

July 14, 2008

President Diana Sparks called the July meeting of the Oblong Music Boosters to order. Also present were Mr. Strieby, Jim Russell, Marilyn Waller, Rita Richards, Sarah Dart, Darnell Schalasky, Brandi Sechrest, Karen Davis and Debbie Walls.

Minutes of the May 2008 meeting were approved as written. There was no Music Booster meeting in June due to low attendance.

The Treasurer's report was not available due to the passing of Peggy Price's mother.

Mr. Strieby made comments about our spring concert/awards night. Dates for concerts are hard to come by in May and in December. A discussion followed to consider Sunday afternoons for concerts and also try for spring concerts in April and have the music awards night on a different evening. Tentative concert dates for 2008-2009 are Sun. Dec. 14 at 2 PM at OHS for grades 5<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> and Sun. April 19 at 2 PM at OES for the same grades.

Debbie made a motion with a second from Jim to purchase a tree/perennial in memory of Peggy's mother, Barbara Myers, in an amount not to exceed \$100 from the booster general fund. Motion carried. Sarah volunteered to take care of this purchase.

Debbie presented the following slate of officers for 2008-2009:

Secretary: Mandy Hill

Treasurer: Peggy Price

Vice- President: Marilyn Waller

President: Debbie Walls

Jim made a motion with a second from Darnell to approve this slate of officers. Motion carried.

Committee chairpersons were discussed starting with the uniform committee. It was suggested that Lisa Pinkston might want to continue to head up that committee. Chorus dresses need to be washed and jackets and pants need dry-cleaning after the warm concert in Busch Gardens. Band uniforms will be fitted during Band Camp then sent to the cleaners. Rita and Sarah volunteered to wash t-shirts for the jr high band to wear at the Labor Day Parade.

Under fund-raising committees, Brandi and Darnell volunteered to head the cookie dough sales with help from Debbie and others. Lisa Pinkston will head up Christmas greenery sales. We will continue to look for someone to be in charge of the booster tailgate on Sat. Oct 11. The band will not play at that game, as they will be competing in Metamora that day.

Publicity, Spooktacular and Dinner Theater committee chairpersons will be decided later.

Band Camp will be July 25-August 1 from 9 AM-12 PM and from 6-8 PM. Aug 1 will be the exception: there will be no evening practice and at noon there will be a pizza party funded by the boosters. Boosters will furnish refreshments in the mornings but Mr. Strieby says that drinks in the evenings will be sufficient.

Marilyn made a motion with a second from Jim to change the Music Booster monthly meeting date to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month to accommodate more parents. Motion carried.

In an effort to improve communication, it was decided the boosters would be present at OHS and OES registrations to collect e-mail addresses from parents of band and chorus students. A letter from the Music Boosters and a calendar of our events will be given out at that time. Diana, Karen, Rita and Debbie will help with this on Aug 11-12.

Mr. Strieby requested \$100 from the boosters to bring in a drum major instructor for a day during band camp. Marilyn made the motion with a second by Diana. Motion carried.

He also stated the Marching Panthers will consist of 38 members as of now and they will aim to please the crowds again this year!

Jim made a motion with a second from Marilyn to again apply for the Crawford Co. tourism grant to help with Spooktacular costs. Motion carried.

Jim has tried again to get the trophies won by the Marching Panthers last year in the Robinson Field Competition with no luck. He and Connie will be leaving the boosters organization at this time for personal reasons.

Next meeting will be held Mon. August 11 at 7 PM. It was decided to hold a reception for the new choral teacher at 6 PM that evening in the band room of the Oblong Grade School.