

# CHS OOMPAH MUSIC BOOSTER MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, July 28, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 7 pm by Peggy Sorensen OOMPAH President: Kim Fennington, Doug Smith, Peggy Sorensen, Melissa Ramos, Carol Jones, Michelle Rasmussen, Marcia Tivoli, Cindy Cicalese, Chuck Orifici, Amy Kurtz and Jeanne Jacobson were present.

## **TREASURER'S REPORT:** Michelle Rasmussen

- Michelle presented the 2015-2016 budget and funds allocation reports and the final 2014-2015 budget.
- OOMPAH is starting the year with a balanced budget and a small carry over from 2014-2015.
- Michelle proposed more fundraising to build a bigger reserve. Peggy Sorensen proposed the budget include a scholarship fund for students needing financial assistance and a contingency fund for unexpected emergencies. The group agreed with these proposals and to split the Yankee Candle Fundraiser profit with students and to designate some or all of the Cabaret profit to OOMPAH this year.
- A proposal to include a line for donations on future issuances to parents was approved.
- Cindy Cicalese requested and was approved \$200 a year to establish and maintain the new OOMPAH website.
- It was noted that money would be saved this year because there will not be a big festival. Big trips, like last year's trip to Orlando, will be taken every other year.
- Michelle requested help in contacting parents of seniors at the end of this school year so she can transfer any remaining senior account balances to younger siblings.

## **SECRETARY'S REPORT:** Jeanne Jacobson

- Jeanne presented the minutes from the June 2015 OOMPAH meeting. The minutes were reviewed and approved.

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** Peggy Sorensen

- Peggy proposed continuing to hold OOMPAH meetings on the third Thursday of each month. The board agreed.
- Peggy informed the group that Mr. Whiting has requested that CHS parent groups work together more and help build school spirit. OOMPAH, Boosters, and the PSTA will try to find ways to support each other's efforts. For example, Boosters proposed that the National Anthem be sung by CHS chorus members at athletic events instead of using a recording. Peggy suggested OOMPAH provide content for the PTSA student directory (e.g., concert schedules, website link, and Cabaret advertisement). Other ideas are welcome.

## **MARCHING BAND REPORT:** Peggy Sorensen for Lea Jessup

- The Marching Band Committee is up and running. Some additional volunteers may be needed for games. Look for a sign up genius.
- Marching band spirit wear may be ordered between August 1 and 19 and will ship 3 weeks after order is placed.
- Forms night is scheduled for August 10. Contact Lea if you can help measure for uniforms at forms night.

## **OOMPAH WEBSITE:** Cindy Cicalese

- Cindy will establish a new website for OOMPAH for quicker posting of information in a single location.
- Will include information on OOMPAH, board members, committees, and fundraisers; mailing list instructions; calendar of events and announcements; forms; and FAQs.

**SPIRIT WEAR:** Peggy Sorensen

- Peggy asked for a volunteer to chair this committee.
- Account already established on Marlow Sports.

**TEACHERS' REPORTS:** Mr. Orifici and Ms. Kurtz

- Ms. Kurtz and Mr. Orifici reviewed the 2015-2016 calendar of events—
  - Oct 13—Fall Chorus Concert
  - Oct 29—Fall Instrumental Concert
  - Nov 11—UMD Chorus Day—Chamber Singers
  - Nov 12—Marching Band end of season dinner
  - Dec (date TBD)—MCPS Show Choir Festival
  - Dec 14—Winter Instrumental Concert
  - Dec 22—Winter Chorus Concert
  - Dec 23—Winter Instrumental Tour
  - Feb 13—Cabaret
  - Feb 23—Choral Cluster Concert
  - Feb 25—Instrumental Cluster Concert
- Mrs. Kurtz reported that Choir Camp is scheduled for August 12 & 13—18 attendees, including counselors.
- Mrs. Kurtz and Mr. Orifici are considering a trip to New York in January for Chamber Singers, Show Choir, and Jazz Band.

**YANKEE CANDLE FUNDRAISER:** Jeanne Jacobson

- Jeanne reported that the fundraiser will kick off on September 8 and run through October 6.
- Catalog packages will be delivered the week before kickoff and Jeanne will include additional instructions to help clarify confusion about tax and shipping costs.
- Because we registered early, Yankee Candle is providing us \$200 in free samples. The group agreed that these could be raffled off for an additional fundraiser.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned by Peggy Sorensen at 8:30 pm.

**NEXT MEETING: September 17, 2015**