PTMB Booster Minutes for April 20, 2020

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was held via ZOOM (remote video conferencing), due to social-distancing requirements. The meeting was called to order by Rochelle Koerbel at 5:04 p.m.

**MINUTES**

Kristin Taylor made a motion to approve last month’s minutes with a 2nd by Elizabeth Hardy. Approval passed unanimously.

**TREASURER’S REPORT**

Amy Petro shared her screen and presented the Treasurer's Report.

The General Account balance started at $88,632. The Colorguard byline was $1,675. Rowdy Rhythm’s byline was $1,205.

Amy discussed deposits/expenses. Deposits included PayPal Transfer and Sarris fundraiser proceeds. Expenses included Winterguard reimbursements and a deposit for the Pirate Game, as well as Lottery calendar payouts. Payments also made for Meatballs & Music cafeteria staff and Jacksonville Trip reimbursements.

Ending balance of the General Account was $84,172.

Rowdy Rhythm byline remained the same. Colorguard byline change was due to payments and expenses totaling $172.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Committee Openings:** Rochelle discussed there are several Committee Lead Openings:

Rookie Coordinator – Rochelle Koerbel is looking to turn this over to someone who has an 8th or 9th grader, preferably. The Coordinator would hold a meeting in the summer to answer questions and help with setting up on the day the Middle School kids play with the High School Marching Band.

Yearbook Editor & Coordinator – Need someone interested in chairing.

E-Commerce – Lori Obel will chair with Barb Harvey shadowing.

Band Festival Chair – Carrie Gallagher has agreed to chair again. There are several committee positions open.

All questions regarding Committee openings should go to Suzanne MacKay. She will also be contacting other Committee Chairs to confirm they will keep their current positions.

**Fnndraisers:**

Lottery Calendars -- Rick Rothhaar thanked everyone and explained that this is an inexpensive fundraiser which raised over $12,000. 120 members participated. 728 calendars were sold. Bob Racko was commended for his outstanding sale of 87 calendars!

Colorguard Raffle Tickets -- Rochelle Koerbel discussed that despite the pandemic, all raffle tickets were sold, raising $4,000 for the Colorguard account. She acknowledged that there is someone who is willing to take over this fundraiser for next year.

Band Festival – Rochelle mentioned that the Band Festival is scheduled for October 10, 2020. Carrie Gallagher is looking to have someone as her shadow/helper this year as she has a graduating senior.

Dine and Donate – All have been cancelled due to pandemic.

Meatballs and Music – Scheduled for 2/6/21. Rochelle has spoken with administration and athletics to get on the calendar regardless of which high school building we are in, as the move to the new building is scheduled for December 2020.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Senior Scholarships:** An Eblast was sent out regarding the four $1,000 scholarships for seniors. Winners’ parent/guardian must be a PTMB member for the 2019-2020 season. Applications are due to Mr. Perrotte by 5/15. There is blind judging, so students are asked not to put anything identifying themselves on the essay. No-one on the PTMB board has any say in the judging.

**PMEA Congratulations:** Kaylee Petro & Thomas Chang advanced to All-State Orchestra. Congratulations!

**Marching Band Memorial Day Parade:** Milt shared that this is likely cancelled.

**Marching Band Mini Camp:** Mini Camp is likely cancelled, but won’t be sure for another two weeks or so.

**Marching Band Away Camp:** California University has cancelled all summer camps. Per Milt, we cannot get into Slippery Rock, but W&J may be an option. It is a challenging proposition, between the dorms, stadium and campus. Pitt Greensburg could be looked into. Milt will be sending an email to them to see. He believes *all* colleges will be in defensive mode, however he is checking schools online.

**Kennywood Day:** Kennywood is currently scheduled for 8/17. Milt recommends keeping this and all dates on your schedules, if possible, although there is a good chance it may be cancelled.

**Pirates Game:** The band is scheduled to perform at the Pirate’s game scheduled for 8/31, but is contingent on the baseball schedule and all other factors.

**Music Department Trip 2021:**  Rochelle explained that we are moving forward with tentatively planning the trip to Florida and seeking approval for April 20-25 2021. The tentative plan is to spend 2 days at Disney and two days at Universal Studios. The Marching Band will hopefully marching in the Magic Kingdom parade the ensembles will participate in workshops coordinated by the parks. Rochelle is talking to the travel agent. We will need school board approval before anything is officially planned and will be watching the status of the pandemic. The goal is to back-end payments as much as possible, given the current climate and would be sure to make insurance available.

**Board Elections:** Anyone wanting to run for a position on the PTMB Board, please contact Suzanne MacKay. Candidates will be advertised, and a vote will be taken at the next meeting.

**Senior Recognitions:** Rochelle is working on making cards on Shutterfly for all seniors to be sent from the Music Boosters, using pictures from all the ensembles. She is looking to send out some kind of recognition document/video that will feature seniors by ensemble.

**Choir Banquet:** Delayed. Plans are up in the air.

**SCHOOL SPONSOR UPDATE**

Milt Barney discussed that Bethel Park has their band festival scheduled for the same night as ours, and is looking at alternatives, possibly splitting the evening so that bands can perform at both.

Milt also said it is up in the air as far as playing at the Pirates game this summer and Kennywood. The Band Directors are working through how to put a band together in the current climate (pandemic).

He announced that Dabria Dicenso made it to Mid-State!

Milt is putting together a video of the Marching Band playing the National Anthem, and Mr. Perrotte is putting together one of the choir singing the alma mater to be used for graduation.

Band Camp may lose a day or two due to graduation considerations(tentatively 8/1). Depending on what plans are made for prom (July 31 is the tentative date), more time may be lost.

Rick Rothhaar asked if the music has been selected for Marching Band this season. It is a work in progress, with no-one being in the office and considerations of social-distancing requirements. He and Dan are thinking of doing a “best-of” for the past two or three years and write the drill themselves. Rick asked if they might send the music out to the students, so that they may begin practicing. Milt said they need to decide what they are doing, and will make copies and arrange for music to be distributed. Probably would be June/July – but the kids would likely be familiar with the music.

Milt discussed doing a video conference with a group of rising seniors but wants tangible steps before doing so.

Good news is that the new high school construction was so far ahead of schedule leading into the pandemic, that moving in December is still a “go!”

**ADDITIONAL COMMENTS**

Rochelle said that we may have to look for an approval vote to fund Band Camp. This would not be for the money itself, just an approval that the committee *can* ask for funding when it is needed.

Annie Doty said the new Spiritwear site will be up and running soon.

Rick Rothhaar reminded everyone to use smile.amazon.com to have a percentage of every purchase earn money for the PT Music Boosters.

Rochelle added that a Booster parent, Scott Blasey, does Saturday night concerts on Facebook.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN**

Meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m. Kristin Taylor motioned to adjourn with a second by Carrie Gallagher. It was unanimously approved.

Submitted by Sue Dietzel (Secretary)