**Peters Township Music Boosters General Meeting Minutes for March 24, 2021**

**Virtual Zoom Meeting**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Rochelle Koerbel. There were approximately 20 participants in attendance.

**MINUTES**

Lisa Rothhaar motioned to approve the previous month’s minutes. Brian Abt provided a second to the motion. Approval passed unanimously.

**TREASURER’S REPORT**

Michelle Skillings presented the March 2021 Treasurer’s Report. The starting balance of the General Fund was $93,743.55. Activity included an interest payment, as well as funds paid to Lottery Calendar winners and postage expenses to Mr. & Mrs. Rothhaar. The General Account’s ending balance was $91,714.37.

Rick Rothhaar motioned to approve the Treasurer’s Report, and Camille Bodnar provided a second. Approval passed unanimously

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Committee Openings:** Rochelle Koerbel has a document with current committee openings that she will provide to the membership. Of note, Lisa Rothhaar will need shadows for both Trax (funnel cakes) and Lottery Calendars. Rochelle will talk to Brian and Kim Abt about Trax Farms. Rochelle will talk to each committee chair to see what their needs are for next year.

Elizabeth Hardy offered that she will not be able to chair the basket committee for Meatballs and Music for the 2021-2022 season.

**Fundraisers:**

**Meatballs and Music:** Unfortunately, it seems we will not have Meatballs and Music this year. There are too many concerns during this pandemic. The challenges with the new building, serving food, and getting people together to make baskets are too much at this point.

**Dine and Donate:** March 25 between 4:00-8:00 p.m. is the Panera dine and donate fundraiser. There is a flyer that will need to be shown when ordering. Michelle Hoffman will not be able to lead Dine and Donate next year. This fundraiser will need a new chairperson.

**Lottery Calendars:** Rick Rothhaar explained the only change to expenses was postage. He discussed the current profit for this fundraiser is a minimum of $12,378 and a maximum of $13,082. He anticipates it should land around $12,500. Rochelle praised the Rothhaars on such a fantastic job with this! Rick said it’s a rather busy project, but the tasks do get spread out over the year.

**Sarris Candy:** Sue Dietzel had no update. She will be selling Sarris at all performances. Sue has a graduating senior this year and talked about how easy this fundraiser is to manage. Elizabeth Hardy volunteered to take over Sarris for the 2021-2022 season! The PTMB Board expressed their gratitude to Elizabeth, and Sue will get in touch with her with details.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Rochelle shared the good news that the kids are finally able to perform in school! She recognized Michelle Skillings and Ria Kartsonas for the facemasks and bell covers that they made so quickly, so that this could happen.

Rochelle brought a proposal from the PTMB Board to the membership, to be brought to a vote at this meeting:

The new high school has a recording studio and equipment, however the music directors (Mr. Perrotte/Mr. Barney/Mr. McGough) have expressed a need for a new computer – specifically suited to be used with the equipment in the recording studio. They’ve asked for a Mac computer to be shared by all of the music department directors. They would require approximately $5000 for the computer as well as a software bundle (cost of approximately $250). Also, they are asking for microphones to be used by the choir (but would be available to the other music groups). Mr. Perrotte could not give an exact amount needed for the microphones, as there are new/used options.

Rochelle explained that each year, discretionary money is allotted to each of the directors to be used for their needs for their students and groups. Typically, the choir uses theirs for a celebration. The orchestra uses theirs for group events. Mr. Barney does not use the money set aside for the band. The total left unused over the past two years is $6,750. In addition, PTMB typically spends $1,200 annually for leadership camp and $21,875 for band camp. None of these funds were used this year. Also, there are no trip expenses yet, as the Florida trip was cancelled.

**The Peters Township Music Boosters Board recommended that the PTMB give $10,000 to the music directors to be used for their needed computer. After this, the directors must all agree how the remainder is spent for the software, microphones, etc.**

There was some discussion. Mrs. Rothhaar cautioned that years ago, equipment previously purchased by thespians for the auditorium was available to be used by everyone in the school. Mr. Perrotte explained that unlike auditorium equipment, the computer would be kept with the music equipment in the music room, with the mics housed there as well. He has not had anyone ever ask to use them in 10 years. He further explained that he will be working with a Mac person who builds for schools, so that the equipment and software will be appropriate for this use.

A motion came from Cari Williams that the boosters would agree to pay $10,000 to the music directors (Mr. Perrotte, Mr. Barney and Mr. McGough) for a computer and additional needed software and microphones.

The motion was seconded by Rick Rothhaar. The membership voted and passed this motion unanimously.

Rochelle then went on to discuss performance dates: Room 100 will perform on May 14; the Choir will perform on May 27; the orchestra will perform on May 15. She is waiting to hear about the band ensemble dates. Mr. Perrotte said that the band is looking at two dates between May 24 and May 26.

Michelle Skillings brought up a proposal regarding Senior Scholarships. The Board discussed adding two more $1,000 scholarships for this year – for a total of six $1,000 scholarships. As always, the scholarships are granted based on essays blindly judged by people outside of the organization. Only senior students who are members of the PTMB are eligible. Rick Rothhaar motioned to approve this proposal. Katie Clark provided a second. The members in attendance voted and this motion passed unanimously.

Michelle Skillings also brought up another proposal. Due to the pandemic, she would like to offer something to the senior students in the spirit of goodwill. She proposed eight $250 awards to senior students who are members of the PTMB. She proposed a random drawing of some kind where the student might answer a few open-ended questions to enter. Names would be drawn randomly. Or, alternatively, perhaps expand this to all seniors in the music program, where each would be awarded $100 to make up for the lack of senior year/performances, activities and recognition. Or, we could do neither and/or entertain other suggestions. Rick Rothhaar proposed that these suggestions are documented and that this proposal is tabled until the next meeting. Stacey McCollough provided a second and the motion to table passed unanimously.

Regarding the Board Nominating Committee, Rochelle discussed that Suzanne MacKay and Sue Dietzel will be retiring from their seats on the board next year. Rochelle is willing to stay on, but would likely take another position, as she has served two terms as President. Michelle Skillings is willing to stay on as well. A nominee committee is needed to accept nominations for Board seats. Cari Williams volunteered to be on the committee as well as Deanna Gallagher. Liz Bertsch motioned to approve, and this was seconded by Beverly Pirker. The motion carried unanimously. Cari and Liz are now the Nominating Committee for this year.

**SCHOOL SPONSOR UPDATE**

Mr. Perrotte expressed his gratitude to the Board and members for their approval of funds for the equipment he requested. He knows that we will see the quality of what they will be able to produce.

**ADDITIONAL MEMBER DISCUSSION**

Rochelle is hoping to have next month’s meeting in person, maybe with a Zoom option.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN**

Rick Rothhaar made the motion to adjourn at 7:57 p.m., and this was seconded by Deanna Gallagher.

Motion was passed unanimously, and the meeting adjourned.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, April 21 at 7:00 p.m. – Location TBD

Submitted by Sue Dietzel (Secretary)