



PLATT HIGH SCHOOL PERFORMING ARTS BOOSTER CLUB

Booster Meeting Minutes – October 1, 2013



In Attendance:

Boosters Members: Nicole Agro Shelley Bayer, Dawn Crane (*arrived late*), Fran Fogarty, Christine Flynn, Wendy Keene, Holly Ludemann, Lori MacDowell, Tammy Noxon, Amy Schultz, Elise Robie

Staff Members: Ethan Warner (*See attachments for reports from Laura Boates and Mark Faticoni*)

Welcome – Christine welcomed everyone in attendance. She stated that due to the change in the date of this meeting, Mr. Faticoni and Mrs. Boates were unable to attend. They both sent written reports. (*See attachment*)

Secretary's Report – Chris Flynn took notes during the meeting until Secretary, Dawn Crane, arrived toward end of meeting.

Treasurer's Report – Tammy Noxon reported that there were some issues with the students' accounts in Charms. She worked on the accounts last night and they should now be correct.

Staff Faculty Reports

Mr. Warner – Reported that the play is going well. He handed out fliers and ad forms to students. He reported that all performing arts students will be offered the chance to attend a field trip to the Goodspeed Opera House on Thursday, November 21st. This is free to the students. 46 students and 4 adults can attend. Permission slips will be handed out tomorrow and students will be chosen on a first come, first served basis. The Booster group discussed the tradition of providing a dinner on the afternoon of the dress rehearsal of the play. Mr. Warner stated that this tradition was very much appreciated. Mrs. Flynn stated the Boosters will provide the dinner on Thursday, October 24th at 3:00 p.m. at Platt High School. Mr. Warner also stated that the Boosters are able to sell concessions at the play. He will ask that tables be provided.

Mrs. Flynn read the reports that were provided by **Mrs. Boates** and **Mr. Faticoni**. (*See attachments*)

Old Business

- The **Illiano's Fundraiser** is Wednesday, October 23rd. Fliers are already posted and Mrs. Flynn provided more fliers to the booster group. In addition, the information will be posted on the website.
- **T-shirts and Spirit Items** – **Rally Towels** have been ordered and we will most likely need to order more pom poms. Mrs. Agro showed the group a spirit button that she made and has offered to make more for the group to sell. Mrs. Boates is putting together an order for other spirit wear items: polo shirts, t-shirts, sweatshirts, sweatpants, etc.
- **Insurance** – Mrs. Flynn will follow-up with Mrs. Mordarski and Mrs. Pandiani on getting insurance for the group.

New Business

- **October Schedule** – Mrs. Flynn reviewed the schedule of events for October:
 - October 11; Football Game
 - October 12; UMASS Band Day
 - October 19; Music of the Knight Competition
 - October 25 & 26; Fall Play – “*Frankenstein Unplugged*” –.
- **Play Concessions** - Mrs. Flynn stated that we will sell concessions before the play on each night – there is no intermission. She will also ask parents to provide Halloween themed baked goods. There will be no shout outs for the performers.
- **SCRIP** – The first due date for SCRIP is **October 11th**. Information was handed out at the meeting and will be put on the website.
- **Playbill Fundraiser** – Mrs. Flynn explained this fundraiser and handed out information. It will also be on the website.

Washington D.C. Trip

- The first deposit is due on Thursday, October 10th.
- The group had a lengthy discussion about the trip; expressing questions and concerns about the cost and the location.
 - Many students have already been to Washington D.C. in middle school and the cost of the trip is very high.
 - Parents would like more details about the trip and what will the students experience on this trip that is different from their experience in middle school.
 - Parents think a cost breakdown may be helpful in helping them understand why the trip is so expensive.
 - Mrs. Flynn stated that she would send an email to Mrs. Boates and Mr. Faticoni expressing parent concerns.

Other

- Platt High School **Open House** is October 10th at 6:00 p.m. Linda Rolstone has offered to sit at our Booster Table so that parents may visit teachers.
- **November Dates** – Mrs. Flynn stated that :
 - there are 3 football games in November (*including the Thanksgiving Day Game*)
 - Jazz Band rehearsals will begin
 - Charter Oak Music Festival (*students have been chosen to participate*)
 - Southern Regional Choral and Band Auditions (*music is available*).
- **Casino Bus Trip** – Mrs. Flynn mentioned the possibility of doing a Casino Bus Trip as a fundraiser. We will explore the options. (*Maloney uses Dattco Transportation for their Casino Trip.*)

New Band Uniforms:

- A separate committee will need to be formed early in 2014 to organize fundraising events with the goal of purchasing new uniforms for the entire band.
- **Correction from previous month's minutes:** Fran Fogarty did not say we need to get new uniforms ASAP, just that many of the uniforms were in need of repair, which she did the best she could.

Uniform Racks: Nicole Agro stated that she would ask her husband to check and see if his employer, Burlington Factory, has any they wish to donate or sell at a reduced cost.

Next Meeting

The next Booster Meeting has been changed to **Tuesday, November 12th**. (*November 5th is election day and no one can attend a meeting on November 7th*).

Please Note: Chris Flynn provided the notes to this meeting so that Dawn Crane could compose this report.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dawn Crane; Secretary
Platt Performing Arts Boosters

Booster Meeting Report 10/1/2013 – MRS. BOATES

Field Shows

We have participated in two band shows so far this season, where we have received some excellent feedback. Our focus these next couple of weeks as we prepare for our final band show on Oct. 19th will be to finish Movement One, and add drill to Movement 2. The number one thing that adjudicators keep saying to us is to work on our fundamentals of marching and playing. These will also be a major part of our focus in the coming weeks.

Charter Oak Music Festival

The following students have been given the honor to participate in this year's Charter Oak Concert Band on November 13 & 14:

Flute – Christine Pandiani, Michaela Blain, Hannah Schultz
Clarinet – Michaela Phonkhounphon
Bass Clarinet – Jessica Despres
Tenor Saxophone – Nate Crane
Bassoon – Sydney Fogarty
Trumpet – Drew Bernier, Martha Gancarz
F-Horn – Emily Flynn, Shannon MacEnerney
String Bass – Caleb Gadwah
Percussion – Frank Colon, Dwayne Franklin
Mallets – Haneen Hamdan

Matt Mordarski & Myron Perreault will be representing Platt in the Charter Oak Jazz Band also!

Southern Regional Auditions

Regional auditions will be held at Foran High School in Milford, CT. The following instrumental students are the brave ones that have decided to audition on November 16th:

Christine Pandiani – Flute
Sydney Fogarty – Bassoon
Dylan Cleveland – Trumpet
Joe Ludemann - Euphonium
Jon Noxon – Tuba
Haneen Hamdan – Mallets
Haneen Hamdan – Snare & Auxilliary
Mohammad Barmo – Snare & Auxilliary
Myron Perreault – Jazz Alto Sax
Matt Mordarski – Jazz Tenor Sax
Matt Mordarski – Concert Tenor Sax

UMASS Band Day

Be on the lookout for an email update about this. Tailgating?

Oct. 19 – Southington Band Show

Still in need of chaperones and pit crew!

Calendar Changes/Additions

November 25 – Powder Puff Game (I don't know times yet)
May 28 – Arts in the Park! (not May 20th)
June 5 – Performing Arts Awards Night (not June 6)
June Bottle and Can Drive?

CLOTHING ORDERS - Due tonight. *(I can probably accept them tomorrow also.)*

Booster Meeting Report 10-1-2013 – MR. FATICONI

Open Mic Night – Very successful! Good group of students showed up and performed for their peers. We will be doing another soon!

Fruit fundraiser – We are waiting on brochures, but should be getting them within the week.

Orders will be due 10/28, giving students 3-4 weeks to sell which is the suggested time frame for this type of fundraiser. *Orders will arrive 11/20 or 11/21. We will need help unloading the truck.* Students may sell fruit by taking orders directly and handing them into us, OR there will be a website where people can buy online and still credit the student for the sale. There is no price difference from using the website. *Students will receive a portion of these sales into their own accounts.* Amounts vary depending on what item is sold.

Washington DC – Everyone should have gotten a letter in the mail with the details for this trip. There have already been a few questions on the cost that we can address. The estimate we gave for the trip is a “*worst case scenario*” meaning that we calculated the cost to take two buses that aren’t full and have the exact wrong number of guys and girls to warrant three triples for each. This would split a maximum cost with the minimum amount of people.

It is very unlikely that the trip will cost \$900 but everyone should be aware that it is still a possibility. We hope/expect it will be more around \$800 or less but we’d be lying if we said we could promise that. This was the same case for Disney a couple years ago, we were just lucky and had a “best case scenario” with the amount of people going and the number of boys and girls. It’s also more expensive than the Lincoln trip but it is an extra day and night (from what I’m told) plus we have the extra costs of the music festival, six flags and the show we’re seeing at the Lincoln Center.

Please feel free to call with any questions regarding price or otherwise. I’d be glad to address any concerns. Washington DC was *highly* recommended as the place to bring musical groups by three separate sources and I know it will be a great experience for the students. If there are any questions, please feel free to call me at (203) 514-2080 (*my google voice number I use for work, feel free to share it*). I might not be able to answer right away, but I should be able to call back within a reasonable amount of time. Sorry I can’t be there tonight again. Thanks for dedicating your time to our students.

-Mark Faticoni

P.S. *To avoid any confusion, I am making the following amendment to Mr. Faticoni;s report, with information which will be discussed in his November report:* Since this October report was presented, the trip to Washington DC has been canceled and another one to Virginia Beach is now planned for early in May. *Attend our next Booster Meeting on Nov. 12th to learn more about what is being planned.*

~ Dawn M. Crane