

July 5, 2023  
Girard Music & Drama Booster Meeting

\*Meeting called to order at 6:18 by Mike Abbey.

**Attendance**

- Cassi LaFata
- Ray Brown
- Shawn Durfee
- Christy Durfee
- Michele Baumgratz
- Rick Staaf
- Wendy Meka
- Joe Meka
- Mike Abbey
- Elaine Jones
- Devin Rossey
- Nancy Bottom
- Julie Rastatter

**Director's report**

1. This year our band camp has been cut short one day due to no staff available to work at Camp Notre Dame on Friday. The cost per student is \$175 (for 25-30 students & staff) for Sunday through Thursday. If we want to have our picnic and performance it will have to be held on Thursday and the cost would be \$8 per person. Talked about seeing if an early check in can be done, possibly on Saturday. May not be possible. Or a check in early on Sunday rather than late afternoon. May need extra meals if early Sunday arrival. It was also suggested that 3 cabins would be best for the amount of female students and space
2. needed.
3. Night security will be through Blackgate Security at a cost of \$800.
4. Camp cost plus security is \$207 per student.
5. A sign up Genius will be created for time slots for parent volunteers to be at camp as chaperones throughout the week. Mrs. Pier will be available to help fill in some time slots.
6. Marching gloves will be purchased with funds allotted from the school budget. Mr. Staaf made a proposal that he would like to have students buy their own marching shoes as a sense of pride with our marching band.
7. Mr. Staaf would like to see a unified approach to social media. He made a proposal to see if Mr. Rossey could get paid as a social media person. He asked if

the boosters could discuss this option. He was unaware of the Boosters having a chaired committee for social media already.

8. It was noted that the Boosters need a list of new parent emails to add them to our Gmail account.
9. There was also a discussion on what vehicles will be needed to load and move the show on to the field.

### **Secretary Report**

The Secretary has submitted June 2023 meeting minutes. There was a motion to approve those minutes by Christy Durfee and Shawn Durfee seconded it. Motion passed. Secretary is working on updating the contact list in the Gmail account.

### **Treasurer Report**

Nancy is waiting for her debit card to arrive and Mike has his. We are now looking to set arrangements for Shawn or Michele B. to close the PNC Bank account. Shawn has closed his Amazon Prime account with the Boosters and Mike has added his Prime account. Michele B. made a motion to approve and Shawn seconded. Motion passed

### **Vice President Report**

Candy bars are ready to sell. Widget Financial is not going to be selling bars for us this season. Michele asked about the setting up a test drive day at Ferrando Ford World in Girard and the band will get donations as to the amount of test drives done. Michele mentioned about a yard sale plan as a fundraiser that was an idea of another booster member. She is also going to fill out the donation form at Widget Financial to see about a possible tent donation. The Stands for Bands bike run has been discussed at length at the Booster meeting and another meeting as well and has been decided in the best interest of planning and time restraints to be changed to be held next year to allow for more planning with the other schools, local American Legion, and area merchants.

### **Social Media**

Since Mr. Rossey joined the Social media committee, Wendy gave him access to the Facebook account. Wendy is going to create a Signup Genius for the Dan Rice Days Booth helpers, with a 2 hour window time slots. She will also create a Signup Genius for the parent volunteer chaperones during band camp. As per Mr. Staaf's request, the Boosters discussed the idea of payment or stipend for Mr. Rossey for his work on social media. Shawn made a motion to table the discussion as it needed more discussion and it was close to meeting end. Michele seconded.

## **Old Business**

1. Dan Rice Days booth is set. Booth is purchased. Using a 10x10 pop up tent and folding tables will be needed. We will be raffling off a fire pit that Wendy got through Erie School District at a cost of \$125. We will be adding the makings for smores, including our chocolate bars, toasting forks, and tongs made by Joe Meka. We will use our regular roll tickets with name and phone number. Tickets will be \$2 or 3 for \$5. Michele made a motion to pass and Christy seconded.
2. Wendy will be working on the set up for Funk and Junk to get our band uniform on a mannequin with a donation bucket.
3. Due to time restraints, a separate meeting has been set to work on the bylaws to meet Monday, July 18th @6pm at the RAMS cafeteria.

## **New Business**

1. Wendy proposed that due to the change in our band camp arrangements being shortened, our picnic/performance being changed to Thursday, plus the food served last year ran out before everyone ate, and was uncovered outdoors with flies, that we look into changing our plan. She proposed that we perform on Friday on our home practice field and then hold our picnic in the RAMS cafeteria. The Boosters could buy most or all of the food. Michele made a motion to approve and Christy seconded.
2. Shawn made a motion to set the rate for the cost of band camp at \$150 per student with the Boosters paying the \$57 difference per student. Michele seconded.
3. Michele made a motion to have Missy at Leader Graphics make our annual show t-shirts. Shawn seconded.
4. Wendy made a motion to due to supplier issues for letterman jackets, to have all eligible band/drama club members be measured for jackets every year at our July booster meeting to ensure their arrival at an appropriate time. As for this year we are going to ask Missy to come measure the students asap. Michele seconded.
5. Wendy spoke about the craft fair being set for November 11th from 10-3pm. A total of 93 businesses have been emailed, 14 are new, and 7 more were showing interest. Santa will be there. Michele will plan on running the snack shack as well. Would like to see the elementary chorus join in with singing a few songs as well as a bell choir performance.

Mike left the meeting early to go speak with Mr. Staaf about the change of plan with band camp and he agreed with the idea of leaving Thursday and having a performance and picnic on Friday on our own school grounds.

Since Mike left early and we were done with the agenda, Michele adjourned our meeting at 8:31pm.

At 8:46pm, Mike called a new meeting to order. Discussion was about an emergency fund that needs to be set up to help out a band student in need. Joe made a motion to table this discussion until next month's meeting. Shawn seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:47pm.