**Peters Township Music Boosters General Meeting Minutes for December 2, 2020**

**Virtual Zoom Meeting**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The virtual meeting was called to order at 7:07 p.m. by Rochelle Koerbel. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Rochelle and approximately 20 participants were in attendance.

**MINUTES**

Lisa Rothhaar motioned to approve the previous month’s minutes. Annie Doty provided a second to the motion. Approval for this change passed unanimously.

**PRESIDENT’S NOTE**

Rochelle explained this is the delayed November 2020 meeting. The next regular Music Boosters meeting is scheduled for January 20, 2021, as it is typical skip December and resume meetings in January.

**TREASURER’S REPORT**

Michelle Skillings presented the Treasurer’s Report. She made some nice adjustments to the format of the spreadsheet that make reading and understanding it much easier! Michelle explained the various deposits (including interest, and fundraisers, including Lottery Calendars, Pies and Stromboli and Peace, Love and Little Donuts) and debits. She noted the balance of the General Account was $79,102. Color Guard byline balance is $5,502.59, and the Rowdy Rhythm byline is $1,205.61

Annie Doty motioned to approve the Treasurer’s Report with a second from Allison D’Addieco. It was unanimously approved.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Committee Openings:** Suzanne MacKay provided that we still need co-chair for this year’s Band Banquet on April 29, as well as a chairperson for next year, as Carol Aurin has a graduating senior. Carrie Gallagher also has a senior, so the Band Festival chair position will also need to be filled.

**Fundraisers:**

**Meatballs and Music:** Lynn Willison explained there is not much to update. This is still on the calendar at the new high school for April 21, depending on the pandemic status.

**Pies and Strombolis:** Rochelle informed the group that this fundraiser raised $1,139.38 and thanked Katie and her family for their efforts.

**Dine and Donate:** The latest fundraiser from Peace Love & Little Donuts raised $108. This month’s Dine and Donate is Ekernally Yours (popcorn and fudge). This is a great fundraiser because it’s a local family and all online and PTMB gets 25% of sales. Rochelle encourages everyone to let people know on Facebook. The fundraiser goes through December 15. Beef Jerky Outlet is going to give PTMB 2 days in January (maybe the 15th and 16th). Walk-in and online orders will get the Boosters a percentage of the sales. The store is located in the Tanger Outlets. Chef’s Box, which is owned by another local family will be the February fundraiser.

**Lottery Calendars:** Rick Rothhaar discussed that 91 members (out of 118 registered) have picked up calendars. 645 calendars have been distributed so far, which is 235 fewer than last year. However, 37% of calendars have been sold which is above this time last year. The Rothhaars asked the members to post pictures on social media and tell friends. They are looking to have a pickup available at the high school on December 19 from 9:30-10:30 a.m. in the visitors’ parking lot. They ask the members to please drop off stubs/checks/unsold calendars there, on their front porch in the available cooler, or mailed to them. Payouts will begin on January 1, 2021, so all must be received by December 30.

**Sarris Candy:** Sue Dietzel was asked and has offered to provide Sarris Candy, should any one want to order for the holidays.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Rochelle discussed that there was an issue involving the Marching Band at the October 30 game. The WPIAL sent a letter in which they have put the PT Athletic Department on probation for a year. They claim authority over the Marching Band. As a booster organization, the PTMusic Boosters will not make official arguments or officially stating positions as we are only a booster organization which supports the music program. Rochelle stressed that the information she was providing is factual, and that no interpretation should be made from her presentation or tone. She merely intends to inform the membership:

WPIAL has ordered 6-month suspension as well as sensitivity training prior to marching band participating in athletic events. It is up to the School District if the band may participate in school functions.

Rochelle has spoken to some administration members personally, speaking for herself and was clear that it was **not** as President of the Music Boosters. The Music Boosters Board has already issued a statement.

Rochelle reached out to school administration and expressed that upcoming activities (concerts, Meatballs and Music, Memorial Day Parade) should not be implicated or lost as a result of the WPIAL letter.

Rochelle read a communication to Lori Pavlik asking for guidance to inform the families, what training is intended and when will it be held. Ms. Pavlik replied that she is working on this and is hoping to have completed in January or early February, so as not to affect spring performances. Ms. Pavlik agreed with Rochelle that we all have the kids’ best interests in mind.

**SCHOOL SPONSOR UPDATE**

Mr. Perrotte discussed that there is still no singing permitted in school. They are, however, doing some interesting things. He has a virtual choir performance coming out around the holidays. Mr. Perrotte has meetings every few weeks with the Music Department and Mr. Tupper. The good news is that as COVID cases come down, singing in the school could resume in the Spring. The new high school building has a recording studio and has consolidated space in order to have two isolation booths as well. He has been working with the kids to compose and arrange music from home, and they are learning different things that normally he would not be able to teach them. Mr. Perrotte introduced and played a music video created by Room 100 where the kids perform and lip-sync. The membership in (virtual) attendance were all greatly pleased and impressed! Rochelle expressed appreciation for all. Mr. Perrotte is working on the larger chorus, but that is taking more time.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN**

Rochelle wished everyone happy holidays. Lisa Rothhaar made the motion to adjourn at 8:05, and this was seconded by Allison D’Addieco.

Motion was passed unanimously, and the meeting adjourned.

Next Meeting: Wednesday January 20 at 7:00 p.m. – Location TBD

Submitted by Sue Dietzel (Secretary)