

Monroe Instrumental Music Booster Club

Executive Board Meeting

January 3, 2025

Present: Graham Westley, Amy Allen, Nate Lockhart, Heather Lockhart, Greta Prahm, Shelly Aulph, Beth Trpevski. Montana Crawford via Zoom

Directors Report: Graham Westley

MSBOA District Band Festival is coming up February 8th. Monroe Public Schools apparently has a fund to pay student fees for participating in the MSBOA. Times when band and individual can perform can be requested but is not guaranteed.

Disney trip plan reviewed. There are a total of 95 individuals registered for the trip. Disney requires 50 students for performance at Magic Kingdom. Currently there are 49 Band students registered. Choir and Orchestra do not have enough students registered to perform at Disney as of yet.

Disney required a video submission of the band marching. Mr. Westley is working on finding an appropriate video.

Concerns continue regarding the cost of the Disney trip. Will consider reducing the trip to 4 day for a cost of \$2100 rather than \$2700. A google form poll will be sent to parents to assess interest if price of the trip is dropped. Beth Trpevski will construct the poll.

Mr. Westley reports the Band Camp Director will be appointed by the band director and will not be a standing committee of the MIMBC. The director needs to be an MPS employee.

Mr. Westley expressed a desire to increase support for the orchestra students. When budget planning begins for next year, he would like to identify specific needs of the orchestra student and budget accordingly.

Montana Crawford

The orchestra students will have the opportunity to play in the MSBOA festival. The dates are to be determined.

There will be a combined Monroe Middle School and Monroe High School Orchestra pre-festival performance. Date and time to be announced.

Less than 10 orchestra students have registered for the Disney trip as of one month ago.

Treasure Report

Significant concerns continue regarding the cost of the Disney trip. Reducing the length of the trip to 4 days which will decrease the price to \$2100.00 may increase registration.

Distribution of the funds received from fundraising activities was reviewed.

Students who have worked at the concession stand or personally sell a product or ticket (Mums, Wreaths, Bowling Tickets) will be given personal credit in their respective Cut Time accounts.

All other monies will be placed in the general fund for organizational use.

Concern raised that personal deposits into student accounts may violate IRS rules was discussed. Upon review of the IRA rule, it was determined that these personal deposits do not violate the personal benefit rules for non-profit organizations. These monies are going to further the nonprofit mission of the organization.

Concession stand donations to student accounts for volunteer service at the stand were reviewed. This may represent payment and thus the volunteer would be in the same category as an employee and may be subject to federal tax. IRS rules state a non-profit does not have to report earnings unless the payment is greater than \$100.00 in a calendar year.

For the upcoming Bowling fund raiser on January 25, students will receive \$5.00 credit to their CutTime accounts with each ticket sold.

A Raffle was discussed for a fundraiser. State of Michigan rules were reviewed. The organization must meet certain criteria as defined by the Charitable Gaming Division of the State of Michigan. Documents showing non-profit status will need to be filed. The rules stipulate that the ticket seller (student) can not receive payment for their ticket selling service. Only incentive prizes will be allowed such as a prize for top ticket seller, the person who sold the winning ticket, ect. The license for raffle prized greater that \$500.00 would cost \$50.00.

Concessions

The three-door cooler needs to be repaired or replaced. A repair man will cost \$120-\$140 to come and assess the cooler. Nate reports he has an individual who is willing to assess the cooler for no cost as well as another person who would charge above rates. Equipment repair costs are a budgeted item.

Replacement of the cooler with new would be very expensive. There may be an opportunity to buy a used cooler at a reasonable price. Another option is to contact Pepsi bottling for arrangement of exclusively carry Pepsi products in exchange for the company providing a cooler.

Discussion of concession use for other sports was tabled to a later date. May be willing but we need a solid plan for both organizations to benefit.

Piano Wars

Date and location have not been firmly decided. The time was narrowed to the weekend of February 21st, 22nd, 23rd.

RiverRaisin Banquet facility was used last year for a discounted rental fee of \$200 due to our nonprofit status. Kerri Williams helped facilitate the rental and the plan is to contact her again this year. Another options are the Monroe Boat Club but the layout is not ideal. St Georges hall and the UAW hall were discussed as possible venues also.

Ticket prices will be determined based on costs.

Amy Allen, Heather Lockhart and _____ will head this activity.

Bylaws.

Extensive review and revision of the organization's constitution were undertaken with many updates purposed. The new document with changes will be submitted for review and approval at a future booster meeting.