

Minutes

Gahanna Lincoln Instrumental Music Boosters March 8, 2010

Call to order:

Steve Jashinski called the meeting to order at approximately 7:37pm.

Present:

Cindy Murray, Maxine Joseph, Barb Wilhelm, Scott Joseph, Jeffrey Shellhammer, Kevin Dengel, Greg Miller, Pam Arras, and Steve Jashinski.

Review of minutes from Feb.8, 2010

After review of the minutes, one correction was made as to an expense of \$2,894.35 for the Chicago trip and whether the giant "bean " photo was included in that amount. Mr. Shellhammer corrected that and said, "that 'no' it was not included in that price". He mentioned a letter he received from New Horizons regarding the Rainforest Café dinner. Motion for approval of corrected minutes requested. Minutes were approved unanimously.

Directors' Reports:

Middle School West:

Rob Cebriak

Several performances are coming up for the bands at MSW:

- Our winter concert, entitled "Oh, The Places You Will Go...With Music," is tomorrow night and will feature the 7th, 8th, and jazz bands. Pieces will be performed that are from or inspired by such locations as Greece, the Arabian Peninsula, Russia, Australia, Ireland, and the USA.
- The jazz band and jazz lab will perform for the MSW spaghetti dinner at 7:00 on Monday, March 22. This is an informal concert and dinner being held in conjunction with the choir, student council, and athletic staff. Dinners are being sold in advance or at the door.
- The jazz band is also looking forward to the all-district jazz festival that Mrs. Shellhammer is putting together on Tuesday, March 23. Thank you, GLIMB, for your annual support of this event and its guest performer.
- The jazz band will wrap up March by being the closing act for the MSW talent show on Friday, March 26.

7th and 8th graders are currently preparing for solo & ensemble, to be held in Pickerington on Saturday, April 17. The deadline for entries is next Saturday, so I will be requesting a check to cover the entry fees very soon. Thanks to GLIMB for funding this as well. I don't have final numbers on solos yet, but we have about 15 band ensembles and 1 or 2 string ensembles preparing to participate. About half of our 7th and 8th grade band students are involved, and several of our high school students are donating their time to help coach these groups.

Thank you for all of your support!

Middle School South:

Greg Miller

THANK YOU for providing pizza and pop for the 7th grade band students who traveled to the high school on February 26 to hear a 40-minute dress rehearsal of the Prism Concert. We received positive feedback from students about this field trip and hope that the exposure to the high school band program helped to spark further interest in these second-year band members.

The high school percussion ensemble traveled to The Ohio State University for their Percussion Ensemble Festival on Saturday, February 27. They performed two pieces and participated in several clinic sessions with guest artists, learning the finer points of cymbal crash technique from Keith Aleo and stretching their coordination with a bit of “choreography” with Swedish vibe player Anders Astrand. The group was invited back to participate in the evening concert, where we performed one of our pieces again, applying some of the suggestions of the clinicians from that afternoon. Special thanks to parents who served as transportation to and from campus on that snowy weekend!

The Middle School South Winter Band Concert was held last Tuesday evening, including performances by the 7th grade band, 8th grade band, clarinet choir, and jazz band. I was pleased with the performances of all of these groups, as well as the parent turnout – about 140 programs “consumed.” GLIMB spring volunteer forms and Heartland Band change fundraising information was made available at this concert, as well as the MSE Concert last Thursday night.

Upcoming events for the Middle School South Jazz Band include the South Dinner Theater, this Thursday and Friday at 6:00 in the cafeteria, as well as the District Jazz Concert at GLHS on Tuesday, March 23 at 7:30.

Students at South are well underway with preparations to participate in Middle School Solo and Ensemble Contest on April 17 at Pickerington Central High School. A little more than half of our 7th and 8th grade band members are involved in some way, with 9 soloists and 10 ensembles preparing to represent South, as well as the district-wide brass choir conducted by Mrs. Shellhammer. We will be seeking checks for registration for this event next week - \$11 for a solo and \$15 for an ensemble.

Thanks for all you do!

Jazz Bands:

Kelly Shellhammer

The Jazz I performance at Royal Manor scheduled for Feb 5 had to be rescheduled for Feb 24. Fortunately we had school that day! The kids did a nice job and the Royal Manor students and faculty greatly enjoyed the concert.

The All-District concert for 2010 will feature Jeff Halsey a bassist from BGSU. The concert will be held on March 23 at 7:30 PM. He will be arriving on Monday evening for a rehearsal with Jazz I. On Tuesday he will conduct a clinic for the students during 7th and 8th period in the band room. I am requesting \$700 for Jeff for his time here in Gahanna plus the hotel, which will be around \$75.

The jazz bands will be performing at the Ohio Jazz Summit held in Tiffin, Ohio on Friday, April 9. I am currently in conversation with three different restaurants in Tiffin regarding our evening meal plans. I am finding that \$650 will not be a sufficient amount to cover the dinner for the students. I would like to request \$1200 for the dinner tab. It is possible that our final choice will not be the most expensive one. There is the option of asking the students to contribute for the dinner.

Over the years I have only had a few guitarists who were capable of auditioning into the jazz bands. This year there are three. Two of them are very young and also in the concert bands. I have never purchased an amp for them as they have been far and few between; however, I feel it is a necessity now as the equipment they own does not provide the sound they need to play with a big band. My research is not complete, but I believe I will need between \$300 and \$500 for an amp better suited to a big band. As always, **thank you** for your support of the jazz band program.

Orchestra:
Kevin Dengel

Since our last meeting, the orchestra received a Superior rating at the South Central OMEA Large-Group Adjudicated events. Mr. Carter was in attendance in Granville, and has asked the orchestra to perform at the April 6th staff meeting, as a 10-15 minute showcase concert. This will improve the visibility (and audibility) of the program in our school community. Thanks to Mr. Shellhammer for his support and supplying of the wind/percussion players; also, to Mr. Miller, Mrs. Ballard and Pat Mckown who were able to make it to Granville to be our "stage crew" and cheerleaders.

The chamber orchestra performed at the Board Breakfast on Feb. 19th, with guests from around Gahanna and the state. We received a note of thanks from new Board of Education member, Jill Schuler.

Mark, Scott and I are beginning to gather information regarding the end of the year orchestra Cedar point trip on Jun. 10th. American Interstate gave a quote of \$980.00 for the 55-passenger bus; student ticket prices are \$29.99; however to encourage more students to partake, we hope to offer tickets at a discounted price (provided through GLIMB). No money has been collected or cost shared with students. Stay tuned -it is still early in the planning.

We are also in the early stages of planning a high school "tour" of some of the elementary buildings, for school day concerts. This will help to increase the exposure and visibility of the program and allow students to have direct interaction with high school musicians. Date: TBD

High School:
Jeff Shellhammer

District adjudicated event will be held on Sat. March 13 at Thomas Worthington High School. We still need chaperones for freshman band -have one, need three. New Horizons sent a letter and check to Mr. Shellhammer regarding the Rainforest Café dinner experience. The "bean" picture is to be framed and displayed in the band room. We are starting pit rehearsals next week for the production of "Jekyll and Hyde". Thanks to Ben Coy for being a guest artist and performing at the Prism concert on Feb.

28th. There have been multiple requests regarding the state band contest that will be hosted by GLHS.

Treasurer's Report:

Scott Joseph shared that the GLIMB taxes had been filed. Steve Jashinski signed off on them. The uniform CD is due on March 11th. The group was asked if GLIMB wanted to flip it into another CD and make it \$14,000 instead of \$7,000. All present were in favor of purchasing a new CD. This was passed unanimously. Kevin Dengel, orchestra, stated that they would be in need of new uniforms (2 skirts were urgently needed). Scott shared that student reimbursables had come in last month. Scott also asked Kevin Dengel regarding his plan for instrument purchases for orchestra before the budget can be re-evaluated. The pennies to dollars fundraising effort with Heartland Bank and GLIMB was also discussed.

Concession Committee Report:

Skip was unable to attend due to work. Pop will be ordered for March 17th event. Steve will check with Jeff Conklin to make sure that water is turned on in the concession stands. There was discussion as to who would take over purchasing for next year. A suggestion was made that the individual may want to train this spring.

Next meeting will be on Monday, April 12th @7:30pm.

Adjournment:

There will be no further business. Steve Jashinski adjourned the meeting at 8:37pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Pam Arras
Substitute for Pamela Slater