

PTMB Booster Minutes for May 27, 2020

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. by Rochelle Koerbel. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Rochelle also and 22 participants were in attendance. The meeting was held virtually via ZOOM and notice of same was sent via eblast to all PTMB members.

MINUTES

Robin Ferrari motioned to approve the previous month's minutes. Deanna Gallagher provided a second to the motion. Approval passed unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT

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

The General Account balance started at \$84,173. The Color Guard byline was \$1,592, with \$4000 added from their raffle. This month's report included a number of cleanup items explained by Amy with an ending balance of \$82,153.98.

Michelle Skillings motioned to approve the report with a second from Rick Rothhaar. It was unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS

Committee Openings: Suzanne Mackay discussed that a number of positions for the 2020-2021 school year have been filled since the last meeting.

Rookie Coordinator – Deanna Gallagher has agreed to be Rookie Coordinator along with Rochelle Koerbel. Deanna has a 9th-grade trombone player as well as a 5th-grade son.

Yearbook Editor & Coordinator – This position is still open. Suzanne asks if anyone knows of someone to suggest who is good with a computer and is a savvy coordinator. The yearbook is something the kids really enjoy. This is a good spot for someone who wants to work on their own.

E-Commerce – Barb Harvey has agreed to take over E-Commerce this year.

Meatballs & Music – Lynn Willison is looking for someone to work with her this year.

Band Festival Chair – Carrie Gallagher has agreed to chair again and is also looking for someone to work with her.

Fndraisers:

Band Festival – Rochelle Koerbel noted the festival is scheduled for October 10, 2020. Milt has been in touch with some band directors. Keeping in mind that marching band season is up in the air, he will be going after other bands. Our band is sharing the date with three other bands' festivals. He will look into maybe adjusting the start time and seeing if the bands might go back and forth between festivals, if needed. Nothing has been decided and some band directors are not willing to commit yet. Rochelle asked if we should send out a formal invitation. Milt suggested that there is no one in the buildings.

NEW BUSINESS

Senior Scholarships: Rochelle mentioned that we are waiting for the evaluators to get back to us with the four winners. 18 applications were submitted. The Music Boosters are not involved with the selection and do not know who the evaluators are. She will send the results out when received.

Marching Band Mini Camp: Previously scheduled for June 9-10 has been cancelled.

Marching Band Questionnaire: All students planning to become a new or returning member of the PT Marching Band are asked to fill out a questionnaire as soon as possible. The questionnaire was posted on the Band App on 5/22, and included in an E-Blast on 5/27. The purpose is to have a good idea of how many participants. As of this date, there are 74.

SCHOOL SPONSOR UPDATE

Milt explained that marching band cannot happen until the state goes into a green status. He has the music and will send to the students when he has a list of members. Milt is considering a Zoom meeting for rising seniors to collaborate about things like t-shirt designs, themes, etc. He will put it together once people have signed up. He expects the total to be around 110.

Amy Petro asked about equipment turn in. If kids have instruments in the locker, they can go get them on Monday, June 8.

Milt will post requirements for leadership/drum major next week, with the deadline to be put on an E-Blast.

Information for returning Color Guard members and leadership has been posted on the Color Guard Band App.

Information for Color Guard and Drumline tryouts will be forthcoming.

Milt provided the following scheduled dates thus far:

Home Camp: July 27-31 and August 10-14 8:30-Noon

“Away Camp:” August 2-7 (Times TBD)

Kennywood Day: 8/17

Pirates Game: 8/31

Band Camp Discount: Rochelle advised that there should be a vote for the band camp discount, just in case there are activities that we can do. Typically this is \$150. She proposes that this typical discount might be used for the band members for activities as the Summer goes forward. It would not be used for other (individual) student activities. Rochelle Koerbel asked for a motion to approve a band camp discount up to \$150 per member (must be a booster member).

Rick Rothhaar made the motion which was seconded by Ria Kartsonas. The motion passed unanimously.

Rick asked if the membership cost will remain the same at \$55. Rochelle acknowledged and is revising the due date.

Instrument Pick Up/Drop Off: Students may drop off or pick up their instruments (band or orchestra) on June 8 from 8-10 a.m. Rochelle asked that the students please go straight to the back patio band room entrance at the allotted time and that all maintain a 6-foot social distance. Masks must be worn.

Last Names A-G are to report between 8:00 and 8:30 a.m.; H-M are to report between 8:30 and 9:00 a.m.; T-Z are to report between 9:30-10:00 a.m. If the students cannot report during their time slot, they are to email Mr. Barney as soon as possible for an alternate time.

Board Elections: Rochelle Koerbel offered a tribute to Amy Petro upon the end of her tenure as Treasurer for the PT Music Boosters. Amy came in as an orchestra mom and agreed to be Vice-President. Her daughter joined marching band and Amy was Vice President for two years and this year was treasurer. She always does things with grace and will be greatly missed.

The Peters Township Music Boosters presented the following slate for the 2020-2021 school year board elections:

President: Rochelle Koerbel

Vice President: Suzanne Mackay

Secretary: Sue Dietzel

Treasurer: Michelle Skillings

Rochelle Koerbel asked for any floor nominations – There were none. Suzanne Mackay officially presented the slate as the nominating committee.

Ria Kartsonas motioned to accept the slate as presented.

Lisa Rothhaar seconded and the slate passed unanimously.

Senior Recognitions: Rochelle discussed that she, Suzanne Mackay, Sue Dietzel and Amy Petro wanted to do something to wish the 59 seniors in the music program the best and congratulate them on their graduation. The Board made photo cards for each Senior. Each congratulatory card was specific and included photos of the senior in each of their music sections/groups. Each was delivered to the seniors' homes by Rochelle, Amy and Suzanne with a little pack of candy. Pictures were taken, and Rochelle will put those together for a video for them. Suzanne said how nice it was. Amy said the parents were very happy to see this and were thankful. Thanks to Rochelle for this wonderful idea.

Choir-Senior Solos: Rochelle described that for seniors in choir, Mr. Perrotte had the students prepare a video at home. He put those together in a private YouTube video. The link will be E-Blasted. Thanks to Mr. Perrotte for taking the time. The kids also did a senior song that can be shared.

2020-2021 PTMB Budget: Amy Petro reviewed the fundraiser totals which amounted to \$70,850.66. This represents a very successful fundraising year. Ria Kartsonas noticed the amount that was in the email was different than what was being presented. Amy confirmed that the one she is presenting at the meeting represents the final (good) version.

Amy reviewed this season's budget and proposed for 2020-2021 season an increase in budget for both band festival (food) and orchestra (celebrations).

Rochelle reminded Milt that there is a line in the budget for pizza parties or other activities/something fun for his band ensembles that he has not used, and the funds are available to him for that purpose. Any funds not used in a year do not carry over to the next year.

Amy proposed that we leave the funnel cake budget where it is in case a new fryer is needed.

Ria Kartsonas raised the motion to pass the budget as presented.

Allison D'Addieco seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Additional Member Discussion: Suzanne Mackay mentioned that there will be a meeting to do an audit once things open up more.

Rick Rothhaar asked if we should have a June meeting, considering the changing climate (pandemic). Rochelle said that as parents, we could meet for an update, but according to bylaws, we cannot hold another Boosters meeting until after June/July. Milt suggested that we wait until we have good information to share.

Amy Petro requested that Milt send out a new Band App code. Shelly Belcher has an email out to the 8th grade music students. Milt confirmed that there are a handful of rookies already signed up on the Google Doc.

Lisa Rothhaar said "thank you" to Chris Mackay for organizing Memorial Day Taps. Rochelle will try to get the pictures up on the website.

Rochelle spoke for all -- Congratulation to the parents of seniors! Special thank you was offered to Debbie Langley, Robin Ferrari (who were on the zoom call/meeting) for all that they have done for the organization over the years!

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Debbie Langley made the motion to adjourn, and this was seconded by Robin Ferrari.

Motion was passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

Next Meeting: Wednesday August 19, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

Submitted by Sue Dietzel (Secretary)