing. In February or March, we will make a decision about collecting the remaining uniforms OR fitting students for uniforms if they don't have one. This will obviously depend on the possibility of in-person concerts. I will be

submitting my receipts for reimbursement for the last uniform cleaning in the next week.

- **Scripts** – N/A
- **Raven's** – N/A
- **Poinsetta Sales** – N/A
- **Marching Band Liaison** – Judie Jaquis – No concerns or issues to discuss
- **Marching Band Uniforms** – Wendy Sarney – No concerns or issues to discuss
- **Patrons & Corporate Patrons** – Van Doan – No concerns or issues to discuss

New Fundraising ideas without a Chairperson

Krispy Kreme Fundraising – In the future we would need a chairperson and we must verify the possibility and details for this fundraising idea.

New Topics:

No new topics discussed.

Next Meeting will be December 3rd at 7pm.