

## **New Bremen Cardinal Music Boosters Regular Meeting – January 30, 2012**

**The January meeting** of the New Bremen Cardinal Music Boosters was held on Monday, January 30, 2012 in the Community Room of the New Bremen High School. Co-President Carla Bertke called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**Present at the meeting:** Linda Kuenning & Carla Bertke, Co-Presidents; Chris Bowers, Vice Pres.; Robin Goettemoeller Co-Secretary; Shelley Dicke, Treasurer; Ryan Yahl, Director of Bands; Patty Ruckman, Director of Choirs; Pam Schulze, Cheryl Dawson, Jill LaFleur.

### **Secretaries Report:**

Request from board that secretaries report meeting minutes immediately so they can be added to website. Ryan is creating November minutes from “online” meeting that we had so they can be posted.

**Approval of October Minutes with changes:** Change date at the top to reflect October rather than March. Motion made by Linda Kuenning, second by Chris Bowers to approve minutes with correction. Motion carried.

**Treasurers Report:** Shelley Dicke presented the monthly financial report and bills to be paid.

Addicted to Music fund drive has made more than what we made last year. \$6101.26 has been raised so far. There was a short discussion about “Florida Trip Account” listed on treasurer’s report (balance of \$3236.99). Shelley will look into this account further.

17 gift certificates were purchased for students in district band/choirs.

Checking account balance \$13,620.33. Uniform account balance \$7,221.79

Chris made a motion to pay bills and approve the report as presented. Second by Pam. Motion carried.

### **Old Business:**

#### **Committee Reports:**

##### **Addicted to Music Fund Drive**

- Carla reported that she would like to see the letter go to all staff members as well.
- Everyone pleased with amount that has been raised so far.

##### **Spirit Committee**

- A question was raised about the youth that do not have music notes yet. This is being followed up by Carla.

##### **Spring Flower Committee:**

- Amy Barhorst is willing to head the committee again. She has ideas for increasing sales.

##### **Uniform report:**

- Parents washing shirts at home seems to be working out.

##### **Music Banquet:**

- May 10, 2012 at 6:30 p.m.
- Robin will create invitation again and Carla will head the committee again.
- Idea posed to possibly assign seats for dinner so parents and youth sit together.

##### **Basketball Concessions:**

- Some no shows – dealing with it as it has happens.
- Would appreciate extra help at games if boosters see they are falling behind.
- Otherwise everything is going well.
- Discussion regarding requesting a worksheet from athletic boosters regarding payment.

### **Scholarship Interviews:**

- Need a volunteer to help with interviews. Several names were offered. Carla following up with those people.
- April 18 is date of interviews.

### **Choir Director Report:**

- Students performed for various community events in December. Several performed at Christmas in the Village program. The high school students performed at the lighting of the town Christmas Tree sponsored by the Rotary Club. Students performed at annual school Christmas concert. Concert choir performed at Elmwood Assisted Living Center. Senior choir students performed at December Rotary Meeting at Speedway Lanes. Junior High enrichment students performed for the k-8 students before Christmas break.
- District III Honor's Choir Festival Concert was held at the Niswonger Performing Arts Center in Van Wert Sunday, January 15, 2012. Congratulations to our students who represented New Bremen: Dillon Boroff, Robb Clark, Braden Elshoff, Troy Wendel, Holly Champagne, Rachel Parker, Taylor Schemmel, and Henry Linniman.
- 40 High School choir students participated in Solo and Ensemble Saturday, January 28, 2012. The students had a very successful day earning 12 Superior Ratings and 13 Excellent Ratings.
- Sunday, January 29, 2012 high school choir students had the opportunity to participate in a vocal workshop sponsored by Lock One Community Arts. Our students had the experience of rehearsing and performing with the Indiana Singing Hoosier's Show Choir
- Volunteers from the choir will be performing at Holy Redeemer Parish Dinner on Sunday, February 12, 2012 at 12:30 p.m.
- Large group contest is March 16 & 17 at Celina Schools. Chaperones are needed. Choirs will compete on Saturday due to basketball tournament schedule. A guest conductor will work with the students during the school day.
- Both choirs will be traveling to Ft. Wayne on March 25 to perform the National Anthem at the Komet's hockey game. Chaperones are needed. Departing early afternoon and returning around 11:00 p.m. More information to come in the future.
- The OMEA Conference is held over President's weekend. Patti will be meeting with Neff rep. to order awards for the Spring Banquet.
- Junior High Honors Choir is March 2 & 3, 2012. Three eighth grade students were selected to represent New Bremen. They are: Paige Kuck, Taite McKinney and Brittany Pence.

### **Band Director Report:**

- The High School Christmas Concert went very well and was a great start to the concert season.
- The Middle School Christmas Concert went very well also, and the concert was very well attended.
- High School District Honors Festival concert was January 15 at Van Wert and was rebroadcast on Channel 44 out of Lima. Three students participated and enjoyed the experience. Kelsey Davidson was selected as the district band scholarship recipient.
- Three middle school students were selected for honors band – Craig Francis, Max Travis, and Madison Wells – all 8<sup>th</sup> grade students. They perform in Wapak on March 3 at 3:00.
- High School Conservatory Night is scheduled for Tuesday, February 28 from 6-8:00 p.m. Ryan will provide a list of clinicians who will be at the night and need paid.
- Guest Conductor night is currently scheduled for March 5 but could be moved to accommodate Dr. Mors.
- Mid-Winter/Pre-Contest Concert scheduled for Sunday, March 4 at 3:00.
- Contest is March 16/17 at Celina. \
- Junior High Solo and Ensemble is March 31 at Minster. Music selection has begun.
- High School Solo and Ensemble was this past Saturday at St. Marys. 49 students participated in 16 events. 9 Superior Ratings (I), 4 Excellent Ratings (II), and 1 III was received, while two soloists chose

to receive comments only. Thank you to Mrs. Ruckman, Mr. Yahl, Mr. Clark, and Geoffrey Mayer for all of their help preparing students for this event. A very successful day for New Bremen Music.

- 4 more pep band outings. Has been a great season so far. Pizza will be provided for pep band for the last home game.

**New Business:**

Carla mentioned that Doug and Cathi Hall are the Levy Committee chairpersons and they have offered to come to February meeting if group is interested. Since Mr. Yahl is also on committee boosters felt that it is not necessary for them to attend.

Linda brought to the attention of the group that the marching band contest only profited \$859 this past year. Suggestion made to evaluate costs to be sure that we are not overspending. Jill LaFleur reported that the store manager at Kohl's said they will donate people and money to help at the marching band event.

Directors met with Randy Clark to discuss Florida trip in 2013. Would like to add a day to the trip if possible – cost for early birds \$750 – includes everything. Trip tentatively planned for November of 2013.

Motion by Shelley and second by Linda to adjourn meeting at 8:07 p.m.

Motion carried and meeting was adjourned.

**Next meeting:**

February 27, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. in the New Bremen High School Community Room for the New Bremen Invitational

Respectfully submitted,  
Robin Goettemoeller