

## **Instrumental Music Parents Association**

Meeting minutes  
November 14, 2016

**Call to order:** 7:01 p.m.

### **Attendees**

**Band Director:** Mark Tietjen

**Board Members:** Nicole Hoover, Tracy Ferguson, Gina Shumate, Jana Knutson

**Parents:** Amy Davis, Elizabeth Somerlott, Tera Beier, Laurie Martell, Beth Bush, Merri Carlson, Dan Ferguson, Kathy Lydon, Jennifer and Fred Bohm, Sonja Owen

### **Minutes**

Amy motions to approve the October meeting minutes as presented; Tera seconds. Motion carries.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Beginning balance: \$9,894.38

Deposits: \$14,329.54

Expenses: \$7,172.37

Ending balance: \$17,051.55

### **Band Director's Report**

Mr. Tietjen reported marching band received another award from the Auburn competition, winning the Mayor's Award for best drill and music in the parade.

Jazz band travels to EWU on Friday. Band will return to U-Hi that afternoon but then also attend the Gordon Goodwin's Big Phat Band concert at the INB that evening.

Marching band awards night is scheduled for Wednesday, November 16.

Holiday concerts coming up; band performs December 12, orchestra December 13, both starting at 7 p.m. Pep band will start up after Christmas break.

Solo/Ensemble competition is set for Saturday, January 28.

### **Food Coordinator's Report**

Tracy reported all went well; had lots of helpers and plenty of food. IMPA will provide cake for the marching band awards night.

### **Fundraisers**

**Craft Fair** – Tracy reported overall everything went well with only minor issues. Complaint was made during craft fair that the girls' bathroom needed cleaning; may need to pay for extra custodial staff in the future. Some vendors also complained about lack of foot traffic in the commons and west gym. Tracy noted booths are sold on a first come, first serve basis and many of the vendors in the commons didn't sign up until October. Mr. Tietjen commented he received more compliments than ever this year regarding the students helping with the fair.

**Candy Bars** – Nicole reported sale went well, with \$9,653 worth of bars sold. Had \$600 worth not accounted for either with receipts or returned candy. There are 200 bars in the closet but 240 were free so IMPA did not have to purchase any.

**Save Around** – Two hundred books have been ordered; more can be ordered if necessary. Books will be checked out Tuesdays and Thursdays during lunch. Students will receive one book to show as a sample, turn money from sales in to the business office, then present receipts to fill orders. For every five books sold students will receive one free one; can turn it in as a full donation. This year books also include an app with discounts for out-of-town as well as local products and services. Sale ends Thursday, December 8.

**Concessions** – IMPA has three more opportunities to work the concession booth: December 1 and 8, and January 11. IMPA earns \$150 each time. Each volunteer must have a food handler card and must be a U-High booster club member.

**Gus Ford Drive 4 UR School** – Nicole reported IMPA is at the top of the list; paperwork has been submitted, should know by January/February if approved. Only one driver per household will be allowed. Was noted selected date of April 22 conflicts with marching band camp. Suggestion was made to possibly move camp to April 15, but was also noted it may be best if kids aren't at the Ford fundraiser anyway.

### Old Business

**Trailer** – Nicole reported the trailer is licensed, insured, and was able to be used for Auburn. Has already been hit and will be undergoing some repair work. Is at the district now; Mr. Tietjen noted he doesn't want it parked at U-High unless it can be secured. Was noted a driver fee will need to be added to the budget.

**Refrigerator for Tamale** – Jessica Bellus was able to get a new one donated; it's slightly smaller than the old one but works fine.

**Canada Trip** – Mr. Tietjen reported Matt Johnson is waiting for final numbers for kids. More charter bus bids have been received; Alpha/Omega has the best rate. Will likely cap the number at three busses. Participating students need to enroll online; more info to follow.

Nicole reported band and choir are going to ask the boosters for \$5,000 to help with trip costs, noting the craft fair is the biggest money-maker for concessions. Mr. Tietjen will meet with U-High administration to discuss trip financing.

### New Business

**IMPA Board Nominations** – Tracy nominated Tera for IMPA secretary for 2016-17; Tera nominated Lori Stewart for the same position. Board position elections for 2016-17 will be held at the December meeting.

**Christmas Tree Recycling** – Dan noted Boy Scout Troop 400 wants to hold a tree recycling fundraiser and would like to use U-High's lot if IMPA is not offering this service this year. Discussion ensued; was decided to give the Scouts the go-ahead.

**Fundraiser ideas** – Nicole reported she receives fundraising ideas from various organizations and outlined some of them. Spokane Arena Concessions: only four groups are allowed to sell at a time; four are currently lined up but IMPA is on the list should any of them decide to quit. Spokane Chiefs: IMPA picks a night and sells upper-section seat tickets for that game. Tickets in that section run \$16-20; IMPA pays \$11/ticket, sells each for \$15. Chiefs organization provides flyers promoting the event and tracks all sales, then pays IMPA after the game. Nicole suggested choosing a night when Spokane plays the Tri-Cities Americans as those games typically involve a lot of fights, and noted funds raised could be put toward the Canada trip. Clothes for the Cause: IMPA parents and friends volunteer at Value Village helping unload and sort donations. Discussion ensued; this idea tabled to December meeting. Froyo/Music Night: Students perform at Froyo, Froyo advertises the event and gives IMPA a percentage of the day's sales.

Beth Somerlott agreed to serve as the fundraising coordinator; Beth Bush and Merri will assist her. Will focus first on Gus Ford and Spokane Chiefs fundraisers.

Meeting adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

Meeting reopened at 8:41 p.m. Nicole reported Julene Osborn purchased 20 long-sleeve t-shirts for color guard for the Auburn parade (\$13 each). Her intent was the girls would not keep them but rather use them year after year and asked for reimbursement. Discussion ensued; was noted color guard wore jackets zipped up during the rainy parade, covering the shirts. Consensus agreed to deny the reimbursement request.

Meeting adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

Next meeting: Monday, December 12, 2016 at 6 p.m. in the teachers' lounge (meeting earlier than usual and in a different location to accommodate band concert that evening).