

Minutes

GAHANNA LINCOLN INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC BOOSTERS September 14, 2009

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Steve Jashinski at approximately 7:32 pm.

Present:

Steve Jashinski, Scott Joseph, Cindy Murray, Stephanie Miller, Greg Miller, Rob Cebriak, Pam Arras, Mary Howell, Kevin Dengel, Mark Shaffer, and Pam Slater.

Review of Minutes from August 10 2009:

After review of the minutes, Cindy Murray motioned for their approval, and Stephanie Miller seconded. The minutes were approved.

Directors' Reports:

Middle School South:

GLIMB Report

Greg Miller

September 14, 2009

Bands are underway at Middle School South, with 44 students in the 7 grade band and 31 students in the 8 grade band. The 7 grade band is starting off the year with a fast-paced review of what we learned in 6 grade band, courtesy of the school-owned Yamaha Band Method books purchased several years ago by GLIMB. The 8 grade band just submitted their first recorded playing tests of the year, and the group has read through about five pieces of frill band music so far. Both groups are preparing for their respective district-wide concerts in early November, with 8 grade bands performing on November 2 and 7 grade bands performing on November 5. Both concerts will take place in the Middle School West Auditorium at 7:30 p.m. In the meantime, we've been busy wrapping up beginning-of-the-year business like collection of grading policy forms money for books, band shirts, and metronomes. Thanks to GLIMB for facilitating these purchases. Our brand-new 6 grade survey courses are beginning their fourth "rotations," as we see the entire 6 grade once every four days. After presentations of all band instruments, we are now doing the "big four" instrument pre-fittings in class, trying various instrument parts and mouthpieces. Tomorrow evening at 7:30 we will hold the District 6 Grade Band Parent Information Meeting. This will be our first chance to see how strong the interest is in band this year — students are all taking part in a survey of their course offerings and will not formally sign up for their music classes for another few weeks. Instrument fittings will take place on September 29, October 1, and October instrument study beginning in class on October 12-13. We are hopeful that the presentation of band instruments to the entire 6 grade will pay off with increased enrollment and involvement in beginning band.

Thanks for all you do!

Middle School West:

Rob Cebriak

9/14/09

The year is off to a good start at MSW. The 7 and 8 grade bands are doing review work and looking forward to their first concerts in November. The eighth grade band will perform for the spirit rally on Friday, September 25

We're very excited about the Music Survey class that we're doing with all of the 6 graders in the district. Every sixth grader in Gahanna (that's about 600 of them) is going through a six-week rotation to learn about their music options: band, strings, choir, and general music, and we're hopeful that this rotation will encourage more of them to join the performance groups. Early indications seem to confirm this.

Our information meeting and appointment signup for 6 grade parents is tomorrow night at 7:30 in the GLHS auditorium.

A projector and screen were installed in the MSW band room this summer, and we have used them with the GLIMB laptop to do PowerPoint presentations to the classes and to animate marching band drill to the marching band squad leaders. Thanks to GLIMB for providing the laptop which has been invaluable in these presentations, as well as for writing drill and editing music.

Joe Schiska has promised another computer for the MSW band room which we can use for the Smartmusic application.

In the next month, 7 and 8 graders will be receiving the metronomes, tuners, books, and band shirts that they ordered. Thanks to the boosters for purchasing these reimbursables.

Respectfully submitted,

Rob Cebriak

Orchestra:

Kevin Dengel reports that all programs are off to a good start at this time.

High School:

September 14, 2009

To: GLIMB

From: J Shell

Re: Meeting

All is well in Band world! It was nice to finally perform last Friday and the kids did a great job!

We look forward to traveling to Newark this week and then introducing the Sinatra Show for the

Homecoming Game, October 2 Game and Logan Festival October 3.

Speaking of Logan Festival no, I have no details yet To Be Announced as I receive them.

Speaking of October 3 Tags and envelopes (we'll be sending more out on routes this year) have been ordered for Tag Day. Routes will be posted for student and driver sign up next week..., in time for Open House next Monday evening!

Commemorative T-Shirts along with a pin and a patch for Chicago Parade will be given to us. Also available for optional purchase will be a full group picture taken at "the bean".

Therefore, we do not need to design and purchase a shirt! Many, many thanks to Bethany Rush for the research she did on a t-shirt purchase!

Congratulations to: Aubrey Joseph, Clarinet; Jenni Hielkema, Bassoon; Phillip Slater (for the third year!), Euphonium; Josh Minhinnick, percussion; on being selected into membership of the 2010 Ohio Music Education Association All-State Band to be held in Cincinnati in January. This is indeed a singular honor in that we had fourteen students apply, along with about four hundred in the State. The musical requirements for this are y demanding. Thank-You Boosters for paying the \$900 in fees (see Honors Groups Reimbursement Policy) for these four students.

Congratulations to Aubrey Rice, flute; Ashley Walters, clarinet; Kyle Richards, clarinet; Aubrey Joseph, clarinet; Rachel Johnson, bassoon; Andrew Joseph, saxophone; Brad Granville, horn; Phillip Slater, Euphonium; and Josh Minhinnick, percussion; on being accepted into membership in the Capital University Honors Band which will take place November 13 and 14! We had the same fourteen students apply with the same criteria as All State and these nine were selected. Two additional selectees were unable to commit to this weekend in November. Thank-You Boosters for paying the \$225. in fees (see Honors Groups Reimbursement Policy) for these nine students!

Freshman Band is doing just fine learning how to adjust to me and life at LHS! We shall this week size them for shirts to be worn Tag Day.

I'm sure Mr. C and Mr. M. will be sharing details concerning the new and improved methods of starting beginners which will occupy our time greatly in the next few weeks. Thanks for all you do. A special thanks to Skip, Steve and Christy for all the hard work at providing water, concession workers and uniform task force!

Steve Jashinski read a thank you note from Pat McKown thanking GLIMB for her retirement gifts.

Treasurer's Report:

Scott Joseph provided a Balance Sheet as of August 31, 2009. A Profit and Loss Report was provided for the month of August 2009.

The GLIMB books were on display at the meeting and Mr. Joseph reports that Julio Valladares has audited the 2008-2009 books.

Cindy Murray motioned to approve the Treasurer's Report and Mark Shaffer seconded. The Report was approved.

Chicago Trip Update/Fundraising

Stephanie Miller provided a Fundraising Report as of August 10, 2009. A copy of this report is attached to minutes.

- The final fundraising payment was prepared and turned over to Scott so that he could get a check in the mail last week. As of today, this payment has not been posted to the individual accounts.
- As of June 15, 2009 we have sent New Horizons a total of \$15,021.68 as a result of fundraising.
- There are currently seven families with two students going to Chicago. We sent New Horizons the additional \$75 per family that GLIMB had authorized so that it could be posted before the final payment is due. One family has their New Horizon's account paid in full and, therefore, received a check for this money directly.

- A letter was sent to all band participants who have participated in fundraising detailing the amount of funds they have raised and the amount of their final payment to New Horizons. Thanks go to Mark for providing needed addresses.
 - Three families have currently overpaid their New Horizons account because they did not take fundraising into account when sending in their payments. We suggest that GLIMB refund this money to these families when individual fundraising checks are cut in early November. New Horizons has indicated that they do not automatically refund overpayments to families but will disburse those funds according to our wishes and have no problem sending that money to GLIMB. This way, these families will have their fundraising money to use on the trip.
 - Another student has cancelled. As of today, our trip roster stands at 143 participants. None of the students who may have come to the band/flag corps just this past summer have registered for Chicago. New Horizons did express that any student who will be going on this trip should register as soon as possible. Do we need to set a firm deadline for trip registration?
 - Because three of the four families that had to cancel had done fundraising (a total of \$510.15), I did inquire about the funds from cancellations. Bethany, at New Horizons explained that the money from individuals who cancel is put into a cancellation fund. These funds are usually used towards any outstanding balance the band might have after the trip. We could also redirect those funds to students whose families might be having trouble paying for the trip. If these funds are not used, they will be refunded to the band. Additionally, even though one of these families had trip insurance, they are not refunded money paid as a result fundraising or as part of GLIMB 's contribution but only personal funds used.
 - Thanks to Steve for sending out an email about Kroger fundraising.
 - With TAG Day coming up, perhaps we could cast a wider fundraising net with Kroger. If students leave one of the example cards with people during TAG day, we might be able to get additional community support for the program.
- Discussion was made regarding distributing info sheets about the Kroger program on TAG day, and it was decided that we would hand these out. There is a possibility that the info can be printed on the back of the TAG. Mrs. Miller will check with Mr. Shellhammer regarding this.

Concession Committee Report:

Mrs. Howell reports that they are currently stocking the booth for football games. In regards to equipment and maintenance, there are some electrical issues, a nonfunctioning refrigerator was removed from the main concession stand and a new water tank was installed in the Visitors booth.

Rita's tried to sell their product outside of the stadium by the Credit Union, but they were not very successful. They were going to donate their proceeds to us but they only sold 10 cups.

Donatos was late in delivering the pizzas at one of the soccer games. Mr. Jashinski refused to accept them because they were late. He will call Donatos about this.

Old Business:

Mr. Joseph stated that we will need to file a tax return with the IRS by November 15.

Adjournment:

There being no further business, Mark Shaffer motioned that the meeting be adjourned, and Cindy Murray seconded. Steve Jashinski adjourned the meeting at 8:45 pm.

Next meeting will be on Monday October 12 at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela Slater
Secretary