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Band Booster Meeting Minutes - June 2, 2020

1. Call to Order

- President Ruth O'Donnell welcomed everyone to the virtual meeting. Ruth noted that the January Booster meeting minutes were not available yet so those minutes will be approved at the next meeting.

2. Treasurer Report

- Lori MacDonald, Treasurer, reported that the budget for 2020 has been finalized and that it has been adjusted to reflect the current state of affairs in the country. Refunds have been processed for those students who will not be attending the rescheduled Disney trip and a PayPal account has been established to assist parents with submitting payments to the Boosters – specifically also now for the current hoagie sale.
- Student accounts will be launched soon and connected to PayPal as well through the Charms system.
- Currently, there is approximately \$33,000 in our checking account and \$98,000 in our savings. These numbers include the Disney monies that were collected last year. Functionally, we have approximately \$6,000 for operating expenses.

3. Old Business

- A communication will be sent soon about how and when to return the indoor percussion band uniforms. They are not to be returned to the school directly at this time.
- Ruth thanked Dave Soose and the instructors on a successful virtual mini-camp experience for the students last month.

4. New Business

- 2020-2021 Officers - Ruth introduced the 2020-2021 officers and Board members who were on the call:
 - Ruth O'Donnell, President
 - Danielle Mannella, VP One, Fundraising
 - Lisa Kumpfmiller, VP Two, Uniforms and Chaperones
 - Lori MacDonald, Treasurer
 - Kim Cannon, Secretary
 - Thom Brazel and Jen Brazel, Board members



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- Chaperones/Clearances – Ruth reminded everyone that the Boosters relies on volunteers for the band program. She stated that there is a series of clearances in the Booster packet that are needed to be completed for parents who wish to volunteer and/or chaperone. Clearances are valid for five years but forms cannot be turned in until the school reopens.
 - Summer Car Washes – The band normally has 3-4 car washes per summer, but 7-11 in Mars is unsure if they can host us this year. Dave Soose is checking with American Natural to see if we could have the washes there instead. Ruth reminded everyone that the money raised at car wash is split between the students who work. A maximum of 20 students can sign up for each car washes and they must sign up to attend.
 - Disney Trip – Ruth thanked everyone for their patience and understanding with the changes to the Disney trip. She thanked our travel agent for all his efforts with the airline, hotel, transportation company, etc. to help us not lose the monies we paid. She also asked if anyone is interested in chaperoning on the trip, to please let her know. She indicated that any new students (or those who were not planning to attend last year and now would like to attend) need to let her know by June 30 if they wish to attend the trip this year.
 - Adopt a New Band Family – Ruth mentioned that new this year, we are looking for volunteer parents to match with a new band family to help answer questions, etc. Ruth will contact the new band families and see if they are interested in having a veteran family/parents “adopt” them to help them get acclimated into the program.
 - Join Remind – Ruth reminded everyone to join the Remind app in order to be in the communication loop for reminders, student pick up times after games, etc.
 - Chick-Fil-A Receipts – Parents are asked to save receipts from the Cranberry and Wexford restaurant locations when possible. These receipts should be put into the Band Box in the band room. The band then receives 10% off food orders which are used for the students on competition days.
 - Family ID – This system is required when signing up for a school activity, however it not ready for use for the new season yet. Ruth will advise when the system is operational. Students must complete this sign-up before band camp begins in order to participate.
 - Fundraisers – A hoagie sale is underway now until June 9. More information will be sent out soon about delivery date and location. More fundraisers are planned during the year. The concession stands at football games is also a big fundraiser for the band. Every band parent is asked to volunteer at least one game. Details about how to sign up for games will be sent out closer to the football season.



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- Band Camp – Dave Soose noted that there is a lot of uncertainty with the band season this year, but we are progressing as if the season will go on as planned. The biggest priority is always student safety. The virtual practices will continue until the school provides more information as to when the campus will open to activities. The Mars 4th of July parade may be cancelled; will advise as soon as a decision is made.
 - Ruth indicated that unfortunately there will be no “kick-off” party this year which normally took place prior to band camp. An end of band camp swim party is still possible in August.

5. Adjournment

- Ruth thanked everyone for participating and adjourned the meeting at 7:44pm.

Meeting Attendees

Ruth O'Donnell, President

Danielle Mannella, VP One, Fundraising

Lisa Kumpfmiller, VP Two, Uniforms and Chaperones

Lori MacDonald, Treasurer

Kim Cannon, Secretary

Thom Brazel, Board member

Jen Brazel, Board member

Due to the nature of the video/virtual meeting, we were unable to capture all parents who attended.