



# OE BAND BOOSTER MEETING MINUTES

Submitted for approval by: Brooke Poindexter; Formatted by: Sandy Palacios

**DATE:** January 9, 2024 **TIME:** 7:02 P.M.

**LOCATION:** Zoom  
7 in Attendance

**This was an executive board booster meeting.**

The below items were discussed.

## Meeting Minutes

- We declined to review Nov minutes due to time constraints and will push that to February's meeting.

## Treasurer's Report

- Received one more marching contribution in Dec. We are still below our budget for marching and concert band.
- Board had previously approved \$5,700 total for student assistance for the 2024 New York trip.
- Bingo license renewed for the year 2024.
- Awaiting answer from Treasurer's office on exempt status application for Personal property tax on the newest trailer that was recently registered. Three to five MONTHS turnaround time. If they do not grant us exempt status, we may be responsible for a late fee.
- 1099s being sent out to any clinicians that OE paid more than \$600. Kim will confirm addresses with Smikahl before mailing them.
- Kim asked Smikahl to check when OE will receive our OMI contribution, he reports both directors have been ill and he will check in with them shortly and give us an update.

## Unfinished Business

- **Savers vs City Thrift**
  - Brooke reviewed Savers vs City Thrift Fundraiser (this will run the same week as pre-camp whenever that is decided to be.) Smikahl prefers we go back to Savers. Savers provides a seamless process when it comes to collecting funds raised, compared to City Thrift. They also show a high level of professionalism and they provide us with marketing materials.
  - Brooke will email Taylor from Savers and Terri from City Thrift to let them know of our decision.
- **To Do:**
  - We will need a volunteer to drive the trailer, pick a date for drop off, get leadership team or drumline signed up to help unload trailer after band camp (May 31 or June 1, or June 7 or 8)
  - Brooke will ask Heather Peek if she would be willing to go to elementary schools again after their last day to collect lost and found items for our Savers fundraiser.
- **Flower fundraiser**
  - This is assisting with selling flowers at East graduation. With volunteers we could earn \$600-700. Without volunteers we could earn \$400-500. Smikahl and board agree that it is too much work in mid-May for not a great return.
  - We already have many fundraisers with NO parent volunteers to chair that we do not think it is prudent to add another fundraiser. Brooke will email Korbin and decline this offer.



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- Mr. Smikahl discussed how boosters and leadership teams used to sell Finals Survival kits twice a year during finals and it was little work for a big return of money.
  - Brooke said we already have fundraisers like Chipotle and Savers without a parent lead so did not feel confident to restart another fundraiser.
- **Band Bingo**
  - Scheduled for SUNDAY, Mar. 3rd. This was moved intentionally from the musical weekend to increase attendance from students and families.
  - Tera and Karen K plan to open doors at 1:30pm for play to start at 2pm. Smikahl will confirm that he requested the commons from 12pm to 5pm for set up and clean up.
  - They will create an updated flyer that can be available at our upcoming concerts. Tera feels they are ahead of the game this year so far and are only lacking a couple basket ideas.
  - She reports they have many items for raffle. She said we do not have many snacks leftover from marching season and so will be requesting donations to have as complimentary snacks at the Bingo event.
  - She reports most items are geared toward teens with just a few for the over 21 crowd.
  - Smikahl emphasizes that we only have 13 seniors this year so expect a smaller crowd (compared to 42 seniors last year).
- **To Do:**
  - Tera will make sure the pricing per card is better emphasized on flyers for Bingo.
  - Sign up genius, to be sent out/posted closer to mid Feb. for any bingo needs (snack donations, basket donations, workers during the event).
  - Tera and Karen K will handle advertisements for the baskets to be posted on socials by Clair H, to start some excitement for the items and the event.
  - Smikahl would like the Bingo yard signs to be placed out in front of OE the week of the event to drum up any walk in/neighborhood business. He would like a parent volunteer to do this.

## New Business

- **KMEA**
  - Wind ensemble is playing at KMEA. They will have an overnight trip to Wichita. They will leave 2-21 Wed night, stay the night and perform Thurs 2-23. (Morning rehearsal at Hotel, unload at Century II, warm up, play, get photos taken, load up, eat late lunch, head back to OE for students that are NOT in state band).
  - Smikahl said OE will bring their own percussion equipment in the trailer and he already asked Chris Prather to drive. He will need two more chaperones for bus ride and overnight stay and bus ride back since directors will already be in Wichita and are staying for KMEA.
  - Smikahl said KMEA is an all weather event. He reports the district pays for a portion of the expenses for the band to go there and he will determine if the boosters need to provide any contributions for this event.



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## Directors Report

- Pep band game that was originally scheduled tonight 1-9 has been moved to tomorrow 1-10 but Smikahl has plans and has alerted Wolgast that the pep band will NOT be performing at tomorrow's game.
- Saturday, Jan 13 trip to Salina for students that are auditioning for all-state. Bus will leave near 530am from OE and will return near 6 or 7pm. It is doubtful they will postpone for weather but if they do, it will be the following Sat. 1/20.
- Jan 23rd - OE is hosting CT and PT Jazz band kids and our nighthawks for pizza (TIME?) and directors are requesting a parent to help with picking up pizza, setting up and serving.
- March Ice Cream Jazz event will be Mon. March 25 at 7pm at OE.
- Pre-Band camp is still tentative but will be either May 28-31 or June 3-7, 2024. This is dependent on a couple of things - football team camp/practice schedule and summer conference is being hosted at OE again during the May dates and that was hard last year since the marchers did not even have access to the band room during pre camp).
- Band camp will be July 22-Aug 2, 2024.
- August 2nd will be Orange and Blue BBQ
- Our next booster mtg in Feb will have to be moved due to a pep band conflict. He will give a NY April trip update at this next meeting. Smikahl will let us know when the meeting will be held, so it can be updated on the calendar.

Meeting adjourned 7:54 P.M.