

## **Minutes: October 21, 2014 SPF Music Boosters Meeting**

Location: Terrill Middle School, Band Room

Meeting called to order at 7:35 PM by Joe Guidi

Welcome from Joe Guidi and Ken Litwin.

Meeting called at Terrill Middle School to try to get more parents to participate and inform more parents about Music Boosters and to encourage more participation across all schools Mr. Turturiello was introduced.

Mr. Turturiello introduced Mr. Gillick and Mr. Whitfield, the instrumental teacher for 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade music at Terrill Middle School. Encouraged us to continue to do what we can to grow the Boosters and have more people come to meetings. He commented on the great job by marching band at the last competition. Mr. Turturiello received a letter from a former Moonglower now a doctor at Sloan Kettering thanking him the Moonglower experience. Included was a check for \$1984 (the year of graduation.)

Also noted was that the cast of *Grease* has been selected. Mrs. Allen will be departing for maternity leave in a few weeks. Mr. Figliano will need all of our support.

Followed by conversation about the music system in Scotch Plains and that what makes it work is that students are cultivated and encouraged from elementary school through high school.

Joe and Ken are getting a grant wish list from all the music teachers of equipment their budgets cannot provide. This list of Music Booster goals to provide for the music department will be discussed in an upcoming meeting in more detail.

### **Music Trip: Lisa Zimmerman**

Deadline has passed for initial deposit. Waitlist is starting. If there are any new students, parents need to talk to Lisa immediately. We are at 220 students right now.

Second payment is Due January 16<sup>th</sup>.

Fundraising will continue. Yankee Candle deadline was the 20<sup>th</sup>. Online sales can be done past the deadline. For the Shop with Scrip fundraiser the deadline for the next purchase of physical gift cards is the 31<sup>st</sup> of October.

All forms on the website: [www.spfmusicboosters.org](http://www.spfmusicboosters.org)

A bill will be mailed for 2<sup>nd</sup> payment.

**John Gillick.** Terrill Jazz Band has been chosen to perform in Monroe for Meeting of Music Educators. With the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Terrill coming up, there will be more opportunities for performances.

Choral Concert December 4<sup>th</sup>.

Terrill Winter Instrumental Concert December 10

**Joe Whitfield.** Due to Booster support, last year the school was able to get all new music stands. As a result, class runs much more efficiently. There is an amazing group of new students. At least 20 students in 5<sup>th</sup> grade playing 6<sup>th</sup> grade music. Appreciate all the support.

Ken Litwin informed us that Charlie Jackson 4<sup>th</sup> grade band has about 90 percent involvement. and Joe Reo keeps parents informed with a weekly email blast and to let them know that when they join the program they are joining something special.

### **Reports:**

**Steven Oster, Treasurer.** He is in the process of transitioning from old files to new files from Mac to PC. Recommended a national booster organization, they have a rep that can help us.

**Kalpana Krishna-Kumar,** Corresponding Secretary recommended our participation in Tech Soup a website devoted to supporting non-profits.

**Lucia Diaz-Romero.** October 21st is Pasta Night. There have been an overwhelming number of donations by families. There is a great lineup of student groups, including the Sensations, Frank the Barber. A successful evening is expected. Need people for 8:00 cleanup. Stacy McAnulty will be there for signing up new parents. Vicki Smith will be there with wearables. There is a multi-ticket discount to encourage family participation.

**Julie Murphy, Public Relations.** Marching Band was in the Alternate Press. Efforts are continuing to get response from local media outlets. Will target the Suburban News.

### **Miscellaneous:**

Pit crew has had a good turnout

Website Group doing great work to upgrade our site. Group includes Brett Porter, Stacy McAnulty, Kalpana Krishna-Kumar, and Dan Murphy.

PR committee: Marching Band was in the Scotch Plains Times. Or Alternate Press.

New Business:

Mark Schuman will organize a seating area for States Competition.

Dan is organizing website with Dev Anjaria's photos.

Idea suggesting that we have membership table at concerts.

**Next meeting is Monday November the 17<sup>th</sup> at the high school**

A Motion to adjourn was made by Stacy McAnulty. Seconded by Mark Schuman

Meeting adjourned at approx. 8:15pm.