



December 13, 2018 Meeting Minutes at 6:30 pm

**Call to order:** 6:32pm

Laura called the meeting to order and we decided to just do a group meeting instead of doing working sessions.

**Business Meeting:** 6:35 pm

**Officer/Committee Reports:**

- **Advocacy Committee & President's Report** - Laura Livermore, FLAMB President  
Laura met with most music teachers on 11/29/18. Discussion was around how, now that the levee has past, what are wants and needs an how can we convey to district:
  - Requests;
    - Reasonable staffing
    - Reasonable student teacher ratios
    - Fair compensation for out of school day activities
    - Instrument replacement schedule plan
    - Instrument repair budget
  - Reintroducing how music is valuable to the district because music brings value to the community and the lives of the kids. Need to do a better job at giving the kids the option to get involved in not just instrumental program, but also choir.
    - Have interested students have options for Band, Orchestra, Choir.
    - For less musically interested kids, General Music.
  - Expand field trips - MN Orchestra, other....
  - Laura is going to set-up time to Dr. Massey - once a date is set, then Holly will communicate to Facebook, will post on FLAMB and send out an email. Also reach out to the Elementary and Middle Schools. January 3rd or 10th.
  
- **Fundraising Committee Report** - Rebecca Gibson, FLAMB Fundraising Coordinator
  - Approx profit \$5,164 for butter braids, profit on coffee \$2,674.80. Sold \$12,880 worth of butter braids and almost \$6,669 dollars worth of coffee - Very proud of kids. Kids that sold the most got bluetooth speakers.
  - In Jan/Feb Papa Murphy's cards will go around for Pizza.
  - Planning on doing chocolates again before Easter, March/April.
  - Possible chili cook-off around spring musical. Looking into coordinating to see if school will allow or can be for health code reasons.
  - End of winter/beginning of spring, dueling pianos and chili cook-off, possibly at the Legion. Checking with Charlie to see what dates work. Cost is approx \$2500, last year made about \$4000.
  - Electronic payment methods - Kelly will look into setting up paypal set-up or square through the website for electronic payments.
  - We also have to figure out what's happening for Bethel

- Discussion on having a table with swag at concerts - Pop sockets, hats, etc. Laura will check with Tri-M to see if we can get a swag table at the middle school next. (Tues). Hats, pop-sockets.
  - Tri-M kids will get pop-sockets profit (we take 5%)
  - Have had some issues with Fundraising orders - Mark would prefer any order with discrepancies be reported to teachers and then by Monday get back to him. (one main report instead of onesie, twosie)
- **Outreach Committee & V.P. Report** - Holly Wojciechowski, FLAMB Vice-President
    - Renee Ready was contacted (communications person for district) - she got all concerts in. Holly will contact her monthly will updates on music events.
    - Rootbeer floats, hats, pop-sockets are all being sold at concerts
    - Gigs - not sure how well it went getting not choir kids in it, but Dave feels it went well. Jazz band has 2 more gigs (Running Aces and Legion); Strings did two gigs, Choir did some gigs, Tri-M did a lot. Next Thursday Chamber Orchestra and Strings are going to Faith Lutheran for a music celebration with singing and 'stuff'.
    - Dave said this year was better than years past with Communication on the gigs!
    - Music Apparel - All was delivered that wasn't specified as a gift. Others will (gifts) are being delivered. Will open up again after the holidays. People can order on their own, but we will do as a group (Apparel Pro's) in forest lake - 651-464-1515.
    - Buck Carlson - sticker and pencil order got lost, but is being processed. Posters are done and Tri-M will distribute around town as they have time (Tessa took them).
    - Tri-M - they have hung posters and are going to do social media on the pop-sockets per Tessa. Tri-M will round up people to do this, she has confirmed.
    - Pop-sockets - Dave also sent something to all schools to put info in Friday Folders and stuff. Lots of communication. Will also share on all Social Meeting. Can they sell at sports events - yes (basketball games, etc...Tessa will run past Activities director).
    - Concerned about Tuesday nursing home gig, but directors will put out words to get more stuff.
    - Gorka Concert - guaranteed \$1000, plus a percentage. March 16, 2019 - benefit is the scholarship fund for the boosters.
      - Benefit concert posters - need info, date, details - Dave will get to Tessa, March 16.
    - Also looking at adding a concert in between Bethel and Pops (Concerto Aria Concert - kids would audition - possibly charge or free will offering for the concert with proceeds going to the scholarship fund)
    - \$1,160.00 in scholarship fund so far.
      - We want to give it out this year. We are making a commitment to give out 1 or more scholarships.
      - Will look into finding a scholarship for kids.
      - Get some kids involved in the process.
      - June Quevedo will look into some options.
    - Rotary wants to do a scholarship for music as well.
- **Root Beer Float Coordinator Report** - Michelle Chanak, FLAMB Root Beer Float Coordinator
    - Running 2 to 3 people + Michelle (3 to 4 people per event). Suggested to limit to 3 people total. Michelle will look to revise for concerts where necessary. With the new schools we are in transition...will analyze and revisit.
    - Holly picked up spoons and cups and they are in the fundraising storage room.
    - All is going well, going to need to order ice cream in Jan.

- We have tax exempt status with Walmart again and Michelle is checking with Schwan's.
- **Treasurer's Report** - Dave Gunderson, FLAMB Treasurer
  - Updates on the New York trips will go out in January. Dave will put together something for sample itinerary, approximate \$ and payment deadlines. We will shred all checks or give them the opportunity for them to get checks. Directors will send an email out and checks will be shredded by next Friday.
  - Mattress Sale - made \$75 - Missy is interested in doing another mattress sale in spring.

**Other Business:**

- Lawn Signs for Forest Lake Music brought up, potentially for spring. Will discuss at later meetings.

**Old Business:**

- Incentives for officers. Any ideas? Before next months meeting, people with contacts in booster organizations, see what they do. We've heard from others things like fees for things are waived for kids. This group used to pay for kids and previously for FLAMB - If you are on the board, you get top of the list for trips.

**Adjourned:** Rebecca moved to adjourn at 7:40, Dave seconded, meeting adjourned