

OBPA Board Meeting Report - 10/4

Here's what was discussed at the most recent OBPA Board meeting:

A. Director's report

- a. Mr. Brakefield shared the itinerary for Fort Zumwalt North and BOA St. Louis
- b. Upcoming football game is 8th grade night for band and football/cheerleading, etc.
- c. He added 2 potential playoff games to the calendar (10/28 & 11/4)
- d. Our awards banquet will be coming up on Nov. 2 at 7 PM
- e. Upcoming auditions include wintergard, SLSMEA All-Suburban Honor Band, and chair placement for wind symphony/symphonic band

B. Treasurer's report

- a. 2 large pop up tents were purchased to provide shade for parents and students as well as the sensitive electronic equipment
- b. For the 2023-2024 school year, we will include the purchase of a large water bottle and cinch sack for every band student. This will cost each student approximately \$25, which will be included in band fees.
 - i. We will use 3000 disposable water bottles by the end of marching season and we feel that is irresponsible to be creating that much waste.
 - ii. Students often take a few sips of water and we end up throwing a whole bottle away
 - iii. A cinch sack will give students a bag to put their gold sweatshirt and extra shoes, phones, etc.
- c. We purchased 4 chromebooks for the OPBA to use at trivia night and craft fair.
 - i. We are making a move to digitize everything for craft fair and this would allow us to register crafters who may be reluctant to use a digital resource to register.
 - ii. This will also allow us to provide real-time score updates at trivia without a board member having to use a personal device.
- d. As soon as we have final numbers, the next payment will be made from student accounts to the travel company. This will happen sometime in November.
- e. We will be moving to Square to accept online and mobile payments.
 - i. This will allow us to set up a point of sale for craft fair and trivia nights
 - ii. We will have mobile card readers that will allow us to accept payments on the go
 - iii. This will go into effect for the December craft fair and all online payments for the 2023-2024 school year and beyond will only be accepted through Square.
- f. Mattress sale. We sold 22 mattresses for a total of \$3385. \$625 goes to student accounts, the remaining to the general operating fund
- g. Final balances will not be available for the Peach Bowl Trip until mid-November. Students who have fundraising credit and are current on band fees will have another payment made to the Travel Company on October 14.

C. Food Committee

- a. Mike Ross reported that we are set to feed students breakfast for dinner at the upcoming Fort Zumwalt North competition. We will provide gluten-free options for students that need that
- b. Pizza for 8th grade night will come from St. Louis Pizza and Wings, allowing us to support a local business

D. Trivia Night & Raffle

- a. November 19
- b. We will be soliciting donations for baskets soon
- c. The goal is to have 15 baskets for silent auction
- d. We are looking for round sponsors and information on how to sponsor a round will be coming soon. Sponsorship is \$150
- e. 8 total rounds to allow for games in between
- f. Registration flier will be published in weekly email and on social media

E. Craft Fair

- a. Volunteer sign ups will be included in 10/10 email \$25 per 4 hour shift worked
- b. We will be working on new maps and electrical boxes to streamline Friday night setup
- c. We will be holding a craft fair meeting in late October/early November that will be open to all parents who want to help

F. Monthly board meeting report

- a. Report will be shared in Monday email and posted on band website