

Southgate Band Boosters Monthly Meeting March 12, 2008

Meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm. Mission statement was read by band booster president Beckie Smith, and introductions were made. Those in attendance:

Eugene Abbaticchio	Margaret Beregaszzy	Danielle McGrath	Beckie Smith
Robin Alvarez	Wendy Bosel	Shelly McQueary	Colleen Solo
Shirley Anderson	Toni Caudill	Betty Millward	
David Angileri	Sherry Edmunds	Barb Moore	
Debbie Austin	Mary Jo Holbrook	Jeff Moore	
Rose Bailey	Nina Hyder	Shelly Noble	
Brian Batko	Juli Kerr	Geri Prosniewski	
Lise Belchunas	Rick Marks	Diane Rickman	
Laura Bellon	John Marshall	Stella Sidebottom	

Secretary's report: No report this month

Treasures Report: Motion was made to accept the treasures reports by Laura Bellon and was 2nd by Shelly Noble. Motion was made to accept the winter programs report by Debbie Austin and was 2nd by Shirley Anderson

Scrip report: Up 40% and we have added Tony Paco's and Great Clips.

Uniform: No report this month

Student Credit: February scrip is the only thing not posted

Newsletter: Deadline is April 15th. Please get your articles to Lisa.

Ford field: We have 3 dates that need to be filled March 28th and 30th 25.00 student credit. And April 12th SuperCross

Fee/Volunteer: Sign up for the bottle drive May 3rd. Guard show 3/16

Web Page Brian Batko will forward updates to Mike Hodnicki to get on the web page

Gerisch Band Camp: 54 Students are going need to pull both trailers we need someone to volunteer to pull the 2nd one and bring it back. Nina Hyder will and if she can not Rick Marks will

Spaghetti Dinner: Thank you to everyone that helped it was a great success.

Basket Raffle: \$1,188.00 on treasures report 2011 did a great job and will receive the \$50.00 prize. Thank you to everyone who donated a basket

Port Huron Camping: May 16th-18th please let them know you are with Southgate band if you call to reserve a site.

Anderson Band Camp: Your applications were due last week please get them in ASAP there are some in the band room if you need one. Jeff Moore will have his life guarding license by band camp. Remember you can pay by pay pal see the link on the web page.

Guard Show: Set up will be at 10am and tear down about 5:00 9 groups and one drumline with 21 individuals. We are trying to break even on this show but we might end up in the red. We are Southgate Band Parents and we can do this. Members of SAWG please bring a baked good, Titan flag line pop and Winterline chips or fruit.

Volunteer Dinner: March 14th at the civic center from 6:30- 12:00. Come and have a good time there is no cost and it is BYOB .

Winter Drumline: will be hosting a bowling night Saturday 3/15 at Parkway Lanes in Trenton 9 pm 20.00 per person and you can pay at the door. They will also be holding a drum a thon on 3/28.

Guard Banquet will be April 17 at the civic center more details will follow.

Frankenmuth: Forms are due if interested please send them to Toni

AVON: Still working on the details hopefully will be off and running soon.

Chamber Concert: April 29th will be performances by the students who went to Solo and Ensemble no charge to attend the concert. Nina Hyder and Patti Schmitz will chair.

Bottle Drive: May 3rd will check with News Harold for advertising bottles will be returned to Discount Drinks

Trailers: It is time to once again maintenance our trailers please contact Mark Smith

Director's report: Gerisch:

The Gerisch band students enjoyed their performances at our spaghetti dinner and both 6th and 7th grade bands did a great job that day! Both 6th and 7th graders just finished another performance test and as we continue our musical journey we are preparing for our upcoming trip to band camp as well as the spring concert on May 20th. 7th graders just got their new books, Essential Elements Book 2, and many of them will be performing in early April when the 5th graders attend their Gerisch orientation and building tour. All of the district 5th graders were tested by Marshall Music Co. Following their attendance at the Band-a-Rama daytime performance. Letters were mailed to every 5th grade student's parents and they were to return the form to their 5th grade teacher or music teacher. Out of approx. 500 5th graders I have received less than 100 forms back and out of those only 52 thus far have checked that they will be in band for next fall. I have met with the elementary music teachers and they too are trying to promote the band program to their students. When the 5th graders come to Gerisch I have students selected that will speak to them about our program and encourage them to give band a chance! It is becoming extremely frustrating because none of these methods seem to be working as far as getting the parents to respond so we can do a better job of scheduling our students as well as boost the band enrollment. Band Camp for 6th and 7th graders does not seem to be that much of a draw due to financial problems that many of our families are facing.

Davidson/Anderson: Hello Band Parents,

I am once again at my college classes so try to pretend that Mrs. Smith is bald and 6 foot 3! Ha. We have just finished up band festival and all of the groups performed well. I was pleased with the progress shown by all of our bands. The commentary that we received from the judges will give us some areas that we can focus on as we prepare for the spring concert.

The group's ratings are as follows:

	Judge 1	Judge 2	Judge 3	Sight Reading	Overall
Symphonic Concert 3	2	2	2	2	1
9 th Grade	2	2	1	3	2
8 th Grade	2	1	1	2	2

State Solo and Ensemble is this Saturday at Farmington Harrison High School. We have 20 events that qualified for the state contest by receiving first division ratings at district solo and ensemble. District solo and ensemble went really well also. We had 40 events attend and 36 of those events received 1st and 2nd division ratings. Way to go band students! Congratulations to band students Cory Brown and Callie Bruley. They won a concerto competition and will be performing a concerto with the DYS youth symphony.

I wanted to thank the people who helped drive the equipment vehicles for band festival. Without those volunteers, we could not have performed. Thanks so much for your help. I would also like to thank the parents who helped chaperone those trips and Trish Beson for helping out as well. I would like to thank all of the volunteers who helped out with spaghetti dinner. The event went well and seemed to be well attended.

The design for next seasons marching show is well underway. We are going to be doing a show about Balance. The show will feature balance beams, and large teeter totters. I'm looking forward to seeing how the show progresses. As always we are trying to create a show that is interesting and competitive. If you are "balancing" on the fence, make sure to get those marching forms in and be a part of this terrific season.

Please feel free to e-mail or call with any questions or concerns. I hope you have a terrific month.

Misc: 50/50 Shelly McQueary

Motion to adjourn made by Colleen Solo and was 2nd by Lise Belchunas

Respectfully Submitted:

Patti Schmitz

