

Moms and Dads for Music--Meeting Minutes--10/21/08

Meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM.

As Marie Swierkowski is under the weather, we have no Treasurer's Report. We have a balance at this time of \$7,078.56.

We are trying to put together a budget. Jan and Josette have been in touch with the district music teachers to try and determine what the upfront costs of trips/events for students will be so we can address this in our budget. We would like to be able to offset the cost of these trips/events for the students. So far, we have found out that taking the students to Six Flags for the music festival: student cost: \$125. Hershey Park trip in May for Middle School: student cost: \$235. We need to consider keeping enough money in our budget to cover scholarships and end-of-year awards. We hopefully will have a budget to vote on for the November meeting.

Correspondence: No report.

Membership: As of this date, we have 191 members.

Fundraising: At Homecoming we sold 58 Frisbees and 13 scarves.

Moms and Dads has purchased a brick for the "Eagle Walk of Fame".

Upcoming:

Hofstra Marching Band Festival--October 23; "Cabaret Night"--February. M&Ds will donate soda (?) This is a fundraiser for Tri-M.

Josette and Jan have spoken to Paula Farbman who related the following to them: (1) Band, orchestra, chorus pictures should be included in the yearbook (2) Marching Band members are now being listed in the football programs.

To reward elementary students, 4th and 5th graders in the band, orchestra and chorus are invited to attend the "Learn the Music" program to be held at BHS. The program will include a 10-piece ensemble of world-class musicians and will run approximately 45 minutes.

Once again the subject of having a "Musicians Helping Students" program was discussed. Logistics, scheduling, missed classes, getting enough volunteers, etc. were discussed. A suggestion was made to perhaps ask the Tri-M students to help out with a clinic on a Saturday for younger musicians. Will run this past Paula Farbman. Perhaps charging a nominal fee to cover the costs; pizza, t-shirt for the students. Another suggestion was made to perhaps have the younger students perform with the high school students at the concerts (maybe for spring or next year?).

Our concerts are fast approaching, and we will need volunteers to help with the raffle tickets.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Christine Stratford, Recording Secretary