

## SAINT FRANCIS MUSIC BOOSTERS MEETING MINUTES

### SPECIAL MEETING – SCHOLARSHIPS

March 18, 2009 6:30pm

#### Attendees:

Susan Lyles  
Marilyn Glavin  
Paul Oestreich  
Gina Manske  
Josh Manske  
Theresa Beaudry  
Lisa Czarniak  
Mary Czarniak  
Joe Magestro  
Katie Boknevit  
Rebecca Kennedy  
Janet Kennedy  
Marisa Roch  
Joshua Barker

The Chair called the meeting to order and suggested that Mr. Oestreich read any prepared statements from students who couldn't come. Only one was received: Jillian Lyles. She suggested that there be a 4-year requirement for scholarships as well as participation in all required events.

Theresa Beaudry suggested that students should meet a majority of criteria instead of fulfilling all of the criteria to compensate for special circumstances (e.g. a student with 4 years of participation, but who participated less than another student with 3 years of participation). Mr. O would then make the determination on who should get the scholarships. She also suggested that involvement in post-secondary music should be a requirement for the scholarship, or at least if there were a greater and less of two scholarships for the greater. Lastly, she suggested that there be an application where students can express their own personal story and why they deserve the scholarship (especially if they meet some, but not all of the criteria). The students also agreed that there should be an A-average for the years of participation in music.

Mrs. Lyles suggested that we replace the scholarships with money used for camps/lessons instead of for scholarships. Students who are interested do their own fundraising for the activity and the boosters sets aside an amount of money to help cover the costs for those activities. Joey shared that he has always had to decline camp offers because of their cost, but has heard from someone who went that it was an amazing experience and he believes it could be very valuable. He said that the boosters could run a fundraiser for the students that are interested in going to do to raise the money for the costs. Marisa and Katie agreed with Joey and suggested that students would get more out of that than scholarship money.

Mrs. Manske offered an opposing opinion by sharing that her sons, while extremely dedicated to music, would not be able to take off of work during summer to attend a music camp and that she would rather see the scholarships continue because even if they were for a small amount of money, anything helps

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(especially when you're sending twins at the same time!). The group discussed the idea of having two different scholarships and how the dollar amounts would be determined. Mr. Oestreich said that the only fair way to handle the dollar amounts would be to have two fixed amounts that do not change based on how many eligible seniors there are in a given year. He suggested that there would be an ebb and flow with some years having many and some only few and that the boosters would be responsible for having enough money to cover those years where there are many deserving seniors. Joey suggested that we could make raising money mandatory.

Mr. O asked about the transcript rule and the present majority expressed an interest in keeping that rule and adding a deadline for transcripts to be turned in.

Mrs. Glavin thanked all for attending the meeting and the chair adjourned.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30pm

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Glavin and Mr. Oestreich, acting secretaries