

Millard North Band Boosters

Meeting Minutes

January 9, 2006

Opening:

The regular meeting of the Millard North Band Boosters was called to order at 7:00 pm on Monday, January 9, 2006 at Millard North High School's cafeteria by Co-Presidents Tom and Tami Cave.

Present:

Tom & Tami Cave; Cathy Keiser; Larry Rathbun; Eva Bennett; Cindy Hossack; Dave Powell; Tim Sharp; Steve Fulton; Nancy Thorson; Brenda Krieser; Beth Riege; Jan Meister; Tracey and Wayne Lorenzen; Kris Porto; Lanny Weak; Jill Reeves.

A. Comments from Band Directors

Larry Rathbun, Millard North Director of Bands, discussed the following items:

- **Honor Band Announcements:** New honor band student selections are available on the web as follows:

UNL Winter Winds (January 20 – 22)

Students selected for Winter Winds are:

Dana Tabor – Senior, clarinet
Natalie Vanderveen – Junior, clarinet
Caryl Terry – Senior, bass clarinet
Kim Fortson – Junior, alto sax.
Brandon Cave – Junior, trumpet
Craig Mathis – Junior, trombone
Jonathan Hossack – Junior, baritone horn
Christina Millard – Senior, flute (alternate)

Hastings(Nebraska) Honor Band and Wesleyan Honor Band

(same students selected for both ensembles)

Kim Fortson – Junior, alto sax
Caryl Terry – Senior, bass clarinet
Craig Mathis – Junior, trombone
Trevor Runge – Junior, French horn
Jonathan Hossack – Junior, baritone horn

UNO Honor Band

Kaila Krieser – Junior, clarinet (Maverick Band)
Christina Millard – Senior, flute (Maverick Band)
Kelci Fulton – Senior, flute (Maverick Band)
Trevor Runge – Junior, French horn (Maverick Band)
Jonathan Hossack – Junior, baritone horn (Durango Band)

- **Truck for Orlando:** Mr. Dean, who had originally offered a truck to transport items to Orlando for the band trip had mechanical problems and had to withdraw his offer. Mr. Rathbun pursued some additional leads which resulted in finding a donor of a new truck and trailer (Weltons), including a driver (Patrick Potter). The truck is being donated by McMillans, and the trailer is donated by R&M. They have agreed to do this in return for publicity (a photo of the band in front of the truck). Mr. Rathbun is still comparing and checking insurance coverage, etc. but all is expected to be in order well in advance of the trip.
- **Upcoming Concerts/Events:** Mr. Rathbun mentioned the following upcoming performances and details:

Wind Ensemble and 8th Grade Concert , Tuesday, January 24, 2006 5:00. Students begin with rehearsals with 8th graders. Parent meeting to take place while rehearsals occur, followed by students' performance. Existing band students are to wear their band uniforms, as this will provide an opportunity to check that all is in order prior to the Orlando trip. 8th Grade students are to wear clothing as instructed by their band directors. Cookies are needed for refreshments--Tami Cave to contact Melanie Newhouse.

Symphonic/Concert Band Concert , Tuesday, February 7, 2006 7:00 p.m. Band students are to wear their band uniforms, as this will provide an opportunity to check that all is in order prior to the Orlando trip. Cookies are needed for refreshments--Tami Cave to contact Melanie Newhouse.

8th Grade Joins Pep Band, Friday, February 10. Silver Pep Band is scheduled that evening. Pizza party to welcome 8th graders will take place. Tami to call Valentinos to arrange pizza order.

- **DCI-Sponsored Drum Corps Competition:** This summer, (Wednesday, June 21) Drum Corps International (DCI) will be hosted by Millard Public Schools. The contract process is going on now, but this will involve a large number of Band Booster volunteers, in coordination with those of Millard South's and Millard West's booster organizations. More information will come as it is available.
- **Uniform Update:** Mr. Rathbun is to call Fruehauf to inquire about the status of the additional uniforms we ordered. These are overdue to arrive.
- **Mrs. Keiser Gives Travel/Flight Update:** Cathy Keiser reported that the flights for all students and chaperones have been booked for the Orlando trip. There will be six flights leaving Omaha on Thursday, March 30 at the following times (updates and itineraries to be posted to the web as they are available and are subject to change):

5:50 AM	Midwest Express (71 students)
6:10 AM	United Airlines (19 students)
6:10 AM	United Airlines (25 students)
6:45 AM	Southwest Airlines (33 students)
7:00 AM	American Airlines (31 students))
10:25 AM	Southwest Airlines (52 students)

Students have been assigned to flights alphabetically, with some exceptions due to scheduling needs. Students will not check luggage; only carry-on pieces allowed. All suitcases, uniforms, and instruments will go with the truck in advance. Room assignments are currently being developed (students are signing up) and will be posted as they become final.

Students' final trip balances have been posted in the band room and will also be posted during the concert performances coming up. Two payment opportunities (depending on the balance owed) are left: January 15 and February 15.

One additional fundraising opportunity (golf books) is coming up. Any money attributable to the students' trip accounts will be given to them in cash, since the trip payments will have already been completed.

B. Old Business

- **Personalized polo shirts** were presented to Larry Rathbun and Cathy Keiser from the Booster organization.
- **501 3(C) Update:** Lanny Weak presented a report on the status of the Booster organization's efforts to becoming a 5013c nonprofit organization. The main issue now is to verify if the Booster organization is incorporated, and if not, to get that done. Jan Meister is to check old records to see if this has been done in the past. Lanny collected items for the application process to include with the application to support the value of our organization.

If the Booster organization is not incorporated, obtaining LLC status will be pursued and then we can proceed to seek non-profit status. An initial check for \$500 issued for the first application will be voided, since it is still outstanding. A new check will be issued with the revised application at the appropriate time.

C. Committee Reports

President--Tom & Tami Cave

reported on behalf of absent chairpersons (see below)

President Elect--Dave & Lisa Powell

no report

Treasurer--Tim Sharp

presented current balance; reported \$1608 check for toner cartridge recycling; notified there are two candidates for treasurer position next year and he will research qualifications and make a recommendation

Secretary--Jeanne Horton

no report

Finance Committee--Jan Meister

indicated that budget for 2006 has been developed along with Treasurer Tim Sharp and is available for review

Contributions--Scott Erikson

no report

Bus Chaperones--Steve & Cindy Hossack

no report

Bus Cookies--Heather Vanderveen

no report

Pit/Truck Crew--Steve Fulton

no report

Spirit Committee--Jean Waters

no report

Lock-in Party--Denise McCown

no report

Quilt Raffle--Lisa Powell

no report

Picture Buttons/Photography--Shari Fortson

no report

Spirit Wear--Beth Riege

no report

Uniforms--Eva Bennett

calling Fruehauf regarding additional uniform order

Records/Registration--Nancy Thorson

no report

Concert Refreshments--Newhouse/Bennett

no report

New Family Orientation--Erikson/Levinger/Hansen

Tami Cave reported on behalf of Trish Erikson: Trish is getting calling tree organized for Orlando trip

Bonnie Levinger could not attend but asked Jill Reeves to mention the idea of preparing a flier for 8th grade families that gives important details and dates; Reeves to prepare flier; once approved will be distributed to 8th graders and their parents at each opportunity, the first being January 24; goal is to increase awareness of upcoming dates and to keep them informed.

Toner Cartridges--Erikson

Tami Cave reported on behalf of Trish Erikson--someone is still needed to take over the chairmanship of the recycling efforts; someone with a large vehicle or van is needed to pick up cartridges at Physicians' Mutual (42nd and Dodge), along with those brought to the school, and drop off at location near 156th and Center once every six weeks; so far, no one has stepped forward to take over this important fundraising responsibility.

Newsletter--Jill Reeves

next newsletter to be mailed end of January. Copy deadline is January 25

Post Prom--Kris Porto

volunteers are still needed and we are encouraged to start collecting items to compliment theme: The Princess and the Pea. Discussion of having live band, perhaps student bands from the "Battle of the Bands." Kris to look into this further

Big Band Dance--Mathis

no report

Website--Kriesers

no report

Scholarships--Caves

no report

D. New Business

- Discussion about 8th grade/Wind Ensemble concert (details above in Directors' Report)

Mention of February 7 Band concert with Concert/Symphonic bands (details above in Directors' Report)

- Discussion about need for toner cartridge recycling status/need for volunteer (details above in Committee Reports)
- Mention of PCAT meeting with Dr. Keith Lutz regarding the One City/One School District issue to be held Tuesday, January 17, 7 PM at Millard North High School. All parents and interested parties are invited to attend.

E. Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM by Tom Cave.

The next general meeting will be at 7:00 PM on Monday, February 6 in Millard North High School's multi-purpose room.

Minutes submitted by:

Jill Reeves
(on behalf of Jeanne Horton,
who was unable to attend the meeting)