



AHS MUSIC BOOSTER AGENDA

Date: September 17, 2020

Call to Order – 7:02

June Meeting Minutes Approved

Directors' Reports

Mr. Woomert – We are in the swing of things now and it is going pretty well. Last week we did community building, and it was nice to develop relationships. Currently we are playing music, but everyone is muted so they can hear me and themselves. Our goal this semester is to make multiple ensembles if possible, with students submitting videos or audios, then editing and creating. We have limited bandwidth, but even with our problems it's going pretty well and we are enjoying the video assignments.

Ms. Meloro – Virtual music is an experience! It hurts to not be in person with our students, but at least we are together. My schedule could become a problem – first semester is a small group and second semester could have a heavy workload. I was able to add Ms. Veslany to the invite list (thank you!). With the tight budget we must be creative, and it is important to share music when possible.

Mr. Posner – It's great to have the kids back – but this is hard on us. We miss making music together. Marching Band started second week of August. Thanks to Judie for delivering the signs, hats, and shirts to the students. I have received great feedback from the students. The amazing staff/team who assist with MB have all agreed to work this year, for what amounts to an Amazon gift card. We are grateful! MB will be creating a video performance. In school, the decision was made to combine symphonic and wind ensemble, which now has 70 students. Most likely the symphonic wind ensemble will produce an audio performance. It is possible that the football season could happen in March. If that is the case then, yes, we will have MB if the county allows. At this point it is uncertain if our program will be on the field or marching. We will "play this by ear" (ha, ha), and we will participate as much as we are allowed.

Note: To create the video performances, our engineer has stated that 3 minutes of performance requires approximately 15 hours of work.

President's Report (Margaret and Gisela)

- **The 20-21 Budget** – was approved in June. In the future, we will be sure to include a copy of the budget when we distribute the related meeting minutes.
- **Open positions** – We will actively seek folks to help with the following positions: Recording Secretary, Orchestra Liaison and Choir Liaison. In addition, specific fundraising chair positions will be solicited. It was noted that a "fundraising chair" position might be overwhelming, and we need to keep positions manageable.

- **Face Masks** – If we are interested in a face-mask fundraiser, Alexander (MB staff) can have them made for us. If we do this, we would only be creating “Atholton Music” masks. We would not want to step on any PTA toes for this project. If we find a chairperson for this project, Mr. Posner will give us Alexander’s contact information.
- **Charms** – The refund check was received.

Treasure’s Reports

Yippee, good news from the accountant!

- A refund check from HCPSS was received for \$450 for the canceled after-school program.
- We have received \$1600 in donations (3 x’s \$500 + \$100)
- Jen has distributed the donation thank you letter to the officers for review (and we made minor updates). This will be used to thank patrons for supporting Music Boosters.
- We want the Booster families to actively advertise for donations on our personal social media accounts. The Officers will write something that can be used by anyone who is interested. Patrick recommended that he create a support/donation “landing-page” on musicboosters.org. With this, individuals can choose from the multiple options to support our organization.

Committee Reports

- **Restaurant Fundraiser** – Van will reach out to Lori Rudolph to be sure she will be scheduling restaurant fundraisers this year. Per last year’s discussions, we are planning on 5 or 6 restaurant nights this year.
- **Spirit Wear** – Thank you to Yvonne Fischer-Aein for all your work setting up the spirit wear website with the vendor. Our sale is in progress and will close on October 5th. We were not able to get a “progress report” from the vendor. Fingers are crossed for great sales and profits!!
- **Cookbooks** – Thank you to Judie Jaquis for all her work thus far on the cookbooks, and an extra thank you to the Callahan’s for volunteering to organize and communicate the online ordering. Van will create the PayPal link and the fee will be added to the customer charge. Deadline for orders will be Oct 12, giving us plenty of time to distribute before the winter holidays. The shipment will be sent to one of our houses (we have options), and we will schedule pick-up session(s) at the school to distribute.
- **Concert Uniforms** – Theresa Howarth needs the updated class lists to verify which uniforms which still needed to be returned. Approximately 20 uniforms are outstanding. In addition, she needs to submit receipts for reimbursement. Yes, that can be done electronically – just take a picture of the receipts and send that in. There are 4 or 5 bins of clean uniforms that are ready to be returned to school and there are uniforms at school (possibly a mountain), that should be taken to the cleaners. Ms. Melono and Ms. Veslany will meet Theresa on Wednesday to manage the swap. Organization will be done when we are back in school.

- **Scripts** – Rukmini Classon investigated what virus-safe options are available for selling Scripts cards. They launched an app in July, but it is still in testing. In addition, they hope to offer direct shipments to customers starting in October. Last year we had \$675 in leftover Giant Cards. ThankScripting days are offered a few times during the year. We will wait until October to make Script sale decisions.
- **Raven's** – Nothing Planned.
- **Marching Band Uniforms** – We did not get a new status regarding MB uniforms this month, but once the school is opened, we will need to coordinate the organization of everything.
 - o Judie has distributed the bulk of the MB gifts including the water bottles, pencils, yard signs, show shirts, and hats.
 - o We would like to offer the MB Jackets again. Mr. Posner will respond to Sam and she will get this started.
- **Patrons & Corporate Patrons** – Van will reach out to our corporate patrons, but with so many businesses shut down and struggling, it will be difficult. Mr. Gales donated a set of cello strings, which is generous and saves us \$600. We want more people to join and post fun topics to our Facebook page, so we are doing more than asking for money. We want to encourage students to record and post on our group Facebook.

New Fundraising Possibilities

Fruit Sales – We will not do the fruit sale fundraiser again. It was labor intensive and did not generate enough profit.

Ford Test Drive – Ford Auto has a fundraising program for school groups. They donate \$20 per test drive, and there is no purchase necessary. The program has been canceled this year due to Covid-19. We want to set this program up in the future when it is available again <https://www.drive4urschool.com/>.

Krispy Kreme Fundraising - This fundraiser generates up to 50% profit, and at least one of us was hungry for doughnuts! We will find a Krispy Kreme Chair and schedule this fundraiser.

Requesting Donations – We will actively request donations from our friends and extended families on our social media sites. The details for this were discussed during the Treasure's report, earlier in the meeting.

New Topics:

Document Storage - Margaret created a new folder in G Suite to store .pdf documents. Atholtonmusic@atholtonmusic.org– 20/21 Booster Docs. Please contact Margaret if there are questions or problems accessing this.

Communication - Our group should be using Slack for communication. This will help us to share and reference information with others. Review the Slack tutorial if needed <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m2JuAa6-ors&feature=youtu.be> and contact Margaret if there are questions.

Leadership Updates – The team must email Patrick to make updates on atholtonmusic.org.

Meeting Adjourned 8:14

Next Meeting will be October 1st at 7pm.