

Kittery Music Booster Meeting - 4/7/08

ATTENDANCE

Jon Roth
Lonnie Wescott
Betsy Burke
Becky McClure
Melissa Robinson
Jonel Leake
Vicki Wentworth
Michael Shults
Allie Shults
Clara Hannigan
Dan Hannigan

In what would prove to be our final meeting of the school year, barring an emergency, Co-Coordinator Betsy Burke got us started by announcing she would not be following the Agenda and then started with the first item on the Agenda:

SHAPLEIGH & TRAIIP UPCOMING EVENTS

Jon and Lonnie reviewed the month of March before looking ahead. Both were very pleased with the March 20th concert at Shapleigh. Jon said the CD sounded great, although CD sales were a disappointment. In the future, Jon said he would give the CD order forms to students in advance because the sign-up area at Shapleigh can get crowded and some people might not have the opportunity to make a purchase. We also had a lot of extra food so we'll have to rein in the requests for donations at future events.

Jonel jumped in with a rave review of the March 28th Kittery Art Association event featuring Shapleigh Middle School's Rock & Roll Band, The Little Amps, led by Mark Gunter and Jen Thayer. Performing 2 electric guitar duets was Troy Henvit (8th grade Shapleigh Student) and his teacher, David Graf. The Shapleigh Middle School Flute Choir, led by Agnes Bowen and Jen Thayer, performed several flute selections. Jonel also told us that "The Poo Poo Platters", a duo of 2 brothers from Portsmouth (ages 9 and 11) who performed several original songs from their two albums and also one unrecorded song, finished off the event. All in all, there were 15 or more Shapleigh Students involved and Jonel even put one of the performances on YouTube. Judi MacMurray, KAA VP, was very pleased with the event and has offered to help us with our camp scholarships - Lonnie will be following up with her on that. More on scholarships later in the minutes... stay tuned.

As for upcoming events, Jon announced that the Frisbee Concert will be on May 7th at Traip and will feature the 3rd & 4th grade chorus and the 5th grade band. Jonel suggested that including the Shapleigh Jazz Band in this concert would provide some inspiration to the 5th grade band (and their parents). Jon said he would consider that idea. Melissa, Jonel, and Dan agreed to help out at that concert taking one of our most abundant resources and selling it. No food sales, just water at this event.

Lonnie then announced that the Traip concert will be 7pm on May 21st at Traip. Betsy, Jonel & Melissa will cover the event for the KMB - there will be no intermission, water sales only.

Lonnie also announced that Rachel Auger will participate in the All-State Festival in Orono May 15-17. Lonnie said she's the 1st all-state in band from Traip in 10 years. She will be 4th chair, first flute, which Lonnie called "Amazing" for a freshman.

Jon announced that the Shapleigh concert will be May 29th, featuring the 6th grade band, 7th & 8th grade band, and chorus. Jon may decide to have an intermission for this event - if so, Betsy will solicit food donations; if not, we'll sell water and CD's only.

Jon said that for the Great East Festival on May 30th, kids who did not sell raffle tickets must pay by the end of next week (4/18) because all money is due by April 30th. Jon went on to say that he would like to recruit someone with a van or a pick-up with a cap to carry some of the larger instruments as there will not be enough room on the buses. Betsy said she would ask the Lorrey's, Dan said he would ask Ed Macomber.

The Traip Great East day is May 9th but Lonnie explained that the fundraising did not go well - some students raised nothing - putting the whole trip in jeopardy. After totaling everything including an estimate for the bus, he said they were a little over \$1,000 short. This is a tricky situation because the trip has been promised but the question of how to be fair came up since some kids did a great job fundraising and others did little or nothing. We discussed whether the Boosters could lend money to the trip to be paid back with future Traip fundraising proceeds. Then our Treasurer, Melissa, pointed out that Traip has \$369.36 from past bake & CD sales. We all marveled at her ability to locate that but the best was yet to come. Reminiscent of a certain wedding at Cana, Melissa miraculously found another \$490.65 of unused Traip funds from 2002! Suddenly the mountain didn't seem so high. Since Lonnie still needed to get exact numbers from the bus company, Jonel made a general motion for the KMB to allocate up to \$400 as an emergency loan to help Traip students attend Great East. Vicki seconded the motion and we all voted in favor.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Since Melissa was on a roll, we had no choice but to make the Treasurer's report the next topic - I, for one, was anxious to see what hidden treasures she would find next. The report, however, was pretty straight forward. Income since our January 14th meeting was \$8,350, including \$6,653.80 from the Shapleigh raffle and \$1,023.00 from the Traip raffle. Kennebunk Savings donated \$250 and the Bake Sale at the March 20 concert brought in \$307.35, up from \$170 a year ago but CD sales were at \$115, down from last year's \$188.

On the expense side, the total was \$3,607.60, which included raffle ticket printing costs (\$217.61), Great East first payment (\$3,030.00), iPod Touch raffle grand prize (\$279.99), and Best Buy gift cards for the raffle top sellers (\$90). Melissa reported that our balance on hand is \$9,293.16. Pending expenses include the Great East 2nd payment which will be a little less than the first, Great East bus payment at \$1,263 total for three buses and Great East t-shirts for \$750. Our upcoming expenses total about \$5,000.

SUMMER BAND CAMP SCHOLARSHIPS

All this talk of money led us to discuss candidates for summer band camp scholarships.

We have six candidates plus a possible two more who have not submitted applications on time. The six are Jocelyn Lorrey, Ashleigh Roberts and Evan Leake from Shapleigh and Amber Robinson, Jordan Holland, and Allie Shults from Traip. The KMB will provide \$200 scholarships to each of these students. Additionally, if more students apply, we will attempt to take Judi MacMurray up on her offer to help send others to camp.

OTHER BUSINESS

Jon brought up officers for next year and there will be changes as both Betsy and Vicki will no longer be involved - and they will be sorely missed. Co-Coordinator Becky McClure agreed to stay on in that capacity, Melissa Robinson will return as Treasurer, and Dan Hannigan, amidst a smattering of boos, agreed to continue on as Secretary.

With that, the meeting was adjourned and we all went our separate ways.

Best Regards,
Dan Hannigan
Secretary