

Norwalk Music Booster Minutes

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Meeting was held Tuesday Sept 4, 2018 in the High School Band Room at 7 pm.

Music Booster President Darcy Hosier welcomed a great turn out to the first Music Booster meeting of the 2018-2019 year. She introduced the team as follows: Darcy Hosier is the Norwalk Music Boosters President, JB Silvers is the Treasurer and Mary Lepley is the Secretary.

Treasurer Report: JB Silvers spoke on two of the main fundraisers for the Music Boosters and how they help provide needed items for our Music programs. The fruit sale raised \$10K last year along with summer band camp raising \$3K. The Notable Donor program is another main fundraiser. He also reported that Music Boosters provided \$20K in addition to the Norwalk schools \$100K towards the subwoofer project. The CD account opened last year was also successful and earned the account additional funds.

Website: Eric Arbogast reported that updates to the website have been made. Updated information regarding the Wells Fargo program is posted with new volunteer forms.

Teacher Reports

Mrs. Menke: Reported that she has a total of 193 kids in her 5th grade band. She also reported the yearly 4th graders trip to the symphony was a success for the kids.

Mrs. Nielsen: Reported that she will have over 200 kids (6th/7th/8th) participating in choir this year. With the large groups, she reported that the concerts will be split into two for performances. One group consisting of 6th grade for performances and the second consisting of 7th and 8th grades. Mrs. Nielsen also reported that Show choir will start at the end of September.

Mr. Huen: Reported that they are already 1/3 through the schedule for HS marching/concert band. He requested volunteers during games to help with the uniforms prior to the halftime performance and requesting volunteers to help chaperone during upcoming marching band contests. Mr. Huen asks that parents contact him for further information.

Mr. Daubitz: Reported that they are in long term planning for their 1st Annual Show Choir Invitational to debut Winter 2020. He reports that this will help drive down costs associated with the program. He is requesting parental volunteers for concessions, stage crews, and costumes. More information will be sent out to parents.

Advertising Program: Jennifer Austin reported that information regarding the Advertising programs (flyers) for all concerts was sent out. She reports that another reminder to parents and seniors will be sent. The goal is to have the programs ready by 9 October. Several volunteers were identified to assist with contacting businesses directly for advertisement support. Businesses can also contact the Music Boosters directly regarding advertisement.

Notable Patron Donor Program: Discussion on this program was regarding the need for more advertising. A push for more social media advertising and to advertise on the Norwalk school district

page was suggested. More interaction with businesses is needed to which volunteers were identified to assist. The information about the program is also posted on the Norwalk Music Boosters webpage.

Volunteering:

Wells Fargo Volunteer Program: Tami Good reported that volunteer opportunities are available for parents to help raise funds for their kids in band or choir. Funds go to a variety of different costs associated with the Norwalk Music programs. Training sessions are available in September. Forms need to be filled out prior to training. Those forms can be found on the Music Booster website.

If you have a child in K-12 Norwalk Music, you are already a Music Booster. Please join us at our next meeting on October 2, 2018 at the High School Band Room at 7pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Lepley, 2018/2019 Secretary