

Steinert Marching Unit Parents Association General Meeting Minutes – February 8, 2016

Call To Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:38 pm by Kate Nolan.

Secretary's Report

Jim Murphy noted that the minutes from the January meeting are on the SMUPA website, as well as the revised minutes from the December meeting. No modifications were needed. Motion made by Linda Schulman to accept the minutes as recitation; Jim Haws seconded.

Treasurer's Report

Jerry Calamia reported the balances for the month of January 2016:

- Checking Account: Starting balance \$62,920.20, Receipts \$19,895.86, Disbursements \$7646.64, Ending balance \$75,169.42. Student credits \$4,888.29, Trip Deposits \$23,845.29
- Savings Account: Starting balance \$25,060.19, Receipts \$1,141.95, Disbursements \$0.00, Ending balance \$26,202.14.
- Previously, \$5,600 was withdrawn from savings to purchase equipment for the marching unit. Since not all the funds were needed, \$1,141.03 was returned to the savings account.

Vice-President's Report

Marianne Joralemon described the contents of the baskets for the basket raffle:

Baskets # 1 & 2 (identical): 2 Disney one day park hopper tickets (donated); \$25 Disney gift card (to be purchased); 3 Disney Trading Pins (donated)

Basket # 3: Bath & Body works (donated by the Harris family); Coach make-up bag set (donated by the Joralemon family) Jamberry Nails packet & gift certificate (donated by the Tarcza family)

Basket # 4: In and Out Movie Night: 4 Starplex gift cards (donated); 2 AMC Gold tickets (donated); Applebees \$25 gift certificate (donated); 20 one day Red Box rentals (donated); Mastoris gift certificate (donated); candy & popcorn; Chromecast (to be purchased)

Basket #5: Power tool cordless drill and driver (donated); Wawa gift basket (donated); 4 Lower Level Philadelphia Soul Tickets (donated); Signed Jets and Giants posters (donated)

Basket # 6: Full Car/Truck interior and exterior detailing at Hamilton Honda (donated)

Basket # 7: Coach purse (donated); Mixed bag gift card \$50 (donated); Hair cuts/ product (donated)

Basket # 8: 2 one day Adventure Aquarium admission tickets (donated); 4 Trenton Thunder tickets (donated); Trenton Thunder Clock (donated by the Helias family); 2 tickets to McCarter Theater (donated)

President's Report

Kate Nolan thanked everyone for their participation in the 8th Grade Orientation.

Additional Committee Reports

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Scott Rogers stated that:

- Previously, \$5,600 was withdrawn from savings to purchase equipment for the marching unit. Since not all the funds were needed, \$1,141.03 was returned to the savings account.
- Funds were also approved for 1.5 chaperones for the Disney trip, but those funds are no longer needed.

BAND STORE COMMITTEE: Rita Helias reported that she is currently working on a design for Disney T-Shirts.

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE: Jim Murphy reported that SMUPA e-mails are sometimes flagged as spam by certain e-mail programs. He asked that if anyone is not receiving SMUPA e-mails, to e-mail his personal account, which is on the SMUPA website, and let him know.

DESIGNER BAG BINGO: Based on conversations with a representative from the NJ Legalized Games of Chance Control Commission, Rita changed the rules and mechanics of Designer Bag Bingo:

- Since we are not allowed to sell tickets to an event before a permit is obtained, the Designer Bag Bingo flyer was revised to say "reserve" instead of "sell."
- No checks will be cashed until the permit is obtained.
- 83 tickets were reserved before the January 31 deadline for Disney credits. (Credits will still be honored.)
- In addition to the Bingo games, there will be smaller items available for raffle. Rita will submit the paperwork to obtain a raffle license.
- According to the state rules, if a Bingo game results in a tie, the prize must be split amongst the winners. Since bags cannot be split, if there is a tie, the winners will split the cash value of the prize. The bags themselves will be moved to the raffle.

PASTA DINNER: Jen Calamia reported the following:

- She is still looking for baking volunteers
- Mrs. Giunta has the student volunteer signup list.
- Tickets are now on sale by Mrs. Smith in the main office.
- Servers can eat free, but only afterwards. Servers must also be at least high school age.

SCRIP: Lisa Lupico reported that the last order had 8 family orders which raised \$181.65.

SUNSHINE: There was nothing to report for Sunshine committee.

UNIFORM COMMITTEE: Ann Garlisi reminded everyone:

- Check uniforms and shoes.
- Uniforms must be ready by March 20.
- Extra gloves are available for purchase.

Old Business

- Family Fun night has been scheduled for March 13. A limited number of tickets are available.

New Business

- The Nominating Committee was formed:
 - Lisa Trayner (Chairperson)
 - Jim Haws (Executive Board)
 - Linda Schulman (Executive Board)
 - Chris Brown (General Membership)
 - Cindy McGettigan (General Membership)
 - Amy Herring (Alternate)
- A vote was taken and the Nominating Committee was unanimously approved
- Dr. Costantino, the Music Director at Reynolds Middle School, is proposing an event called “Music and Meatballs” for Tuesday, April 19, 2016. The event would consist of combined bands from Reynolds and Steinert, with the goal being to encourage students to continue playing in band. SMUPA members would be able to volunteer for the event.

Music Director’s Report

Mrs. Giunta confirmed that the date of the mandatory Disney Meeting for students and parents will be held on April 11, 2016, at 6:30pm.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:04pm.

Respectfully submitted,

James Murphy