

## **Band Parent Meeting**

**June 1, 2013**

**Attending:** Mary Ann Stevenson, Cindy Rose, Brenda Hunter, Paula Kirkland, Paula Lintz, Sheri Usick, Mr. Zilkey.

### **1. Minutes of January 8 and executive meeting January 17 read.**

Business arising from minutes:

Parent asked what decision has been made for unpaid band fee. Executive member said school had promptly covered outstanding fees.

Motion To accept minutes as read.

Moved: Cindy Seconded: Mary Ann

### **2. Treasurers Report**

Balance of approximately \$8000.00 Refer to attached report.

Comment made that the executive should have follow up meeting immediately after trip. Re: to make sure all funds are properly dispersed.

Questions arose concerning if students on trip got to attend all activities that were paid for. Ms. Kirkland confirmed that they did attend the play and musical show as paid for.

Motion to adopt Treasurer's report.

Moved: Cindy Seconded: Brenda

### **3. Band Teacher's Report**

**3.1** Band Trip- well-behaved students and good musical experience.

**3.2** Grade 8 Band Camp went well. Students from Hamiota, Strathclair/Shoal Lake, Russell present. Hope to continue next year, prefer to do earlier in year, possibly October.

**3.3** Ms. Kirkland made note of how senior band students assisted in prep for the final concert, including making programs, announcing pieces etc. Choir members along with Ms. Kirkland wrote their own music.

Favorable comment was made by parents of how positioning of students in other parts of gym was very effective in presenting their piece.

**3.4** Jazz Band- She would like to see numbers increase for the next year. Expecting enthusiastic grade 9 boys to promote it for following school year. They have option of attending in AM, or after school for practice. Jazz and choir are both ½ credit.

Choir meets at noon hour Tues. Thur. Jazz practice can be once a week, but for a longer time frame.

**3.5** Ms. Kirkland requested more scheduled meetings for band parents next year. She referred that Strath. band parents meet every 1-2 months. Suggestion made to hold meeting on concert night prior to concert as parents already present.

**3.6** Ms. Kirkland suggested as new enrichment possibility for older students next year- a divisional honor band. They could meet once or twice a month, at a rotating location for a two hour rehearsal. Parents would be responsible for transportation.

#### **4. Old Business**

##### **4.1** Instrument returns.

Ms. Kirkland has requested senior band to return instruments June 13, Thurs. deadline. She will stay after to check instruments over for repair needs. Middle year students must return instruments following week, Thurs.

For next year, band letter to include that rental instruments must be returned before band mark will be given. Also to be included in this initial letter for students to select if they need new band shirt (15\$ fee)

##### **4.2** Westman honor Band

Ms. Kirkland reported it was very positive for all attending. A miscommunication with honor band organizer this year resulted in an extra large number attending for next year, Ms. Kirkland will recommend students, but there will be a limit of how many can attend.

#### **5. New Business**

**5.1** Discussion on how to cover cost of reeds and other maintenance cost. Decided to include \$5.00 with years fee so resulting in following amounts:

\$80.00 if renting instrument, with \$140 per family maximum.

\$55.00 if own instrument.

The fee will include the cost of reeds so no separate money needs to be collected by the teachers during the school year.

Also there is \$15.00 fee for all who need a band shirt.

New: Students renting will be asked to give a damage deposit for \$100.00 which will be returned at year end.

No fee is charged to choir students , but we would request they get a t-shirt.

Discussion on how to encourage opportunity for t-shirts of graduating students to be available for re-sale.

**5.2** Motion to close small account- H.C.I Band account and transfer funds to Hamiota School Band.

Moved: Sheri      Seconded: Mary Ann

**5.3** There is a need for a list of volunteers to transport instruments for repairs to and from Ted Goods.

**5.4** We will be expecting a repair bill for the summer. \$2500 is to be left in account at all times for repairs.

Approximately \$3500.00 is available to purchase instruments. Ms. Kirkland will look into instrument needs.

Paul Lints will pursue Scotia Bank grant.

**5.5** Ms. Kirkland is interested in Level 1 Band Festival in Brandon for Grade 6 to senior bands.

**5.6** Fundraising for instruments will be expected for next year.

Suggestion- band be first in fall to sell Vern's Pizza. Students have suggested talent show. Other suggestions: fruit sales, Candle fundraiser, photo calendar.

**5.7** Paula Lints will write letter to school division requesting financial support for the band program specific to instrument purchases or specific project.

**5.8** Concert dates for next year. Choosing a date in February instead of Dec. , so not combined with M.Y. drama.

**Next Meeting: September 5, 7:00 PM.**