

**Southgate Band Boosters
Monthly Meeting
February 14, 2007**

Meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm. Mission statement was read by band booster president Beckie Smith, and introductions were made. Those in attendance:

Shirley Anderson	Patty Kootsillas	Patti Schmitz
Laura Bellon	Natalie Lunsford	Eva Shively
Margaret Beregaszzy	Danielle McGrath	Beckie Smith
Sue Burley	Marc McGrath	Mark Smith
Gary Carlin	Shelly McQueary	Nina Solis
Shirlee Crum	Donna Mitchell	Colleen Solo
Kathy Daniels	Barbara Moore	Cindy Storr
Brenda Guardiola	Jeff Moore	Karen Tolstyka
Karen Hodnicki	Shelly Noble	Consuelo Wawrin
Mike Hodnicki	Geri Prosniewski	Jeff Wood
Nina Hyder	Debbie Rupert	Toni Wood
Ryan Hyder		

Secretary's report: Motion made to accept the secretary's report was made by Marc McGrath and was 2nd by Shirley Anderson.

Treasures Report: No report was available this month

Scrip report: Gary Carlin reports that scrip is down form last year. But since this is a trip year feels that it will go up. Just a reminder Value City does not include the furniture store.

Budget: Beckie Smith asked the membership to consider the option to purchase the 4 wheeler that we used last season. For \$2,500.00 Shirley Anderson made a motion to vote on the purchase of the 4 wheeler Nina Hyder second the motion. The motion to purchase the 4 wheeler for \$2,500.00 was put to a vote by the membership and the membership voted to accept the motion to purchase the 4 wheeler. We had a amount of \$2,500.00 as a surplus and a motion was put before the membership to save the surplus. Motion was made by Sue Burly to save the surplus and it was seconded by Laura Bellon. Motion was put to a vote by the membership and the membership voted to pass the motion.

Newsletter: Deadline is 02/15/07 please get your articles to Lisa Ziegler..

Uniform: We still need some senior uniforms to be turned in. Please call Shirlee Crum to make arrangements to drop them off to her.

Ford field/Comerica: You can work your two events at one or the other parks or one at each. You need to be 16 or older to work FF or 18 or older to work Comerica Park. March 26th there is a **MANDATORY** meeting at Anderson for Comerica Park at 7:00. The dates for Comerica are 4/17/07, 5/1/07, 5/8/07, 6/12/07, 6/25/07, 8/10/07, 8/22/07, 9/11/07, 9/12/07 all are 7:00 games and we need to be there by 4:30. You must take your online alcohol training by 3/1/07.

Fee/Volunteer: If you have not signed up for the Spaghetti Dinner please do so for one of your volunteer events. We are also signing up for volunteers for the guard show on the 26th of March. Please sign up we will need at least 75 volunteers for this event.

Pizza Kits: We were down this year with 186 kits sold this year. 797 kits last year. Please remember you can pull all the information off the band website for all our fund raisers and it is a trip year.

Suckers: \$10.00 per bag sell for .50 cents \$5.00 student credit for marching students per bag.

Spaghetti Dinner: March 4th at Anderson. Please remember to bring a dessert. You can also purchase pre pay tickets for \$5.00 from any of the board members.

Band Camp: Applications are being taken, 1st payment is due 3/1/07. Camp will be August 19th -25th.

New York: The first bus is filling up quickly. 29 have already signed up.

Guard Show: March 25th please sign up to help. Ads are due to Theresa Green by 3/1/07.

Camping: We are going camping again Mothers day weekend it is buy one night get one night free. Port Huron KOA camp site.

Volunteer Party: February 16th 6:30 – 12:00 Civic Center please RSVP by 2/15/07.

Show Shirts: As soon as we know what the show will be for this upcoming marching season. We would like to have student art submitted so we can choose the design for this year's shirt.

Frankenmuth: February 14th to March 14th Delivery will be March 29th at the Wood House 13380 Edison.

Coney Island: Sale starts on April 1st and delivery will be in May in time for Memorial Day.

Tigers Game: April 29th 1:05 game, tickets are 20.00 per ticket with \$ 4.00 student credit per ticket marching students \$ 2.00 student credit non marching students.

Director's report:

Gerisch: Email report from Chris Zeld.

All 6th and 7th grade band students performed quite well on their mid-term exams in January.

Many 7th graders participated in Solo & Ensemble last Saturday at Livonia Franklin H.S. All of the students did extremely well in spite of their nerves!!

We came back with 14 First Division ratings and 15 Second Division ratings.

It was a wonderful learning experience for both the students and their families.

The judges had many positive comments regarding their performances as well as great suggestions on how they can improve their playing.

These students will certainly look forward to participating again next year and I believe it will motivate others to participate as well.

Both 6th and 7th grade bands are preparing for the upcoming Spaghetti Dinner concert and will provide the audiences with a nice variety of music.

The sucker sale went well at Gerisch and we just have a few students that owe money and should be turning that in this week.

We managed to recruit 10 new 6th grade beginners and 17th grade beginner.

Mrs. Beson is working with the new students and they are progressing well at this point. Although they will not be ready to participate with us at the Spaghetti Dinner, they should be able to perform with us in the spring concert.

Mrs. Beson and I met with our curriculum director, Nancy Nagle, last month and discussed our plans for the recruitment of incoming 6th graders.

We are now attempting to set up concerts at all of the elementary schools for sometime near the end of April. I will take the Gerisch 7th grade band to 3 of the buildings and Mrs.

Beson will take the 8th grade band to the other 3 buildings. Jill Pastor, principal at Chormann, is helping me to set this up with the other principals who have not been good at responding to our requests.

These performances will be coordinated with the elementary music teachers doing a unit on the instruments as well as Marshall Music Co. coming in and testing the 5th graders.

Nancy Nagle tried to assure us that students will be able to have another class even if they elect to be in band, however, I am not totally convinced of this at this point.

Orientation for the new, 6th graders will be held in May and the theme this year is "Music" I will be selecting a small ensemble of 7th graders' to perform for this event as well. Hopefully, with all of our efforts, we will have a larger beginning band than we did this year.

Musically yours,

Chris Zeld - Gerisch Bands

Davidson/Anderson: Email report from Mr. Kmet.

Hello band boosters. Thanks for coming out to this meeting on Valentine's Day, in the Crazy weather. Here are just a couple of things I would like to mention.

We had 40 events from the High School and some of the 9th Graders that attended M.S.B.O.A district solo and ensemble festival. The efforts of these students should be Appreciated and applauded. It takes a lot of dedication and effort to make it to solo and Ensemble and all of the participants did a fine job. Our students posted 5 third divisions Ratings, 15 second division ratings, and 20 first division ratings. All 20 events will be Representing our program at the state solo and ensemble festival on Saturday March 24th. I am very pleased that we have a large number of students attending this fantastic event.

I have decided to have a Chamber Music concert this year on Tuesday, April 24th, that

Will feature some of the outstanding soloists and ensembles from the State contest. This Will give the students a terrific opportunity to show case there music for our parents and School. This will be a serious concert event and I would like to publicize it as much as possible. I would like to send invitations to all school board members and administrators The quality of this performance should be exceptional and I would like to have as big of an audience as possible. This is the first time we have attempted to have a chamber music concert and I am pretty excited about it.

I would like to remind everybody about the upcoming bond issue. It is very important that education friendly support groups such as ours, turn out to vote. I think it is on February 27th? There will be a lot of money provided to the band program, and also some long overdue upgrades to the auditorium. In addition to that, there will be some important technology, security, and facility upgrades for our school. This cost of the bond is very minimal for families in Southgate, but the impact on our school and program

could be substantial. Please go vote! Your support is incredibly important if this bond has any chance of passing.

District Band festival is right around the corner. The concert band will be playing at 9:55 a.m. on Friday, March 9th at Monroe Community College. The symphonic band will be playing at 3:35 p.m. on Friday, March 9th at Monroe Community College. It would be wonderful to have as many parents as possible come to hear that performance. We will also need some bus chaperones and an equipment truck for that event. The 8th and 9th grade bands will be performing on Saturday, March 17th at Riverview Seitz Middle School.

Feel free to contact me with any questions you may have. As always thanks for all of the support and dedication you give to our instrumental music students!

Sincerely,
Toby Kmet

Motion to adjourn made by Jeff Moore and was 2nd by Marc McGrath Meeting adjourned at 8:20

Respectfully Submitted:

Patti Schmitz