**GPS Band and Orchestra Booster Minutes** 11/14/2023

1. **Welcome & Introductions** Joseph Parent
   1. Review and acceptance of previous meeting notes - call to action 7:04am

1. **Director's Reports** James Gross & Chris Takis

**Orchestra -**

* Aleus Quartet group presented on
* Cass Tech collaboration in the works with a performance - May 23rd.
* Recital with other musicians may occur in March- Steve Wogoman
* Blue Lake annual visit today and offered scholarships to kids interested.
* String Extravaganza - at North high school this year
* Thanks extended to the board for their efforts supporting Pops & Pastries

**Band**

* Thanks extended to the board for the efforts supporting Pops & Pastries
* Kristen and Leslie very helpful with providing financials
* Thanks to Helena and Lynn on website and social media
* Thanks extended to Janine for decorations
* Santa Parade - donuts and cider will be organized at Maire
* Band O’Rama is on deck for December 18
  + Blue tarp will be placed down on the floor on Sunday
  + Planning meeting will occur
* Yule Be Boppin
  + Program - Mr. Takis will complete
  + Flyer - team will assess requirements
  + 50/50 event
  + Ticket Sales
  + Merchandise may be sold
  + Light decorations
  + Raffle items
  + Mr. Takis reserved Cleminson Hall (7-8:30p), Auditorium and gym doors to be open
* CMU Jazz Fest - February 9th - $2500 budget
  + Motor Coach needed
    - Mr. Takis to present cost to the board
    - Last year was $1800 (?)
    - Recommendation to partner with the school district vendor
    - Kids bring their own lunch or they pay for their own lunch

**Director’s Q & A**

* No further questions noted at this time

**3. Committee Discussions Group Discussion**

* Committees
  + - Pops and Pastries
      * Retrospective occurred last week to discuss opportunities
      * Preliminary expenses - $4,500
      * Income $16,571
      * Profit - $12,000 (ish)
      * Thanks extended to the board and volunteers
        + Thank you notes planned for disbursement
      * Need to start in the month of June with delegated tasks before school dismisses for the school year
      * Table rental prices increased this year; may want to consider alternate sources
      * Plan a summer board meeting for P&P planning
      * Do not wait until the new board is installed to begin planning P&P.
      * Auction recommendation to bring in-house versus virtual
    - Fundraising -
      * Yule Be Boppin- Auditorium$200 Budget
        + Francesca and Noah to schedule a planning meeting
        + Set up two tables
        + Tickets sold at the door: $5
        + 45 minute concert
        + Two volunteers recommended plus 2 adult volunteers
        + Download the square app

ACTION -> Need Apple Squares

* + - * + Merchandise available for selling
        + Consider small reception with water and cookies in Cleminson Hall

ACTION -> Need to ensure Cleminson Hall is reserved

* + - * Marching Band Fundraiser - $338.69 (paid for banner)
        + Senior Photo
        + Senior Marching Band Photo
        + Janine to partner with Mr. Takis on how/where to hang the banner

ACTION -> Mr. Takis to reach out to Ella Taylor to pull down the banner and provide to Janine Eckert

* + - * + Thanks extended to Lynn for the graphics
      * Second Renew - NEW This year! (estimated profit to be $1200-$1500)
        + Clothing donation
        + Helena did a great job marketing
        + Grosse Pointe News posted for free
        + Positive feedback on student volunteers working the event
        + Majority of donors were non-GPSH community members
        + Had 25 of our own band/orchestra families donate
        + Each truck is about $400 - actual dollars are yet to arrive
        + We filled 3 ⅓ trucks in one-day.
        + Recommend future event to be a weekend.
        + Social Media posting was a huge enabler.
        + For persons not on Facebook…need to communicate in other streams (i.e. eMail, Flyer, GPSouth Communicator, Sign Up Genius)
      * Freshmen Class
        + Increased population of freshmen parents posing an interest in our band and orchestra
      * Holiday Merchandise Fundraiser
        + Orchestra already has their own SWAG (i.e. sweatshirt/hoodie)-Mr. Gross buys them and gives them to the kids
        + Lynn has graphics to help with Merchandise fundraiser unique to the holiday
        + Jazz Band to be included
        + Mr. Gross to partner with Janine on “I’m with the Orchestra”...

ACTION -> Mr. Gross to send vendor partner to Janine

* + - * Little Caesar’s Pizza Online
        + 50% of sales
        + 50% go to kids for trip credits
        + Senior students will receive a gift card
      * Mr. C Carwash (2 weeks) - $30 [$15 go to boosters]
        + Minimum sell per each kid to sell
        + Good for teacher gifts, holiday gifts
      * 8th Grade - will work toward opportunities toward the end of the year
      * Detroit Tiger -Concession Stand volunteer opportunity
        + Have to commit to 20 games and 12 volunteers per game
      * Pickleball Event
      * Flats of Flowers
      * Millionaire Party- Janine partnering with Renee Jakubowski
        + Opportunity to be $12,000
        + Gaming opportunity

Gaming Hall-VFW (1)

Gaming Hall #2

Gaming Hall #3

* + - * + October through December [pick dates from a lottery in September]
        + Need 2 people for two shifts per day (12 people) - 4 hour shift

Volunteers go to the gaming hall to sell chips

We obtain 100 percent of sales

We bring seed money

* + - * + Make $3000 every weekend
        + Need insurance, tax forms
        + May need to assess
      * Michigan Football Game
        + Concession volunteer opportunity
        + Commit to 3 games (Football, Basketball, Soccer)
        + Need 15 people (student age 16 year and older) per game
        + Make about $3000 a game
        + Need insurance from the office to cover travel for the school to cover
    - Communication & Social Media
      * Thanks to Helena
    - Spring Concert May 21st, 2023
      * Brownell
      * Need planning committee
      * 50/50 Raffle
      * SWAG
      * Plan to start planning in January

**2023-2024 Calendar for Band & Orchestra**

* Upcoming Event Planning/Dates

DATE EVENT LOCATION

December 15 Yule Be Boppin GPS

December 18 Band-O-Rama GPS

December 19 String Extravaganza GPN

* **Upcoming Events/Dates**

DATE EVENT LOCATION

* January 20 MSBOA Chamber Rochester HS
* January 25-27 MI Music Conf Grand Rapids, MI
* February 3 MSBOA Solo & Ensemble Rochester HS

**4. Treasurer Report** Leslie Lundahl

* Presentation of October 2023 Check Register, Cash Flow Reports, and Budget Discussion

**5. New Business**

* **Spirit Pack**
  + Albatross embroidery in process of manufacturing - eta is before the holidays

**6. Old Business**

* **Member At Large :** Represent their modality ; recommend to ensure roles are titled appropriately in program materials

**7. Adjourn -** 9:03pm

**NEXT MEETING DATE/TIME:** December 5, 2023, 7:00 pm Cleminson Hall

**2022-2023 Parent/Public GPS Band Orchestra Booster Meeting** **Dates**

~~September 12, 2024,~~ ~~October 3, 2024,~~ ~~November 14, 2024~~

January 9, 2024 February 6, 2024 March 5, 2024

April 2, 2024 May 7, 2024 JUNE *TBD*

**ALL Meetings -** The first Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm Cleminson Hall