

SAINT FRANCIS MUSIC BOOSTERS MEETING MINUTES

March 25, 2009 6:30pm

Attendees:

Susan Lyles
Sarah Calderon
Marilyn Glavin
Amy Braun-Gross
Paul Oestreich
Kathy Doty
Beth Lewis
Mary Czarniak
Lisa Czarniak
Joe Magestro

I. Officer Reports

Susan Lyles gave the President's report, stating that the board members recently had a meeting at the library. She also thanked the teachers and everybody involved in the Open Mic Night at Fixx Coffee House, and stated that she'd received a lot of nice feedback. She felt it was important for parents to meet the new teachers and see what the music program was working on.

Marilyn Glavin reported that \$166 was donated to the Music Boosters Association during the open mic event, including \$75 from Shari Franz, the owner of Fixx. The total in our account at this time is \$5,426.12. Mrs. Lewis was recently given \$80 to help defray costs for a school music trip to a recorder ensemble at UW-M.

Amy Braun-Gross reported that she submitted the minutes for the last meeting to be put online.

II. Approval of Minutes

Mrs. Doty saw one thing from the minutes of the January 28th meeting that needed correction. Item number 4 should be changed from "Music Department" to "Administration." Marilyn made a motion to amend the minutes and Sarah seconded the motion. All were in favor of amending the minutes, none opposed. In the February 25th minutes, item number 6, the craft fair stated that it was set for 4/25, and it should also say that the backup date is 5/9. Marilyn made the motion to approve the minutes as amended. Mrs. Doty seconded the motion. All present were in favor of amending the minutes, none opposed. Mr. O updated the minutes as approved and will post them online.

III. Committee Reports

The Fixx open mic night went well. Mr. Terry Junker was very pleased. Some students were asking for this to be repeated every month. There was discussion that maybe it could be done once per semester. The next one would have to be done early in the school year due to holiday performance schedules by the music departments. Mrs. Doty suggested that a thank you to Fixx

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be posted on the Music Boosters website. A parent told her that night was really fun. We also wanted to say a big thank you to Terry for all of his work.

The craft/vendor fair update is as follows: Heather Page sent out a call for vendors. So far, ten have signed up and five have paid for their booths. The committee will check business cards collected from last year's vendors against this year's list. Volunteers are needed for advertisement on teacher websites, to put the information on the school website and the Music Boosters website, advertisement in the NOW and on the high school outdoor sign. Mr. O's students will volunteer to run concessions, and Marilyn will buy the food to be sold. Fliers will be put in the Wednesday packets on 4/22, 4/29 and 5/6. Heather Page has ads out on Craigslist and Milwaukee Moms. Susan will contact the Post to inquire about advertising and Marilyn will check into community bulletin boards. Mrs. Doty will revise the flier and get it out to request vendors. Prior to the event, Mr. O and some of his students, Mrs. Lewis and Marilyn will do the taping in the gym. Marilyn will also write receipts for the vendors who have paid for their booths. Each vendor is being asked to donate an item for a raffle. There was some discussion whether it should be a silent auction rather than a raffle. Mr. O submitted the fundraiser form to Mr. DiStefano and Ms. Topinka. If it is decided that a silent auction will be held, a volunteer will be needed to run it.

The scholarship committee report minutes are online. The group tonight discussed scrapping the scholarships in favor of music camp, weekly lessons or instrument rental for students unable to afford such. It was decided to table the discussion at this time, and review will be ongoing. The group reviewed the scholarships that were awarded last year. Mrs. Doty made a motion for 2- \$300 and 1- \$150 scholarship, to be determined by application to the Music Boosters. Sarah seconded the motion. Marilyn amended the motion to 2-\$150 scholarships. Susan made a motion for 2-\$300 and 2-\$200 scholarships and Marilyn seconded the motion. All present were in agreement, none opposed. The criteria for being awarded a scholarship was discussed, including such ideas as how long the student has been involved with his/her area of music (i.e. band, choir), why the student felt they should receive an award, should the student be required to have four years of involvement, or an A average? Mr. O made a motion that being in a major ensemble for at least 3 years, A average, application and continue in music were several factors to be considered for the larger scholarship, and the student should meet a majority of these factors. Mrs. Doty seconded the motion. All were in favor, none opposed. Discussion followed on who should receive the application. They should get submitted to the Board (board members and teachers) and then should Mr. O make the decision on his own, or should the board members be involved? It was suggested that Mr. O get all the applications and submit them to the board members with his recommendations. The board would then vote. Sarah made a motion to accept this decision and Mrs. Doty seconded the motion. All present in favor, none opposed. It was then discussed whether the transcript rule in effect for last year's scholarship winners should remain in effect. Susan made a motion to keep the transcript rule in effect, and have it turned in to the high school music teacher by 2/15/10. The information explaining this requirement will be included with the reward letter to the student. Amy seconded this motion. All present in favor, none opposed. Mr. O will find the application used last year. He will then make an application that reflects these decisions and give it to the students.

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IV. Old Business

There was discussion regarding price quotes for Music Association t-shirts. Marilyn and Mr. O are getting price quotes from vendors.

V. New Business

All members of the association need to continue to work on bringing new members in to expand the group membership. There was a request made by Mr. O and Mrs. Lewis for medals to be purchased for the participants of Solo & Ensemble. Marilyn made a motion to purchase the medals and Amy seconded the motion. All present in favor, none opposed. Mrs. Lewis was not given an update like she had thought, regarding the Deer Creek band room. This will continue to be updated as new information is received. The teachers are working on a plan for Mrs. Doty to help Mrs. Lewis team-teach, and get band students involved beginning in 5th grade rather than 6th. Susan spoke to the School Board, and will introduce the St. Francis Music Boosters to the School Board at their meeting on 4/6 at 6:30. The teachers will all be present. Mrs. Doty is having a talent show at Willow Glen for the Fine Arts Night on May 7th. Deer Creek Fine Arts Night will be on May 14th, and band and choir students will have required performances. The high school student recital will be on April 8th, and will be optional for extra credit. Amy and Mrs. Doty will work together for volunteers for WG's Fine Arts Night. Mr. O will update on the high school music program, and is meeting with the SFHS principal regarding schedules and course offerings for the upcoming school year. He'd like to do something with the percussion section, and would like a marimba. Would the Music Boosters be willing to help pay for this instrument? There will be a minimum of 10 percussion players in high school band next year. There was discussion about other fund raising ideas, including doing a car wash, and doing Bingo at the St. Francis Community Center on Wednesday or Friday nights. There was also a suggestion that a decision be made on a night to have Music Boosters meetings, and get it on the school district calendar for the upcoming school year. The deadline for submitting calendar information is June 1st.

The next meeting will be April 29th at Layton Gardens restaurant at 6:30 PM.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Calderon, Vice President