

September 6, 2023
Girard Music & Drama Booster Meeting

*Meeting called to order at 6:16 by Mike Abbey.

Attendance

- Cassi LaFata
 - Matthew LaFata
 - Julie Rastatter
 - Christy Durfee
 - Michele Baumgratz
 - Rick Staaf
 - Wendy Meka
 - Joe Meka
 - Mike Abbey
 - Sarah Clawson
 - Alyssa Staaf
 - Nancy Bottom
 - Cheyelle Couse
- *Chris Huber
 - *Theresa Kowalski
 - *Laura Wilson

Director's report

The PA system wasn't working well and is being returned. Would like to plan to order a new one.

Motion made by Wendy Meka to purchase a new one and Laura Wilson seconded.

Secretary Report

The Secretary has submitted the August 2023 meeting minutes. There was a motion to approve those minutes by Michele Baumgratz and Christy Durfee seconded it. Motion passed.

A thank you to Wendy Meka for taking the August meeting minutes as Julie was out of town for that meeting. The Secretary discussed whether or not it is proper to post meeting minutes on the Booster website and after inquiry on the school board process of their minutes it was decided that no changes would be made. The secretary will also send out minutes via email only to become paperless.

Treasurer Report

The Treasurer passed out a finance report for the month. She also had a Dan Rice Days booth report. Sales were minimal. There was discussion of adding a game for next year. Christy Durfee made a motion to approve the report and Michele Baumgratz seconded.

Vice President Report

No report. Vice president asked about an update on the donation bin at Funk and Junk and Wendy Meka reported that it is still there collecting funds. It will remain there for the time being. Michele stated that the Home Show is where she has information for us today and would report at that time.

Social Media

Joe Meka discussed needing a password to get on to the website to help run it. We are looking to get more publicity on FB through the Girard School District postings on our events and happenings. The Music and Drama Booster FB page is launched and a link will be posted on the Band app to get a private invite. This will include the Marching Band, Bell Choir, and Drama Club.

Old Business

1. Mike stated that the equipment help is happening and things are coming together. The drum carts are done.
2. Michele stated that the shoes are being straightened out for those that still need them. She also had to take a uniform to the dry cleaner and a bill will be submitted to the treasurer. The uniforms also got a bit of yellow powder on them from when the football team entered the field.
3. Michele stated that candy bars are going well and in good supply. The pretzels need to move as they are nearing expiration.

New Business

1. Fundraising efforts for the 2023 season are under way and this year Maple Donuts are donating 2 cases per home game. Which is 18 dozen, we are selling them at \$5 a dozen and 2 for \$1. Michele will do the pick up. Godfrey Run is donating apple cider. Cost of a cup of cider is going for \$1.50. Mike will do the pick up. The first home game sales were reported at \$120 profit which included pretzel sales and \$2.50 in donations.
2. Popcorn is going for \$10 a bag. Michele would like to buy more popcorn for home games, the Home Show, and for the Craft Fair. Orders are a 2-3 week time frame and they are having a work shut down coming up soon so we need to order now. Flavors that are selling well are sweet and salty, seasalt caramel, salt and vinegar, garlic parmesan, cheddar, and buffalo. Christy made a motion to buy a new supply of the popcorn and Wendy seconded.
3. Michele let us know that the parent show shirts should be in by this Friday or Saturday.

4. HOME SHOW

- Discussion began with a menu presentation by Michele B.
- Estimated total of kids participating in the show are at 396
- Everyone agreed that the variety of food was good with main meal items of pizza slices from Jim & Sue's, hot dogs, and meatball subs.
- There was discussion on quantities to order and where it will be stored.
- Since the doors open at 5pm and with a 6pm start, it was decided that we start out with all the food items available except pizza, which we will begin to serve at 6pm.
- There was a discussion on where we would buy the pepperoni balls from with Art's Bakery as first choice and if not them then Staganelli's
- We agreed to use packets for the condiments.
- The price of a Greek hot dog was adjusted from \$2.50 to \$2
- It was also decided to use reconstituted onions for the hot dogs
- Everyone agreed to add big dill pickles to the menu for \$1 a piece
- A competition favorite will be added of parsley/margarine potatoes
- The concession stand candy/candy grams & bake sale items will be at \$1 a piece
- We will have buttons available to purchase and we will do the buttons at the next meeting prior to the home show.
- There will be a 50/50 raffle and programs available to purchase
- Alyssa Staaf proposed an idea to have the boosters cover the price of the program ads for the seniors. It was decided to have a picture and include name and a senior spotline listing. Wendy Meka made a motion to approve and Laura Wilson seconded.
- It was discussed about using Square if needed or asked for. No vote was taken.
- There was a discussion about selling vinyl decals with each school on them
- Will we have an internet signal available to have a tracker with laptops to keep track of inventory?
- Wanted to make sure that Mr. Staaf has the stadium reserved on FMX for Friday night, October 6th until Saturday, October 7th 10pm, close of show. And can we have internet access? Julie Rastatter said she would message him about this.
- There was a discussion about having a money tree and other items donated, however this discussion was tabled and to be continued in the Band booster home show chat to be created on the Band app.

5. Wendy Meka let the group know that the Football boosters are having a pre-game kick off to Homecoming event in the parking lot at the high school and asked if our boosters would like to have a table to contribute to the celebration fun, Wendy would like to purchase red and gold glow sticks to pass out for the event. The price list was looking at about \$200 for everything. All we would need is a table to set up and Boosters to pass them out.
6. Wendy also reported the craft show vendor totals are at \$1,970.00 so far!
7. Wendy made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Cassi seconded.
8. Mike adjourned the meeting at 8:50pm