

**Steinert Marching Unit Parents' Association**

**General Membership Meeting**

**March 9, 2015**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order at 8:10 p.m. by Betsy Reetz.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:**

Linda Shulman mentioned that the minutes from the February meeting are on the SMUPA website. Minutes were approved as posted by Jim Haws, and seconded by Marianne Joralemon.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Jerry Calamia read the following balances:

Checking Account:	\$53,351.83 balance as of 1/31/15
	\$ 5,719.00 in receipts
	\$ 8,464.44 in disbursements
	\$50,606.39 balance as of 2/28/15
Savings Account:	\$25,736.12 balance as of 1/31/15
	\$ 0.99 in receipts
	No disbursements
	\$25,737.11 balance as of 2/28/15
Student credits:	\$ 5,440.86
Trip Deposits:	\$ 5,000.00

**VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**

Barb mentioned that we sold 391 tickets for the basket raffle (this number is lower than 2014); we had \$295 in donations from SMUPA members, and spent \$604 for prizes. She then

sent thanked Debbie Tarcza, Kate Nolan, and Rita Helias for helping to put the baskets together, and Debbie, Rita, and Deb Alston for manning the table during the play. We also received donations from Patty Gould (Party Lite), the Dilatush family (movies and candy), and the Joralemon family (popcorn and popcorn boxes). Lisa Lupico won the Coach bag!

Massimo's Dine-Out will take place from March 16th-19th. Must have flyer!!!

Moe's fundraiser – we made \$67.30 in profit. There was a light turnout, possibly due to weather. We may try for another date.

Trenton Thunder game – performance on May 3<sup>rd</sup>. We are allowed to sell 50/50, and we will earn half of the proceeds. We will do this on July 1<sup>st</sup>. If you volunteer to sell that day, your ticket to see the game will be comped.

Designer Bag Bingo (March 27<sup>th</sup>)- Barb reminded and encouraged everyone to take advantage of the \$2 credit to student accounts for presold tickets.

#### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**

Betsy Reetz thanked everyone who attended the Pasta Dinner on February 28<sup>th</sup>. She also announced that former band parent/SMUPA secretary Sharon Lenhardt's father has passed away.

#### **ADDITIONAL COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

SCRIPS – Jim Murphy has this month's orders, in Lisa's absence. The next due date is listed on the website

SUNSHINE – Amy Herring stated that one card was sent to the Lenhardt family. Amy also thanked everyone for her card.

PASTA DINNER – Amy Herring thank everyone who helped with the pasta dinner. Attendance was down from past years, and she mentioned that some suggestions were made for the future.

STORE – Nicole mentioned an unannounced fundraiser: Out of need, she was able to sell 52 seat cushions at the play, and therefore made \$260. She then suggested that we will be getting cloth drawstring bags, with "Class of 2015" imprinted on the front, for the senior gifts at the band banquet, in addition to the T-shirt.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

None.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

DESIGNER BAG BINGO - Rita Helias mentioned that tickets are available at the meeting. There is also a PDF of the order form on the website, checks should be made payable to SMUPA. There is also a PDF of the changes that were made due to the state guidelines for this type of event. She also reiterated that presold tickets will earn students \$2 credit in their accounts; however, credits will not be earned for tickets sold at the door. Volunteers are still needed to help out prior to and during the event. A Sign-Up Genius volunteer email blast will go out, and parents are also asked to provide desserts.

BAND BANQUET – Marianne Joralemon talked about setting up a video committee to put together the end-of-year video. If anyone has pictures from the season (Band Camp, games, competitions, etc.), please submit them to Marianne electronically by the April meeting. These photos will be used in the video and the program book.

## **BAND DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

Mrs. Giunta said that flyers went out with all students for the Trenton Thunder game on May 3<sup>rd</sup>. The band will be practicing "Over The Rainbow" for the Trenton Thunder game on April 22<sup>nd</sup>, with the Reynolds 8<sup>th</sup> grade band.

Mrs. Giunta restated from last month: Marching Unit will no longer be a co-curricular activity. As of the 2015-2016 school year, it will be an extra-curricular activity, and therefore the students will have the option of being in SMU without being in band class, or in band without participating in SMU. She does not expect much of a change in the size of the unit. She will continue to think about recruitment opportunities. Suggestions at the meeting included: the Trenton Thunder game, making a recruitment video featuring current band members, and visiting the middle schools, including St. Greg's.

## **ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Shulman