GRANT HIGH SCHOOL INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC PROGRAM
BOOSTERS MINUTES 5/12/20

The Grant High School Instrumental Music Program Boosters meeting was held Tuesday, May 12th, 2020 at 6:30 pm. Meeting called to order by Kelly McCollum. In attendance: Kelly McCollum, President; MaryBeth Hernandez, Secretary; Cheryl McClure; Joe Helfer; Brian McFadden, GHS Music Director; Jolene McGee, Treasurer; Sara Freedman, Hospitality; Ron Meyers, SSOJ Co-Chair; Susan Hanson, President-Elect; Laura Hancock

Minutes:

The minutes from the last meeting, February 18, 2020, were approved. They have been posted to the website.

Treasurer's Report:

Beginning balance - $43,088.10

Monthly Income (Feb 18 - March 13) - $737.00

Expenses (Feb 18 - March 13) - $6,654.10

Ralph Erwin Scholarship Funds - $5,555.91

Total ending balance - $37,171.00

Usable funds – $31,615.09

-Some expenses will be reimbursed due to cancellations – plan to donate back $100 of the Clackamas Community College Jazz Festival reimbursement to help cover the costs of adjudicators that were already paid

Band Director's Report:

General Info:

- Class meetings with students focused on their well-being and music appreciation – not giving busy work – creating welcome video for incoming 8th graders

- Audition music was just posted for next year's groups – Brian has communicated with middle school band programs – current students have received info and can record auditions and send in - there are instructions in google classroom

- Students have been very kind and mature in their handling of all this change

Next Year's Trip:

- Hoping for April 2021 in $600-$800 range

- Canada has been discussed in past but not currently recommended to leave country

- San Francisco or Seattle

    - SF trip was difficult due to amount of time on bus, flying would increase cost a lot
    - Seattle provides a lot of opportunity for performances and clinics in venues that students haven't typically experienced even if they have been to Seattle

- Possibility of trip insurance – may no longer be optional

- Discussion around whether to plan a trip with the risks surrounding COVID and potential of needing to cancel – also many schools this year needed to cancel so will be a more crowded travel time – Brian leaning toward no travel due to uncertainty but concerned about the impact to seniors

- An alternate could be some form of weekend retreat to a camp or the coast with a venue to bring in a clinician per day – kids still want that time together even if not travelling far

Senior Recognition Brainstorming since there cannot be a concert:

- Brian would still like to give senior blanket – maybe some form of drive-by pick up "ceremony" – maybe some musicians playing at appropriate distances

- Seniors are going to create collage "Class of 2020" to hang in band room – maybe begin a tradition of doing this each year

- Create a video with younger students giving "thank you" messages to seniors

- Possibility of a virtual music performance by seniors – maybe play the graduation march with pics of seniors posted

Action Items:

- Brian will talk to Admin about the possibility of the drive-by blanket gifting

Communications:

- Nothing to report

Action Items:

- Erica will include My Vice and Trailhead Roasters in newsletter (trailhead is delivering coffee orders by bike)

Fundraising:

Mattress Sale: Not discussed

Coffee: One student sold 15 bags and didn't have chance to turn in payment – Jolene sent email but did not receive response – Jolene can share student with Brian and he can talk to that student individually via google classroom – if they are still open encourage families to support

SSOJ:

- Total income: $16,943 – comparable to previous years
- Expenses: $4,622.71
- Profit: $12,320.29
- Event went very well and brought in a significant amount of money for the band program
- SSOJ is very labor intensive – discussed possibility of having a nice dinner and concert without the auction – fancier plated meal with a higher ticket price and an appeal
    - Discussed that extra room with auction items helping with crowd control in main room – may want to discuss different venue with larger room – this could also increase the number of tickets we sell as we could open up ticket sales to community not just band families

- Would need to spend more in food
- Some people really enjoy the silent auction, students have expressed feeling very appreciated by seeing how much people donate
- Will continue to discuss in the fall
- Laura is willing to work on procurement again next year

Action Item: BF Double check if coffee has been paid for – Jolene doesn't recall paying

Positions that need to be filled:

- President-elect
- Treasurer (Jolene has agreed to stay on to help train new person next year)
- If have ideas contact Kelly
- Elections next month for positions that people will continue
- Elections in fall for new officers

Action Item:

- Each board member send Kelly 2-3 names

Next Meeting: All parents are invited to attend the next Booster meeting on Tuesday June 9th at 6:30pm via Google Meets

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm.