

# Stow Band Boosters Meeting Minutes

December 1, 2014

Secretary's Report-last month posted on-line for review. ([www.stowband.org](http://www.stowband.org)).

Treasurer's Report-Currently we have \$16,000 of the \$20,000 that Mr. Monroe would like by the end of year to replace tubas and sousaphones that are nearing 30 years old. He's also hoping to save money by not completing replacing uniforms. The current uniforms are in good shape, and he doesn't want to replace them at a cost of \$120,000 just due to a style change. Also, the Board of Education is voting on spending around \$50,000 to update the high school auditorium. The Band Boosters is donating \$750 toward this endeavor which will update the sound system, lighting, and new paint.

## Old Business:

- a. Christmas Cash: \$1520 was sold in Christmas Cash cards (as compared to about \$1460 last year). The winner will be announced at the December 19<sup>th</sup> boys' basketball game.
- b. Marching Band CD/DVD Sales: The forms and money were due today. Scott Powell will buy a few extra to sell at the band concerts.
- c. Lock-In: Carl Miragliotta is in charge of this, he may need a few more chaperones. If you are interested in chaperoning let Carl or Janice Brown know. The date for the lock in is December 20<sup>th</sup> from 8pm until 4:30am at LifeCenter Plus.
- d. Candle Fund Raiser: These were also due today. They will be delivered directly to the purchaser's home in time for Christmas. This fund raiser was for student accounts.
- e. Little Caesar's Pizza: This will be done in January. They will be ordered in time for the Super Bowl. For every 10 kits sold the student will receive one free kit. The sale profits will go into student accounts. Depending on how many are sold students can receive \$5-\$7 per kit sold. The average price of the kits ranges from \$15-\$19.
- f. Newsletter: The newsletter will be quarterly with the first newsletter coming out at semester break in January. Information for the newsletter will need to be turned into Leslie Dougherty by the beginning of January. Much of the information in the newsletter the high school students and high school parents know, but the younger students and parents do not.

## New Business:

- a. Senior Pages and Senior Banquet: There still is a need for chairs for these two functions. These two jobs do not have much work involved. If you are interested in chairing one of these let Janice Brown know.
- b. Game Day Shirts: Some interest was shown in possibly purchasing a \$5 shirt or making a shirt that students could wear to the lock-in.
- c. Reverse Raffle: The date will be Friday, March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2015. It will be held at the American Legion on Mogadore Rd. in Kent.

## Directors' Reports:

### a. Lakeview:

1. The first concert for Lakeview will be December 16<sup>th</sup>. There are over 200 students in both bands, so it will be a packed house.
2. Ice cream will be sold at the concert. If you are available to help out with ice cream contact Terri Moseley.

### b. Kimpton:

1. The Kimpton Concert is December 3<sup>rd</sup>.
2. The Kimpton Jazz Band will join the High School Jazz Band Concert on January 8, 2015 at 7:00.
3. Still more information to come on the Jazz concert in February. The jazz band is having a clinic person come before the concert to help with fine details of songs and also a guest artist, Bobby Selvaggio, will come to help.

### c. High School:

1. Jazz bands are up and running at the high school. There were 55 students interested in joining Jazz 2 so there are actually 3 jazz bands now. Mr. Monroe is directing two, and Mrs. Sandman has one.
2. Percussion ensemble is also up and running. There are 22 students involved in this.
3. High school concert is on December 18<sup>th</sup>. Please note dress code for the concert, black shoes, socks, pants/slacks, or floor length skirt. Typically, Freshman Band performs first, and Wind Ensemble performs last, Gold and Maroon bands switch between performing second or third. The concert should last about an hour and a half with each band performing 3 tunes.
4. Honor's Band: This is a new endeavor this year, and it is a learning experience for all. Mr. Monroe feels that some students in Honor's Band are not turning in paperwork by deadlines as they should be. Next year if this continues to be a problem the student's letter grade will drop. So, if they earn an A, but paperwork deadlines were missed, he/she will get a B.
5. Practice tapes are due this Friday.
  - a. Students have an opportunity to stay after school and use band equipment to complete this assignment. Arrangements for this must be made ahead of time however because none of the band directors end their day at the high school.
  - b. Other options to complete this assignment are to use the students' school google accounts and share it with the directors, or use cell phones and e mail. Students can use a form for exemption if they fulfill this requirement in alternative ways. Except if the student is in Honor's Band, and are using this for points towards their honor's grade (no double dipping).
6. There was a lengthy discussion about next school year. There have been some conversations that the school year could possibly change next year. Since a new superintendent has to be hired, this discussion is on hold. It is possible that the school year for high school could be moved to mid-August. This would make it possible to end the semester in December, rather than having students finish in January after two weeks of break. Also, the plan could be to end the school year by Memorial Day. (It's also a possibility that elementary students would start as normal at the end of August, but have a longer school day in order to finish the school year by Memorial Day). Stow-Munroe Falls is part of the Six District Educational District (also included is Cuyahoga Falls, Hudson, Kent, Tallmadge, and Woodridge) and all six of these districts try to keep a similar school schedule due to the sharing of their secondary students in career programming (Stow, for example, houses the Culinary Arts programming for all six districts). A few other districts in the compact have adopted this school schedule, so the

- Stow Administration is looking to possibly match up with the other compact schools. This could impact marching band camp and the summer schedule of practice for marching band.
7. Mr. Monroe will be asking for parents' input for the upcoming Disney trip in March of 2016. He always takes a look to see if things need/want to be changed. The students always ask about possibly adding Universal Studios, for example. However, this adds to the cost, and he wants parents to be able to have a voice since ultimately that's who is paying for it.
    - a. Disney 2016: Last time the trip cost between \$700-\$750 per student. Charter busses were used, and students usually leave the Thursday before Spring Break, and return the Tuesday of Spring Break. (These dates may change due to new testing regulations from the state, but that has not been determined yet). The cost includes meals on the way down and back. While in Disney the students get a buffet breakfast in the morning, and a meal ticket for dinner (lunch was on the student's own). The trip has included a three day park hopper, and usually they do a cookout at the beach.
    - b. If your family decides to go down, and you want to take your child, the policy will be that once the student is removed they are removed. For a variety of reasons a child cannot switch back and forth between doing activities with the band, and doing activities without the band.
    - c. While in Disney the students are involved in performance workshops and they get first-hand experience recording a sound track and marching in a parade.
    - d. Payments usually are made in three lump sums. The first deposit is usually due by the end of August, and the last deposit is due in January. Student accounts can be used for the trip.
  8. Mr. Monroe wanted to thank the Band Boosters for all of their contributions. He said in the past 15 years donations from the Boosters are approaching a half a million dollars. He stated that many opportunities for the students would not be possible without the help of the Boosters.
  9. Solo and Ensemble Contest will be held January 24<sup>th</sup> at Firestone High School. Registration for this will be due before Winter Break. The students will need to go on to the OMEA website and check to see if pieces of music are on the official list of songs. The student will also need the seven digit number associated with that song. That number will be turned in with the registration.

### Important Dates:

Tuesday, December 16, 2014-Lakeview Concert

Thursday, December 18, 2014-High School Concert

Saturday, December 20, 2014-LifeCenter Plus Band Lock-In

Monday, December 22, 2014-Winter Break begins

Monday, January 5, 2015-School resumes, Band Booster meeting

Saturday, January 24, 2015-OMEA Solo/Ensemble Contest for High School students at Firestone HS