

East Clinton Band Boosters
May 5, 2008

Present: Sue Reynolds, Jani Anderson, Cathy Jones, Kathy Rupp, Kathy Keltner, Kelly Brown, Kevin Brown, Sam Minge

Secretary report from March meeting presented.

Checking balance \$3946.20
Savings \$999.51

Sue presented the check from New Vienna PTO for \$200.

Band banquet

Tuesday, May 20 at 6:30 p.m. Cafeteria is reserved. Carry in dishes will be requested by class.

Boosters supply cups, napkins, forks, plates.

8th grade - drinks

Freshman – finger sandwiches

Sophomores – side dishes

Juniors – desserts

Seniors - drinks

Mr. Minge will provide all awards.

Treasurer

Jani made a motion to elect Kathy Rupp as treasurer. Motion seconded by Cathy Jones. Motion passed. Sue moved to remove Cathy Jones' name and add Jani Anderson's name to the checking account as a second signer. Kathy Rupp seconded. Motion passed.

Fund Raising

Kathy Rupp suggested we try selling mums in the fall as a fundraiser. Sue will contact Teresa Moore to see if she would be willing to help with materials. Jana Huff Day might be aware of the Fairfield (Leesburg) mum sale details. Sue will contact her to get more information.

Kathy Rupp suggested we try to contact alumni again to begin asking for sponsorship in several levels. Sue will contact Cindy Anderson for the alumni association.

Mr. Minge's report

Budget/pre-fab show – shows are more expensive and not well suited to our band. Therefore, he will research a custom show again this year. Goal is to fund raise approximate \$2500 this summer to offset costs including band fees, show, contest entry fees, uniform maintenance.

Mr. Minge will put in a request for the school maintenance crew to line the practice field this year, as he did it himself last year and paid for the paint out of his own pocket. Kevin Brown volunteered to check into getting this done.

Kevin asked if it is possible for parent to opt-out of sales fund raising and instead pay a flat fee of approximately \$75. Mr. Minge said this is possible, but that the amount will be subject to change.

Mr. Minge explained the show, which will be centered on a soldier's life.

Mr. Minge asked about feeding the band before away games, and how/if this is to be coordinated. He suggested we not attend all away games, especially those that take place before a competition. Kevin Brown volunteered to bring this up at the next school board meeting. Cathy Jones suggested we bring a small pep band to these away games, which would cut down on transportation costs.

Memorial Day parade – New Vienna/Sabina parades are the same day/same time. Mr. Minge would like to alternate between the two towns on a yearly basis rather than split up the band. He plans to introduce this idea for year 2009 parades.

King's Island report

Students behavior was excellent. One judge gave us an excellent and one a good. Many students were missing due to the FFA convention.

Purchases: Band room needs new chairs, stands and some new instruments. Mr. Lynch will provide financial report to Mr. Minge in order to budget for items. Mr. Minge also suggested we research purchasing a set of formal wear for the band for concert events. Cost estimate for formal wear (vest and bow tie—no jacket) is \$2970.

Travel: Mr. Minge would like to take the concert band to Gatlinburg for the Smoky Mountain Music festival next spring for the off-year spring trip. This would take place around the last weekend in April. Cost per child is \$475. Mr. Minge will send home a notice to see how much interest there is in the trip before proceeding.

Color Guard staffing change: Mr. Minge reported that Sarah Larrick from Wilmington will be directing the guard this year.

Field commander: Mr. Minge presented the group with several options for a new stand. He plans to ask the board for help with the cost. He also asked the group to approve sending the field commander to an educational clinic this summer (\$290). Sue moved and Cathy Jones seconded to approve the clinic. Motion passed. Kathy Rupp moved to purchase a new jacket (\$125) for Dustin, Kevin Brown seconded. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted by Sue Reynolds