

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. A motion was made to waive the reading of the minutes by Diann Bielefeld and seconded by Sharlene Vanlandingham – motion passed. A motion was made to waive the treasurer's report by Diann Bielefeld and seconded by Heather Garrow - motion passed. Gary Steelman, treasurer, added that the boosters' CD was maturing from PNC Bank. He is going to look into opening a 6 month CD from a bank that will offer a higher interest rate. This money will eventually need to be withdrawn to pay for new uniforms.

Directors' Report

*Mr. Roemer mentioned there has been an ongoing problem with the battery on the golf cart. Took it to NAPA in Ross and they donated a new one to the Band Boosters. As a thank you NAPA will be listed as a corporate member. Reported that, to date, there are 40 alumni signed up to perform pre-game at Homecoming. Rehearsal for students will be this Thursday, 6-8pm, and then alumni will join them from 7-8pm. Diann Bielefeld agreed to announce the alumni names before pre-game. He confirmed that 2 buses will bring the RHS band to Elda for the parade at 3:30pm. Parade steps off at 5pm. Mrs. Ogg (former band parent) has a picture of the band hanging in Sally's Drive Thru, and she is looking for a poster for the Chili Supper. Received a thank you letter from the Zanesville High School band director and principal for our hospitality during the rain out game – even sent a DVD of the performances we performed in the auditorium. Frozen Food Fundraiser will be delivered on Oct. 9th and be ready for pick up after band practice – Mr. Baldwin will unload the truck and sort the orders. Lockland Competition performance time will be 2pm with awards at 4:30pm. The plan after the competition is to bring the band back to school, put uniforms and instruments away, then reload 2 of the busses and go to the haunted hayride – stopping to eat first in Hamilton. Marching Band Concert is set for Oct. 18th @ 7pm in the auditorium. Cut-off date to pay for and sign-up for the hayride is this Friday - \$7 cash is required. Mr. Roemer will get a bank check or write a personal check for the entire band. Since there is no state qualification yet, we will be doing a double competition on Oct. 20th with Bloom Carroll. First we will perform at Shawnee High School in Springfield, Ohio, then we will head to Bloom Carroll. Contacted Mr. Young about purchasing new uniforms for the band. The school board has agreed to pay 1/3 of the cost of the uniforms. Each uniform, hat and all, can run about \$400 each. Final Tag Day total \$10,258.29, this is the most the band has ever collected.

*Mrs. Duncan thanked the boosters for the tailgate party – all of the parents and kids enjoyed the event. Also thanked for the Facebook photos. Upcoming events are the Homecoming Parade then prep will begin for the Christmas concert in December. There are 53 5th grade band members.

*Ms. Mills was not in attendance – No report.

Committee & Fundraiser Reports:

Meijer Rewards – Diann Bielefeld reported an earnings of \$75.69 since August. Once we reach \$100 Meijer will send a check.

Band Savings Card – No Report

Membership – Gwen Kohlman was not in attendance, Debbie Wurzelbacher turned in new membership money (\$500 +) to Gary Steelman.

Split the Pot – No Report

Chili Supper – Linda Eschenbrenner is looking for the metal frames for the chili supper yard signs. She would like a shout-out at the game to thank Gold Star Chili and IGA for their donations to the chili supper. She is hoping to hang signs on the band trailer in the parade to encourage people to come to the chili supper. She has received enough workers for the supper. The chili supper email is working. She requested \$400.00 startup money and some cash boxes. A motion to pay Linda \$400.00 was made by Karen Shanks and seconded by Rick Giuliano – motion passed. The prices need to go up based on increase cost of supplies and food. Chili cheese fries will be added to the menu this year.

Tailgate Party – Diann Bielefeld reported that all went well. She needed to be reimbursed \$72.60 for Fritos and other supplies. A \$20 cash donation had been given to Mr. Roemer for the tailgate party. So the \$20 went to Diann. A motion was made to pay Diann a balance of \$52.60 was made by Rick Giuliano and seconded by Linda Eschenbrenner – motion passed. Left over pop will be used for chili supper.

Quad Raffle – Mary Ann Henninger reported that enough tickets have been sold to continue with the raffle. Discussed possible changes for next year: cash option, step down prizes, hold the raffle every other year, so as not to coincide with band trips. She is looking for suggestions to make it even better.

Hospitality Table –Debbie Wurzelbacher reported that things are going great.

Booster Website / Face Book / Emails – Debbie Wurzelbacher reported that there were 1,262 visits to the site in September (51% new visits). Facebook has 360 that “Like Us” – with an average of 1,000 views per week. Emails are at 198 recipients.

Newsletter – Debbie Wurzelbacher asked about info for November: Entertainment Books (no info as of yet), Concert Band Uniforms – where to buy tux shirts (President Tuxedo in Northgate Mall), Jazz Band Auditions (end of October – See Mr. Roemer if interested), Pep Band Sign-up (First week of November).

Spirit Wear – Lucas Stapleton reported that there was over \$3,000.00 in orders. He is using GNS in Millville. The screen printed shirts will be available this Friday from the band directors. The embroidered pieces won’t be ready till next week. Looking into putting together an order for Christmas sales – Sale would begin in November with items ready before Christmas.

Old Business – N/A

New Business

State Busses – Haven’t qualified for state, so cannot reserve busses. A motion to set aside \$600.00 for 2 state busses (if we qualify) was made by Linda Eschenbrenner and seconded by Karen Shanks – motion passed.

Next meeting is November 6th @ 7pm.

Motion to adjourn was made by Linda Eschenbrenner, seconded by Rick Giuliano - motion passed.