

EATON RAPIDS BAND BOOSTERS
Meeting Minutes – July 20, 2011, 6pm High School Teacher’s Lounge

Welcome and Introductions!

Chris Larson called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m. She welcomed the group and everyone introduced themselves.

Attendance: Susan Allen, Christine Conner, Jim Crandell, Joyce Crandell, Robin Elliott, Kathy Hause, Chris Larson, Michael Richard, Tom Sullivan, and Jeannine Wood.

Officer Reports and Standing Business Items

♪ President – Chris Larson reported on the vacancy of the President position because she is stepping down.

♪ 1st VP – Jeannine Wood – Nothing to report

♪ 2nd VP – Robin Elliott – Presented the following items:

Promoting Band Boosters:

Passed out fliers for the meeting – how effective? Other suggestions?

Family emails for Band Boosters

Move the Booster meetings to the parking lot of the stadium for warm weather

Promoting Band:

Band sweatshirts for band and family members- Do we want to make a profit – or just use this as an opportunity to help promote band? – *Committee supported moving forward with this and they will be sold with a profit to the band boosters.*

Photos with Kelly Lehto - (show samples and website) band can make 10% of her profit. Photos are accessible to view on line for a short period. Photos will be ordered all at once so the cost is down. The date for receiving the order will be given and the pick-up will be with Kelly at her shop downtown. *Committee supported moving forward with this and they will be sold with a profit to the band boosters.*

Present fund Raisers:

Concession Stand: IMMEDIATE CONCERN

I have asked Christine Conner to help recruit GIS and ERMS parents to help with this event. I have to communicate more with Kris Zeimer about organizing, ordering, scheduling, etc.

Corn Schedule:

I have asked Carolyn to make a schedule to help us know what weekends are covered at the farmers market. Any openings for sales can be covered if we have ample warning. Application for Dam Fest.

Northwestern: Patsy Baker and Bill DeFrance will begin planning and discussion in the fall. The profit from the sales of the Northwestern items will go to the band boosters.

Can Drive: Working with Band Council on this. Will wait to see what they want to do and what they need help with.

Baking class: Communication with Brenda Stohr has occurred in regards to the process and requirements for this event. Also, we are considering working with Community Education to run this as a class. Dawn Gibbs is also on board with this event and is waiting on the foundation to be laid. Mr. Gumbrecht will teach the class and may be scheduled in November.

Wreath Sales: Communication with Rick Carpenter has been made about price proposal for the city for roping and wreaths. I am not sure if his pricing will aid with the band, but it will offer more employment opportunities for our band students. I have also emailed Mary Kelly to discuss the issue of altering the percentage of money that goes to individual accounts as opposed to general – or raising the price \$1 to go directly to the general fund. I believe this was discussed earlier; I may be mistaken. The committee felt the profit should remain with the students as families depend on this for individual accounts.

Road-Rally: Need to form a committee. I spoke with the city and they are willing to donate 17X30 posters. Steve

Platte said he would meet with the committee once they came up with a plan and we should invite Malewski. The city said a generic waiver would be fine. *May be considered for next summer. Estimated profit \$1,900.*

New fund raising ideas:

Taco Dinner before/during parent teacher conference at the high school? *Committee was interested and would like to move forward with this if possible.*

Chairs: A parent, Lucas Weston's mom, suggested a chair sponsor—*Committee felt this would be difficult during this tough Michigan economy and will not pursue.*

4th of July: Mr. Althouse suggested we look at opening this up to Alumni to help reduce the struggle of Mr. Gumbrecht. trying to recruit, encourage, entice (you choose the best verb) kids to show up. This is one of those events that the City does not want to lose – and neither does the band because it is a showcase. *Committee deferred this to Mr. Gumbrecht.*

Getting in Shape: Every Wednesday evening while the band is practicing, we can use this as a way to raise money and health. We charge the person \$25 to take part in this. Why would they pay to walk around the parking lot? Because, every time you make a lap, you get a ticket. The ticket goes into the container. We continue to collect the tickets while the rehearsals continue. On the last day, we draw the winning ticket. This person could either get one of two things: 50/50 or possibly (2) 6 month passes to Health Works. We have to check with Mr. Gumbrecht to make sure this is not too distracting.

♪ **Communications/Secretary – Susan Allen**

June Meeting Minutes were presented. A request for a motion was made by Chris Larson. Tom Sullivan made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Christine Conner, and approved by the full committee.

It was noted that a copy of the minutes are posted on the website after they have been approved by the committee and Michael Richard will handle this.

♪ **Treasurer – Tom Sullivan**

Chris Larson welcomed new Treasurer Tom Sullivan. Tom presented a summary balance sheet and profit/loss reports based on information completed by Patsy in June. The account balance for June is \$41,875. Typically family accounts make up about \$18,000 of this and director's fund has \$3,000 in there currently. There are a lot of band payments. He has more work to do with Patsy learning the system so he will have a better understanding next meeting. The committee briefly discussed scrip payments and Chris and Tom will discuss further. E-mail any financial questions directly to Tom and he will do his best to address them.

♪ **GIS & MS Representative –Christine Conner**

Christine stated that she has been working with Robin on fundraising and she will continue with this.

Director and Band Council Reports

♪ **High School – Adam Gumbrecht**

♪ **Middle School /Greyhound Intermediate – Chris Rupp**

♪ **Band Council – Destini Pulido**

All reports deferred to an upcoming meeting because of practice. Questions can be directed to Jeannine.

Special Topics

♪ The 2011/12 Volunteers list was presented by Chris. Changes were noted and Susan will update it and present at the next meeting.

♪ **Travel/Band Camp Committee – Jim and Joyce Crandell**

Joyce reported that they are going to have rides for all leadership, 4 females and 3 males. Kathy Coss is the nurse attending. Tomorrow is the chaperone meeting and introduction to students. They will post who is riding with each other. On Sunday they will only be taking one bus down.

They are working on name tags and know all about food allergies/meal requirements. The committee discussed the pizzas and billing of final band camp payment. A grandparent with a trailer to is willing to loan it to the band so they will need recognition on the band website. Susan reported that the fist aid kits will be delivered tomorrow and Hayes Green Beach Hospital should be recognized on the website. Michael will add this to the website.

Old Business:

- ♪ No old business to discuss.

New Business:

- ♪ Concert Box
Chris presented the concert box to be taken to every concert. Jeff will continue to do the fundraisers. The committee will need to get with Mr. Rupp on dates.
- ♪ Drum Major Jacket Purchase
This item is not in the budget, but there is a need to make the purchase. This will be referred on to the appropriate person.
- ♪ Using "generic" erbands.org email addresses - Michael Richard
Michael outlined the possibility of using the bands domain that is already part of the website expense, it is currently set up on a private individuals account.
Examples: "newsletter@erbands.org" or "fundraising@erbands.org" or even individual people/officers. The committee felt this was an appropriate change. Officers will send Michael whatever needs they have and he can link them to their personal e-mail accounts.
- ♪ Tom made a suggestion to draft some type of "welcome" to new parents to help them get familiar of the "ins and outs" of the band program. The committee discussed the idea of a personal phone call to freshman and/or 5th grade parents, a newsletter, welcome packet, etc. Include: parents welcome at Wednesday night rehearsals and come early to get a seat on the left side of the band. The committee will come up with other ideas/scripting and will discuss it further at the next meeting.

Next Band Booster Meetings

August 10: Monthly Business Meeting, High School Teacher's Lounge

September 14: Monthly Business Meeting, High School Library