

Meeting was called to order at 6:04 pm by Mr. Howell.

Minutes from May meeting were distributed and approved.

FINANCIAL REPORT – Tonya Cecil, Treasurer

We currently have a balance of \$25,344 in the account. She is working on “pairing down” the financial reports and hopes to have a consolidated statement to share with everyone at our next meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- A. Fundraising – Brooke Hamby, Fundraising Director
 - a. Currently have masks (\$10) and stickers (\$5) to sell.
 - b. Fruit Sale – Will kick off soon. The company has reduced its shipping costs to make it easier for people to have items shipped directly to their home when ordering. We will take orders for two weeks both online and on paper. Will still have a late November pick up day.
 - c. Dewey’s Store – Opens in mid-November. Looking to get spot in Midway Commons where we were last year. If each band parent would sign up to work just one shift, we could have all shifts of store covered. We will offer online/Zoom training for all workers in advance. There will be a fundraising person that can always be reached by phone during each shift if there are any problems. Looking at having an Oak Grove blanket and possibly other Oak Grove gift items to sell at the store as well to boost sales.
 - d. Spring – We will be doing the butter braid/cookie dough fundraiser again in the spring.

STAFF REPORT:

- A. Mr. Howell – Had two very good first days with the A day students in class on Monday & Tuesday. Have 62 students in each group this year, split pretty evenly between A day & B day. They did Zoom playing with the kids at home today where they could hear and play along with those in class for the first time. Currently borrowing 10 instruments from other schools. Have Christmas concert scheduled for December 17th. Marching Band had their first practice today. They will practice each Tuesday from 4:00 – 5:30 through the week of Thanksgiving and then take a break until after New Year’s. Percussion and color guard are practicing on Thursday afternoons as well.
- B. Mr. Larsen – The past few days have gone better than he thought they would. They also played for the first time today in class and on Zoom. He gave a shout out to Mr. Fordham at NDHS because ten of our students are using instruments borrowed from them. Planning on Christmas concert on December 15th – 6th grade at 6pm and 7th & 8th grade at 7pm. If they can’t do in person, he will have a video performance to share before Christmas.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Installation of New Officers – D Martin as President, Tonya Cecil as Treasurer and Brooke Hamby as Fundraising Director were all presented as new officers for the Band Boosters Board. There was a motion and a second to accept them and all were in favor for them to be installed.
- B. Bylaws – The Band Boosters Board will form a committee to review the current bylaws and recommend updates.
- C. Marching Band Music – The music for this year is “We R”. R stands for resilient, relentless and reverent. The music is not technically as difficult as last year but they just wanted to get them playing. Theme is very fitting for the times we are in. We will have a show shirt as in the past once we get farther into the season.
- D. Marching Band Fees – The amount has been \$200 for the past several years but this past winter we decided to increase the fee to \$250 for the 2020/2021 season since the band has grown, has been more active and there are more costs associated with that (instructors, dry cleaning, travel costs, competition fees, etc.). Now, due to COVID-19 the Board has discussed reducing the marching band fees back to \$200 for this year. We will still have some of those expenses – staff working with students, cost of music, instruments that need to be purchased, etc. Mr. Howell surveyed the seniors and they still wanted to wear their uniforms this year instead of opting to just have a show sweatshirt or track suit. A motion and a second were made to lower the marching band fees to \$200 for this year and it was passed. Students will still have the expense of any accessories they need – bibs, shoes, gloves, school owned instrument – in addition to the marching band fee.
- E. Percussion Report (Cory Jones) - We no longer have a front ensemble and battery instructor; they are all together this year. The student leaders are doing great and jumping right in to help. The sections are very young this year and will set the tone for the next several years.
- F. Color Guard Report (Grace Hundley) – They are gaining skills quickly. They are even taking the initiative of meeting on their own over Zoom.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:41 pm with second. Next meeting will be on Tuesday, October 20th at 6:00 pm.