

**Greenfield-Central Instrumental Music Program  
Booster Meeting Minutes  
Sept. 1, 2011**

**Welcome**

Rob Carpenter, booster president, welcomed everyone.

**Secretary's Report**

Minutes motion to approve by Steve Owen, seconded by Mike Dashnaw, passed.

**Vice President's Report**

Steve Owen is still pursuing sponsors, but money seems to have dried up, so he's going to devote his energies to helping create fundraisers.

Rob Carpenter reported that Amanda Catron wants to look into having additional student-account fundraisers to help students who are behind catch up.

**Staff Reports**

Steve Angel reported that marching season is off and running, and the students turned a corner at the Practice-a-Thon. The ensemble got off the metronome this week, and he is proud of the way the students are working and staying on task.

The staff has been looking at dates for Music Marathon; almost every Saturday in January, February and March are filled with school-related events. Workable dates left are Jan. 7 (before school starts up again after winter break); Feb. 4, which we have reserved right now at the junior high (which is also Super Bowl weekend, and families may have other commitments since it's in Indianapolis); the next week is spring break; so the only Saturday open is April 7 (which is Easter weekend). Concern was expressed that the boosters usually count on Music Marathon money coming in during January. So, before Steve goes to the school admin with a date, he asked for parents' input.

**Discussion:**

- Jan. 21 is now our guard show, which could alleviate the money-flow concern. The indoor percussion ensemble (IPE) home contest is Feb. 25, and G-CHS hosts a divisional finals competition for AA groups on behalf of the Indiana Percussion Association on March 17 (same day as a Winter Guard competition and, hopefully, prelims for IPE).
- Some liked the idea of an overnight.
- Some preferred not to hold the marathon on a Sunday; others were for trying out a Sunday afternoon.

Steve Angel will take all discussion into consideration when he approaches the school board for a Music Marathon date.

## **Old Business**

### **Motorcycle Ride Recap**

Rob Carpenter reported that we didn't get a good turnout, probably because there was a big ride in Indianapolis that day, we didn't spend much on advertising, and we got a late start. Next year, if we fix those three things, we should do better.

Attendees reported rider suggestions: All riders should have left together, one of the boosters should have led the ride, the route was on some bad roads with confusing directions (someone should have driven the route beforehand), we started registration too early and let it go on too long, the Facebook page should have been set up as a different type of page, we should have contacted ABATE early.

The person who won the grand prize did donate a portion of her winnings back to the group. Thanks to everyone who volunteered.

## **New Business**

### **Props & Trailer**

Rob Carpenter reported that a 17'x17' TV set is one of the props, and Anita Turner found a 48-foot trailer at Keihin that they have agreed to loan to the boosters if we sign a five-year contract, maintain it and keep it insured. We have to store it; it should fit in the gravel area next to the blue garage. We don't yet know the cost of insurance, but we are going to proceed with this plan. Thank you, Anita!

### **Finances and New Tryout Policy**

Rob reported that we're looking better than at the last board meeting: \$25,000 is what's owed to us by current band members, with \$8,000 of it from last school year.

The program is instituting a new policy: If those people who owe money from a previous year don't at least set up a payment plan before winter tryouts, their students ***will not be able to try out***. Discussion ensued about instituting late fees/interest. If we decide to implement a fee, we must give 30 days' notice before it starts. It was recommended that we add, "All email correspondence should be considered official correspondence from the boosters program" to all electronic booster correspondence.

The boosters have been receiving checks from parents or grandparents who have a different last name than their student. ***Please include your student's name in the memo line of your checks.***

### **IRS Forms**

We file a Form 990 every year as a tax-exempt organization; the due date is coming up and the form will be filed.

### **Volunteers Needed for Props**

It was reported that we need 16 parents *for every game/contest* just for props, plus 5-6 for pit, plus 4-6 for drum major podiums. Parent support will help the ensemble have time to get better prepared right before the performance. Right now we have 25 people signed up – but that means every one of them must show up at every game. Ask parents you know if they can and will volunteer. It's a commitment. Contact Rob Carpenter at rob\_carpenter@att.net.

### **Concessions & Souvenirs Booths & Volunteers**

The concessions and souvenirs booths will be at the *south* end of the home bleachers, where people come in – a great location. We still need volunteers for the souvenir booth.

### **Fundraising**

- Arby's night raised \$212 during last week of August.
- Amanda Catron is planning another fundraiser at a restaurant; stay tuned.
- Riley Days shuttle – Riley Days needs a shuttle driver from the parking lot at the fairgrounds to downtown, for a total of 31 hours; \$400 will be paid toward students' accounts. Contact Rob Carpenter.
- Lucas Oil payments – It takes 4-6 weeks for Lucas Oil to get a check to the boosters, so it takes that long to post to each student's account. Thanks for your patience! We cannot make it work any faster. We do keep track of who has worked.

### **Misc.**

- Thursday, Sept. 15 – Homecoming parade starts at 5 p.m. and should be over around 6 p.m. Staff has asked boosters to feed the students, since they'll have practice until 9 p.m. after dinner. Michelle Reynolds is heading that up.
- Sept. 30 – Rookie Night, where 8<sup>th</sup>-grade band spends time and performs with the high school band; we provide pizza free for the 8<sup>th</sup>-graders, \$3 each for high school students. If you can help that night, contact Rob Carpenter.
- Riley Day parking – Oct. 6-9 at school corporation parking lot. Need 1-3 people per shift. Amanda Catron is heading it up. (Friday night is Senior Night; Saturday is the parade and practice.)

### **Next Meetings**

Next booster meeting: Oct. 4 (because of Riley Days). Officer's meeting is Sept. 29.

### **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.