

IMB BOARD MEETING
10/09/07
7:00 P.M.
HIGH SCHOOL BAND ROOM

Those in attendance were Sallie Scheide, Tom Armstrong, Brian & Susan Godde, Doug & Karen Lynch, Susan Anders, Marshall & Taleen Jackson, Beth Vogel, Chris Orlik, Andy Marks, Dawn Polanco, Matt Taton, and Bob Barker.

The minutes from the September 11, 2007 meeting were approved with one exception, it is noted that the MSBOA will be held on October 20 instead of October 27, 2007 in Grand Rapids MI.

Items for discussion were as follows:

- Mr. Taton reported to the board on several items
 - Mr. Taton has concerns with the MEAP schedule at West. The 8th grade band will go several days without instruction from a musical instructor. Mrs. Kovitz will be approached to draft a letter to the school administration concerning the lack of musical instruction for 8th grade students; parents are also encouraged to contact administrators. The 8th grade students will possibly perform with the high school bands during the October 23rd concerts. The concert will probably be at 7:30 p.m. unless there is some conflicts with sports schedules.
 - Mr. Taton is very happy with the progress of the high school bands this year.
 - Mr. Taton took a moment to thank several parents and the IMB for their help and support this fall.
 - Mr. Taton sent a note to Superintendent of schools, Joe Pius, thanking him for his attendance at the recent competition in Linden, MI. Mr. Pius's support of the music programs and marching band is very much appreciated.
 - Judges comments were very positive from the most recent show in Linden, MI.
 - Mr. Taton said he has sent an article about marching band to the "Touchstone" to be included in their next publication. Matt will email the board the content of this information.
 - Mr. Taton reported that several students are interested in participating in a pep band during basketball games. Discussion followed Mr. Taton's comments about pep band regarding a raffle or incentive program for pep band participants.

- Doug Lynch is working on a newsletter; he is requesting that content for the newsletter be forwarded to him so it can be included in his next publication. Doug also reported that one spot on the stadium seats is left to sell; once that ad is sold the seats will be available for sale.

- Tentative planning for Ford Field is in progress with a meeting date of October 30, 2007 set. All the required forms for Ford Field have been completed and Matt has sent them to the appropriate people. Matt will forward information regarding state finals at Ford Field to the appropriate people as he receives it.
- Sallie Scheide is checking into another possible candle sale as a fund raiser for the bands. Sallie will check into the possibility of a booth for the West craft show in order for the bands to sell candles and poinsettias. A date for the end of the year potluck for marching band is being decided on, two possible dates are November 8, or November 13, 2007. A possible date for a Buffalo Wild Wings fundraiser is yet to be decided. Planning for “senior night” took place, parents of seniors will be contacted and given instructions for their participation.
- Susan Anders reported to the board on several financial items. There is a significant amount of money due from marching band participants yet, the scholarship committee will meet and resolve some of these issues. There is also some money due from students that need to pay for uniform supplies. Sarah Lapp won a 50/50 drawing during the Linden competition and donated \$25.00 to the IMB. The board approved the expenditures that were included in the agenda packet for the meeting. It was moved and passed by the board that the checking account for IMB be moved from First Bank to the Isabella Community Credit Union, Susan Anders for professional reasons abstained from this vote.
- Marshall Jackson reported that we have 3 props for the shows and another two panels are being built. We have two drivers lined up for the remaining shows, with the exception of the October 20th shows.
- Several public relations items were discussed. It is noted that this year we paid \$500.00 for trailer logos, next year the cost is projected to be \$1,000.00. The band has had two mentions in the “sound off” portion of the Morning Sun newspaper. An article about the marching band and this years program has yet to appear in the newspaper, Any Marks has a contact at the paper and will attempt to get an article published.
- A special meeting of the board is tentatively schedule for October 30, 2007 to prepare for Ford Field. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on November 13, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. in the High School Band Room.

Susan Godde, Recording Secretary