**Peters Township Music Boosters General Meeting Minutes for April 21, 2021**

**Virtual Zoom Meeting**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Prior to calling the meeting to order, Mr. Perrotte informed the group of encouraging news regarding the ICMEA conference and PMEA festival being scheduled in 2021. Also, large-group singing should be available by January 2022.

The meeting was called to order by Rochelle Koerbel at 7:05, with about 20 attendees. Rochelle led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**MINUTES**

Jeremy White motioned to approve the previous month’s minutes. Cari Williams provided a second to the motion. Approval passed unanimously.

**TREASURER’S REPORT**

Michelle Skillings presented the April 2021 Treasurer’s Report. The starting balance of the General Fund was $91,714.37. Both the Color Guard and Rowdy Rhythm bylines remained the same as the previous month. Expenses in April included reimbursements to Ria Kartsonas for bell covers, final lottery calendar payout, and an Apple computer for the music department. The ending balance is $87,411.81.

Jeremy White motioned to approve the Treasurer’s Report, and the motion was seconded by Rick Rothhaar. Approval passed unanimously

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Committee Openings:** Rochelle Koerbel told the group that she held off sending her document regarding committee chairs, as she was awaiting feedback from a few people. She noted that chairpersons are still needed for Dine and Donate, baskets for Meatballs and Music, Band Festival, and a backup is needed for Lottery Calendars. Suzanne Mackay said to watch for an upcoming E-Blast with details.

**Fundraisers:**

**Meatballs and Music:** N/A.

**Dine and Donate:** Rochelle reiterated the need for a chairperson for next year. Girl Friday fundraiser yielded about $50. One more Dine and Donate event is scheduled for May at Harry’s Pizza. Michelle Hoffman will try to set up one more for the Fall, before she resigns as chairperson.

**Lottery Calendars:** Rick Rothhaar gave the final results of this fundraiser. A total net amount of $12,478.76 was raised! This was a very successful year. The Rothhaars sold 10 more calendars this year than last, with Lisa Rothhaar selling the most. Thanks were expressed to everyone who sold, as this really puts us ahead for next year.

**Sarris Candy:** Sue Dietzel had no update. She will be selling Sarris at all performances.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Rochelle reminded the group to check their clearances on the PTSD website and to renew if necessary. Rick Rothhaar mentioned that if you’ve lived in the state for more than 10 years, that fingerprints will not be needed.

**Marching Band Update:** According to Rochelle, there is still no band director yet, however Mr. Kuhn and Mr. MacKay are moving forward and pushing things for this upcoming season. Color Guard auditions were announced for the upcoming weekend. Mrs. Strangis sent out a video, and the announcement has made it to both the high school and middle school. Rochelle will be putting out a separate E-Blast for Drumline auditions. Mr. Strangis is asking new members to audition and for current members of Drumline who want to switch instruments to contact him. Leadership audition information is being finalized. These will likely be in May, as usual. The Marching Band will be marching in the Memorial Day Parade this year. Uniform requirements are yet to be decided. Red Polo shirts were not fully ordered at the beginning of the season (due to pandemic lockdown, and uncertainty if they would be needed). Thought is being given to ordering, or just asking the kids to wear *any* red polo shirt. Lisa Rotthhaar asked about recycling outgrown shirts as she has several that she would be willing to part with. Decision pending what everyone would be comfortable with.

Rochelle discussed the Senior Show as well. She is hoping to include the ceremonial parts of the other events that have been cancelled. The stadium is open June 2nd, however Seniors have their last finals on June 3rd. The question of whether or not this would cause undue stress to the Seniors was discussed and decided by the senior parents in attendance that their kids would not be upset by this.

Details are being finalized for the Pirates Game. Band Camp is looking to begin July 26 for three weeks, and end before school starts. This would mean July 26 & 27 would be Rookie Camp, and July 28 would be the beginning of band camp for all. Acknowledging that this is all tentative, Mr. MacKay agrees that if someone is going to be on vacation or unable to attend a part of band camp that they should just contact him/Mr. Kuhn, and they will work it out. There is no news about the Washington County Fair. Mr. White asked for discussion of how we can get the kids excited for next year (he has a Junior). Rochelle said part of it is to push to have all the fun end-of-year activities, and maybe do some informal things over the summer. There will likely not be a minicamp to allow families/kids more time before having band camp. Parents are encouraged to have their kids sign up for ensembles now – better to do so and change their minds later, so that the directors, etc. can have their plans in place. Mr. Perrotte agreed. Cari Williams asked if a promotion should be done in Canvas/Studio? Discussions will continue.

**Performance Dates:** E-Blasts have been sent with ensemble performance dates. Mr. Perrotte told the group that he received confirmation of what is allowed and what is not allowed. Choir will perform 30 minutes of singing and 20 minutes recess for air ventilation. Rules stipulate that time clock starts as soon as the singing begins (talking/introductions do not count toward the 30-minute limit). He anticipates that Room 100 will perform from 7:10-7:40, and that the Music Boosters will serve/sell snacks during the intermission. Senior Awards for Room 100 would follow. Senior Solos will be incorporated in the show. He explained seating (distancing) capacity is 200, so is limiting the number of tickets per student. Likely 2 tickets each, but 4 for seniors. The concert will be recorded and put on Channel 7, so that all will have an opportunity to see. Rochelle is looking into having DVDs made from the recordings. She reiterated that the Boosters will be selling concessions outside at all performances and everything is to be eaten outside/not in the auditorium.

**Senior Scholarships:** Michelle Skillings brought forward the tabled discussed the subject from the prior meeting to award additional senior scholarships. Typically, four scholarships are given each year, however because of this unusual year, there will be six $1000 scholarships awarded to seniors. To be eligible for the scholarships, the student must be in an ensemble and the family must be members of the PTMB. There is a form to fill out and a judged essay is to be completed – this essay is due to Mr. Perrotte by May 12. In addition, last month, the PTMB board brought up a proposal for additional awards, with the details to be a matter of discussion at this meeting. A suggestion of 8 awards of $250 each, in which the seniors would submit a form and answers to some open-ended questions about their experience. Rather than being judged, it would be a “hat-style” drawing and pull 8 winners. Winners of the $1000 scholarships would not be eligible for these additional awards.

Another idea was proposed to give $100 to every senior in all ensembles. Also, we could just do nothing. Rochelle discussed that the purpose is just trying to give the kids something for this year, and this would be a one-off, as it was such an extraordinary year, and not to be carried over to the upcoming season. This proposal would not exclude the six scholarship winners, nor be limited to only kids whose families belong to the PTMB. Elizabeth Hardy offered her opinion that the $100 is a really nice idea and that everyone would get it – unlike only those who would write an essay for the $1000 scholarship. Lisa DeSaw asked that everyone understood that this is only for this year. Liz B. agreed that it was a good idea. Deanna, as a parent of an underclassman supported the $100/each idea as well. Rochelle asked if it should be put to a vote. Cari Williams made the motion that current seniors in the music department are granted $100 each as scholarship/party fund money. Elizabeth Hardy seconded and the motion carried unanimously. Rochelle asked the members to keep this a surprise for the kids. On May 2, Rochelle will be sending out a Google questionnaire and ask if their answers may be made public and to include a photo that they would be comfortable posting. This would provide her photos to be used for senior spotlight, etc. Elizabeth Hardy offered that she has many photos out on Snapfish that could be used. Everyone expressed thanks to Elizabeth for this! Deanna Gallagher asked about the cost of yard signs last year. Elizabeth thought it might have been around $16 but was unsure. Rochelle offered that maybe there would be a cost saving by not having pictures on the yard signs. This will be discussed further.

**Nominating Committee:** Suzanne Mackay thanked Deanna Gallagher and Cari Williams for joining her and pulling together the slate for the 2021-2022 Peters Township Music Boosters Board. The proposed slate to be voted on at the May meeting is:

President: Rochelle Koerbel

Vice President: Cari Williams

Secretary: Camille Bodnar

Treasurer: Michelle Skillings

Rochelle is permitted under the bylaws to continue in a third term as President as there have been no nominations from the floor. This will be the slate to be voted on, however, to be clear - nominations can still be made with the final vote to be taken in the May meeting. Rochelle will send an E-Blast with all nominations which can be accepted right up to the vote, so she encourages anyone who would like to run to do so.

**SCHOOL SPONSOR UPDATE**

Mr. Perrotte felt he already shared his updates (above).

**ADDITIONAL MEMBER DISCUSSION**

Rochelle said that next month will be exciting. There will be lots to talk about in the May meeting, including what we made and what we spent, as well as voting. The May meeting will be virtual again unless anything changes drastically, but that we will all see each other that the concerts and the Senior Show. She mentioned that the theater kids are doing Coffeehouse in the Park May 1 & 2 at Peterswood Amphitheater. There will be lots of kids performing in bands, with instruments, singing solos, etc.

Suzanne MacKay offered that since we are not doing a Senior Banquet, that she would pull together some sort of yearbook/brag book, even if it’s just pictures. She would welcome anyone who would want to help. Please get in touch with her. Rochelle said maybe put out a dropbox for people to leave items or forward to her and include parent shout-outs/messages. Rochelle will collect the senior wills to be published the day of the Senior Show. Elizabeth Hardy’s pictures are all posted on Shutterfly and also on disk, which she has offered. Lisa DeSaw offered to help as well. Elizabeth asked Rochelle for a list of seniors so that she could begin pulling pictures.

Rochelle mentioned that the board discussed raffling a gift basket at each concert. Perhaps would be one for each concert to maybe include lottery tickets, a hanging plant, candy, pizza night. Raffle Tickets could be sold as a small fundraiser. Cari Williams said her mother is making a quilt that could be raffled. This could be a grand prize! Rochelle offered that if there is anyone who owns a business and would like to donate, that we would love to accept – she has been hesitating as businesses have had a tough year, but if it is something they would like to do, we would certainly accept.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN**

Lisa Rothhaar made the motion to adjourn at 8:41 p.m., and this was seconded by Cara/Carl Luisi.

Motion was passed unanimously, and the meeting adjourned.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, May 19 at 7:00 p.m. – Virtual Meeting

Submitted by Sue Dietzel (Secretary)