Grand Island Instrumental Booster Meeting

Minutes from November 05, 2013

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:07 p.m.
2. In Attendance: Diana Nobumoto, Kim Kalman, Marty Allen, Matt Ells, Kathy Franz, Patty Cultrara, Lisa Ackendorf, Chris Sheehan, Kathy MacIntyre, Sue Wolcott, Patty Shaw, Mary Jane Fonte, Stephan Kovacs & Linda Christiano. The minutes from the October 5th meeting were approved.
3. Treasurers Report: Mike Dudley was absent from meeting.
4. Fundraising Report: (Sue Wolcott)
5. Current Student-

* Sue Wolcott mentioned there was an excessive amount of missing orders from the Zap A Snack Fundraiser. Marty said he sent an email to the company to make them aware of the missing orders and was expecting an email back in regards to the re delivery of the missing products. He also mentioned the possibility of looking around at different companies to see what is out there in regards to other options for the next fundraiser.
* Diana Nobumoto: (Fruit Sale) Diana spoke that the Fruit Sale will end on Tuesday the 12th of Nov. They will be counting the money from the sale on Thursday the 14th-looking for counters and will let them know of the time after talking to Valerie Gaydosh. Delivery will be on Saturday, Dec 14th. The online orders seem the same as years past. Diana also mentioned that we raised the prices a bit this year because the distributer (Indian Groves) raised their prices to us. The amount of profit per box sold is 40% or a bit more on others.

1. Current Booster-

* Calendar: Diana mentioned there is still a bunch left. She is still selling them at every concert etc. We have about 40 left from the initial order placed. Diana said we will lower the prices of the calendars after the Fall Concerts are over to try to sell them all.
* Cookie Sale: Mary Jane Fonte said that each cookie baker should send in 4 dozen cookies – no store bough to the 12/3 meeting or dropped off before the 12/12 concert between 5:30- p.m. Not all cookies will be prepackaged by the dozen this year as a lot of people like to pick and choose which cookies they wanted in their dozen. Volunteers are still needed for set up 5:30-6:30 and for cleanup for the Cookie Sale, which will be held at the Holiday Concert on 12/12.- She will put all this into an email that will go out to the Booster Membership. Mary Jane said the profit from the Cookie Sale last year was $625.00
* Casino Night: Diana spoke on the move to Sandy Beach Yacht Club on 1/18/2014. Diana talked about getting a couple casino style games and to possibly giving the night a “Monte Carlo” theme. We talked about the possibility of businesses sponsoring a table/horse to help raise more money along with getting most of the food donated. Kim Kalman and Diana opened up conversation among membership about donations for the event.

1. Secretary’s Report-Kim Kalman mentioned the current number of Booster Members is 57.
2. Upcoming Projects-

* Artist in Residence/Commissioned Pieces: Mr. Ells talked about how Emily Schadd will be coming in next Thursday and Friday to work with the students. They will be developing a plan to cover the next few months and she will come back and play at the Spring Kaleidoscope Concert. He also mentioned and requested the Boosters purchase a flower arrangement to put on stage during the February Kaleidoscope Concert to honor and remember Miss Remson who recently passed away. Mary Jane Fonte volunteered to make ribbons for the musicians to wear in Miss Remson’s memory. Mr. Ells also brought up the possibility of selling carnations and having the monies go to one of Miss Remson’s charities of choice. Mr. Ells would like the Kaleidoscope Concert also be an “Alumni” String concert in honor of Miss Remson. Open discussion continued on the different ways, social media etc. to find Alumni that would to come back and play. He would like to know by December so he count them in and work on getting them music etc.

1. Trip Info-

* Mr. Allen and Mr. Ells sent home the trip paperwork/itinerary with each student. The students total fundraising dollars were noted on the sheets as well, which does not include the fruit sale. The initial paperwork is due to be signed and returned to them by Tuesday the 12th. They will be going over the details more specifically with the travel agent after the students return their forms. Discussion continued on the itinerary –hoping to keep the total dollar amount per student to $600.00 or hopefully less. That will be determined as the trip gets closer. The kids presented different spots in Washington to Mr. Allen and discussion will continue on the definite spots that we will tour while on the trip.

1. Directors Report-Mr. Allen discussed the Mid-West Clinic Competition – He contacted Kleinhans for rehearsal/taping information and they want $3000 per day to rent – Mr. Allen is currently trying to contact other schools that would be interested in sharing the day and splitting the cost. So far, Lancaster is interested and we are still in the preliminary stages of planning these date/details. He mentioned that Lancaster would also be interested in having a combined concert with us. He also mentioned that Mark Custom Recording Service would charge us $250.00 for the recording fee and the post studio work. His next step is sitting down with our Administration and going over all details of the trip/clinic - Open discussion among members about what the Mid West is and the details of the trip. This is all in the preliminary stages. Mr. Allen then discussed the schools he has contacted thus far in regards to holding our final school concert at. He has contacted Nichols. –they worried about the size of our Concert Band fitting on their stage. Lisa Ackendorf offered to help by talking to one of her contacts at the school. Communication continued about the different schools they have contacted, such as, Niagara Falls, Slee Hall, Rockwall Hall, Williamsville North Etc.
2. Capital Project Update: There is no update-
3. Announcements: Our next meeting will be held on 12/3 at 6:30 p.m. (earlier time) due to a Kaegebein Concert happening after our meeting.
4. Adjournment-

* Meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.