

# EATON RAPIDS BAND BOOSTERS

Meeting Minutes – September 14, 2011, 6pm - High Library

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## Welcome and Introductions!

Robin Elliott called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m.

Attendance: Susan Allen, Julia Clark-Brownell, Becky Davis, Robin Elliott, Mary Kelly, Chris Larson, Lynne Reed, Michael Richard, Chris Rupp and Tom Sullivan.

## Officer Reports and Standing Business Items

♪ President – (vacancy)

♪ 1<sup>st</sup> VP – Jeannine Wood (absent)

- HS Battle Creek Invitational-may need some help with pulling the trailer, the Larson's and Allen's will coordinate for all events. Robin will follow up with Mr. Gumbrecht to see if he needs any other assistance. Robin will also ask Mr. Gumbrecht to see if the HS band will be attending the Olivet Invitational.
- HS Grand Ledge Invitational- The boosters do feed the band at this event and Jeannine will coordinate the pizza. We can always use more help with set up. Becky volunteered to assist. Robin to follow up with Mr. Gumbrecht to see if he needs any other assistance.
- HS MSBOA Festival in October-only assistance needed is the pulling of the trailer.
- MS Concert Support & Fund Raising-The concert is October 19. Need help with crowd control, passing out programs, etc. High school students attending to help build the program. Robin will follow up with Jeff on fundraising. Becky, Julia and Lynne offered to bake for the bake sale. This is the same night as the wreath sale will be starting, Mary will be leading that.
- Senior night football game - October 14 - Robin and Jeannine will follow up with Mr. Gumbrecht on the flowers.
- Publicity for Greyhound Spectacular-Susan will write an article and obtain a picture to submit to the paper. Mr. Gumbrecht will proof.

♪ 2<sup>nd</sup> VP – Robin Elliott

CONCESSION:

Paid out: \$246.15, Still owing: \$45.60

Total brought in for 9/1/11: \$73.50

Robin needs to purchase styrofoam cups, hot cocoa, M&Ms, and popcorn for the remainder of the home games. Robin to communicate with Chris Larson about the coffee pot for hot cocoa (in the past, her family has donated the use of the pots). Julia offered her Bunn coffee pot if another one is needed in the future. Robin will make signage for the stand and try to work on some lights to encourage customers. Again, if we can send reminder to parents, students, and staff directing them to our stand – GREAT! Susan will send the e-mails and Robin will request an overhead announcement.

Volunteers for concession: 9/1 The Allen family, 9/16 The Humphrey family & Connie Williamson and family, 9/30 The Clark-Brownell family, 10/14 The Richard family

**A motion was made by Tom, seconded by Chris Rupp, and approved by the committee to authorize Robin to spend up to another \$100 for the concession booth supplies.**

CORN: (Deposits made by Robin)

8/16 \$119.30, 8/23 \$103.20, 9/1 \$132.50

Carolyn also has made deposits. Dawn Gibbs will be the Corn Coordinator 2012. Denise Colestock has allowed the use of her property for us to use as a location to sell corn. Strong suggestions have been made about collecting names early for sales (we did this but did not get a chance to implement). After that, we can make a tentative schedule for sales. Another suggestion is to avoid DAM FEST. It is also wise to sell more than the one day for Farmers' Market (possible Tuesdays and Thursdays) at Colestock's.

#### COOKING WITH G:

There are 2 classes due to oven space and participants. The classes have been arranged through Community Education. They will need to be advertised through band email: I will get this out when class gets closer. The write-up for the class is as follows:

Date: Saturday, November 5th

Time: 11 and 2:30

Location: Greyhound Central

Cost: \$20

Instructor: Adam Gumbrecht

Materials needed: 6 cup muffin tin and a sense of humor

Not only is he the director of the highly recognized Eaton Rapids Marching Band, but he is a chef extraordinaire who is willing to share one of his trademark muffin recipes with us to help benefit ER Bands! Whether it is his banana-graham cracker-caramel, or the blueberry peach, or even the chocolate mint muffins, you can be assured that this class is worth the time, effort, and money. When you complete the class, you will leave with your muffin tin filled with fresh out-of-the-oven muffins, a recipe card, two hours spent with good company, and knowing you supported the band. Due to the oven space, we are only allowed to have a class size of (still working on) people. Do not miss out on this opportunity; register before the deadline!

#### BAND ADVERTISING:

Sweatshirts:

HS: First ordering went out successfully! 48 were ordered (\$1600 worth)

ERMS and GIS (and second ordering for HS): Waiting for dates from Mr. Rupp. I will coordinate as before. If there are suggestions, please let me know.

Pictures with Lehto: I am not sure where this is headed.

BAND T-SHIRTS: I have not been informed as to profit made from the shirts – or if there are shirts left over to sell. Susan has been kind enough to send out thank you letters to the sponsors. Robin to follow up with John on final profits.

- ♪ Communications/Secretary – Susan Allen
  - August Meeting Minutes – **A motion was made by Chris Rupp, seconded by Chris Larson and approved by the committee to accept the August minutes as presented.**
- ♪ Treasurer – Tom Sullivan – making progress with Quick books. Paid items that were due the end of August. Reported financial information. He is still following up on individual accounts. The committee discussed the Scrip program and the Meijer rewards program and how beneficial it can be for the individual accounts. Final band camp numbers are in and the final payment has been made. Tom and Chris will work with the directors to follow up on the

individual accounts. **A motion was made by Chris Rupp, seconded by Chris Larson, and approved by the committee to accept the financial report as presented.**

- ♪ GIS & MS Representative – vacancy – no report

#### Director and Band Council Reports

- ♪ High School – Adam Gumbrecht – deferred to an upcoming meeting because of practice.
- ♪ Middle School/Greyhound Intermediate – Chris Rupp – Successful start to the school year. Marshall Music is doing 5<sup>th</sup> grade fittings and everyone will have an instrument by October. He is meeting with 6<sup>th</sup> grade three times a week. 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades are getting prepared for the fall concert.
- ♪ Band Council – Destini Pulido - deferred to an upcoming meeting because of practice.

#### Old Business:

- ♪ Welcome packet – The committee reviewed the proposed welcome call list. Susan will make requested additions and forward to Mr. Rupp for his changes.

#### New Business:

- ♪ GIS/MS Representative vacancy – Mr. Rupp is contacting another parent that had previously expressed interest in being the GIS/MS representative.
- ♪ Budget Overview – Chris Larson and Tom overviewed the budget with the committee, including projected income and expenses. The budget is done in April and approved at the May Band Booster meeting. May 1-April 31 is the fiscal year.
- ♪ The committee discussed the younger students attending the HS performances. Mr. Rupp agreed to allow them to use this as part of their portfolio.
- ♪ The committee discussed the opportunity for high school students to provide lessons to 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> grade students.
- ♪ Mary overviewed her plan for the wreath sales and the committee was in agreement. Packets will go out mid-October. Students will have four weeks to sell with delivery Thanksgiving weekend. The committee discussed successes and challenges from last year. The committee discussed an idea to have \$1 from each item go to the general fund and the remainder of the profit to the individual accounts. Mr. Carpenter is working with the city to purchase their decorations through him with all profits going to the band's general fund.  
**Chris Rupp made a motion, Robin seconded, and the committee approved to designate \$1 from each item sold to the band's general fund.**

#### Next Band Booster Meetings

Meetings are held the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month at 6:00 p.m. in the HS band room. Next meetings are October 11 and November 8.