

**The Westlake Schools' Music Boosters**  
General Meeting Minutes  
January 10, 2011

**In Attendance:**

Beth Hudak	Brenda Silver	Kathie McNeilly	Ramona Greco
Kelly Patterson	Lynda Valentine	Susan Dvorak	Becky Moldaver
Marian Buzzard	Mary Schordock	Barb Detwiler	Kim Fisher
Raymond Walczuk	Carole Bobal	Lee Ann Eyre	Barbara Kristof
Megan Smith	Dorothy Cantrall	Student: Arun Kulshreshtha	

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 7:34 pm by President, Beth Hudak.

**President's Report:** (Beth Hudak) None other than Happy New Year to all!

**Minutes:** (Marian Buzzard) Minutes from the December 6, 2010 meeting were reviewed. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Barbara Kristof; seconded by Lee Ann Eyre. A thank you card from the preschoolers at Hilliard School was shared. The card was hand made and contained many photos of the children having fun using rhythm instruments purchased with funds from Music Boosters.

**Treasurer's Report:** (Kelly Patterson) Operating funds cash available as of January 9, 2011 is \$33,940.34.

**Vice President:** (Kim Fisher) People interested in serving on the Nominating Committee should contact Kim. Officer positions that need to be filled for the 2011-12 school year are Treasurer and Secretary. An e-mail will be sent to all Standing Committee chairpersons regarding their interests in filling their current positions next year.

**STANDING COMMITTEES**

**Cookbooks:** (Kathie McNeilly) Books were made available for purchase at all holiday concerts. In addition:

- An ad will be placed in all school newsletters again
- Ideas re: selling at local grocery stores and Porter Public Library's Gift Shop
- Will sell at Music a la Mode

Lee Ann Eyre complemented Kathie on behalf of the organization for the time spent and **great job** she has done on this project!

**Membership:** (Brenda Silver) A few more memberships came in over the holiday concert season.

**Business Membership:** No report.

**Music a la Mode: *In need of chairperson.*** Members are in place to lead various subcommittees. Lee Ann Eyre has agreed to help run the Instrument Petting Zoo.

**Publicity:** (Mary Schordock) Any articles for newsletters or ideas re: publicity should be sent to Mary. Ray Walczuk reports that he recently sent photos and information to Kim Bonvissuto in the Westlake City Schools Communications Office to publicize the WHS Orchestra and Symphonic Band's upcoming trip to Cincinnati on the district's website. He added that we can all do a better job of increasing the visibility of our excellent music programs to the community and should strive to do more toward that goal in the future.

**Scholarships:** (Kim Fisher) Information re: all local scholarships including Music Boosters:

- March 1, 2011: All application forms available through WHS Guidance office.
- April 6, 2011 by 12 noon: All scholarship applications due.
- Mr. Walczuk emphasized that Music Booster Scholarship applications need to come to him and all music teachers well before the April 6 deadline as director recommendations are required and can not all be completed at the last minute. The deadline for getting this application to the directors is a week ahead of the April 6 date.
- It was discussed that in some years only a small number of students apply for the Music Boosters scholarship. This scholarship is not limited to students going on to study music although that is one of the areas considered when applications are reviewed. Kim will remind seniors to apply for this scholarship.
- Music Booster scholarship application will also be available on our website.
- Two \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded this year by Westlake Music Boosters.
- Kim will contact Mark Baldi re: details of the Cal Baldi Memorial Scholarship.

**Spirit Wear:** Megan Smith reported for Christy Hooper that t-shirt sales were fairly good at recent holiday concerts. 15 shirts were sold.

**Sunshine:** (Carole Bobal) A thank you note has been sent recently. A sympathy card and get well card will be sent soon.

**Alumni Band:** (Susan Dvorak) Date for concert has been set for Thursday, June 30, 2011. \$350 has been donated by sponsors of the event thus far.

**Volunteers:** (Lynda Valentine) Volunteer sign-up sheets for Music a la Mode will be ready for the next series of concerts; most of which will be in March.

**Website:** No report. Student Arun Kulshreshtha is working on finding his replacement as the WHS Instrumental Music Website web master.

## SCHOOL REPORTS

**Music Faculty Representative/ Westlake High School:** (Ray Walczuk) WHS String Orchestra and Symphonic Band performing at the OMEA State Professional Music Conference:

- Leaving at 5pm January 27<sup>th</sup> for January 28<sup>th</sup> performances in Cincinnati.

- String Orchestra performs at 9:45 am at Hyatt Regency Hotel and at 11:00 am in the same location for the String Orchestra demonstration at the OMEA State Orchestra Board meeting.
- Symphonic Band performs at 2:45pm at the Duke Energy Center.

Other upcoming WHS musical events include:

- February 19: OMEA Solo and Ensemble contest at Tri-C West for both vocal and instrumental students. All registration will be done on-line this year.
- March 18 and 19: District Band Contest at Strongsville High School. District Choral Contest at Midpark.
- May 6 and 7: OMEA State Band Contest hosted by Westlake High School! State Choral Contest at Highland.

**Bassett, Dover, Hilliard, Holly Lane Schools:** No reports.

**Parkside:** Beth Hudak read from an e-mail from Scott Rovniak that the 6<sup>th</sup> grade band's holiday concert and all school assembly performances were "outstanding". He will be hearing each band student play individually this month. Beth added that Julie Budd, choir director, has started a singing and dancing performance group at the school.

**Burneson:** Also from Mr. Rovniak's e-mail: *7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade bands* each performed 2 holiday selections in addition to other concert literature last month. All students are in need of regular practice at home. In addition:

- **LBMS Jazz** entertained at Hilliard and Bassett Schools in December. They have been invited to the Rocky River Middle School Jazz Festival on March 21<sup>st</sup>.
- **OMEA District 4 Honors Band:** Congratulations to the 9 students selected. Concert on March 12<sup>th</sup> at Lakewood Civic Auditorium. Event has been held last several years at our PAC but the audience size prompted the change to the larger venue.

Megan Smith remarked that she was glad to see information in the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade newsletter that mentioned that WHS band camp starts in August. This will help families know to try to plan vacations in earlier summer months.

### OLD BUSINESS

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade Orientation Night:** (Kim Fisher) Event well attended although not many people visited the Music Boosters table and display. Kim recommends Music Boosters representation at the event again next year.

**Hallelujah Chorus Flash Mob** at Westside Market: Beth reported that the event was successful and that there are familiar Westlake faces on YouTube videos recorded there.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Upcoming Concerts:** 02/22/11 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Band at 7pm.  
02/23/11 Bassett 1<sup>st</sup> Grade 1pm.

**Next Meeting:** Monday, February 14, 2011 at 7:30 pm in the WHS Library.  
The meeting was adjourned at 8:05pm

Minutes submitted by Marian Buzzard