

MILLARD NORTH BAND BOOSTERS

Meeting Minutes
July 10, 2006

Opening:

The regular meeting of the Millard North Band Boosters was called to order at 7:00 pm on July 10, 2006 in the meeting room at Panera Bread, 13410 W. Maple Road, Omaha, NE by Lisa and Dave Powell, Band Boosters Presidents.

Present:

Dave Powell; Lisa Powell; Marchell Benes; Mary Latta; Karen Green; Nancy Thorson; Christine Jones; Keith Jones; Cindy Hossack; Lannie Weak; Greg Kreiser; Brenda Kreiser; Jill Reeves; Cheryl Mathis; Shari Fortson; Denise McCown; Steve McCown.

A. Directors' Comments

Comments from Band Directors (report given in absentia for Larry Rathbun by Lisa Powell):

- The DCI Summer Games went well. There were approximately 1200-1300 in attendance, lower than expected. DCI reported they were happy with the facilities, accommodations, etc. The crowd was enthusiastic and the volunteer element was "huge." A lot was learned from this experience and many came away with ideas for making the event more organized should our organization be involved in the future.

B. Old Business

Committees to Fill:

- Band Boosters still needs someone to fill the position of Lock-In chair.
- Lannie Weak agreed to chair the PCAT Liaison role.

Scrapbook Project:

- Tami Cave (in absentia) reported that this project is going well. The photos have all been collected and pages are being compiled. There are still more that need done. If anyone is willing to scrapbook a page, contact Tami Cave.

Laptop Computer Status:

- Christine Jones indicated she has the computer Eva Bennett used for uniforms. Is slow process due to way program works, but discussion found no “work-around.” We will continue using this system for now.

Frequently-Asked Questions List:

- Dave and Lisa reported that this is in progress. We need the freshman roster so we can distribute this and help orientate new families, but that is hard to get and is incomplete/still being finalized.
- Discussion was held to identify ways to get the website promoted so parents and students look there first when information is needed. Lannie Weak proposed we do magnets with this information. Motion approved. Jill Reeves will design and send to Lannie. He will have them produced. There was discussion of how to best get them to individuals. The decision was made to attach a magnet to the rosters that are distributed to each family on Premier Night.
- Brenda Kreiser said it may also be helpful to attach a note indicating how individuals can sign up online to receive ongoing updates. She has a business card that we can attach to the roster, as well.

C. New Business:

Drum Major uniforms:

- Shari Fortson reported that the uniforms used last year were tailor made and will not fit this year’s Drum Majors. In general, two of the existing uniforms can be altered to fit; one cannot. She presented various options for remaking the uniforms and/or ordering new ones, including a polyester version. Ordering exact uniforms is not an option, as these will take up to 90 days to make and ship, and are very expensive.
- Discussion was made exploring embellishment options of our existing uniforms (such as adding a silver cape). Shari Fortson will call Eva Bennett and see if it is possible to get some samples from Fruehauf. From there, a prompt decision will need to be made so that Drum Major uniforms arrive in time.
- There is no money in activities account to cover Drum Major uniforms, so Band Boosters will be paying for any new uniforms or embellishment options.
- Motion by Lannie Weak that Band Boosters provide the necessary funds to purchase the needed adornments for the Drum Major uniforms workable, as determined by the uniform committee. Seconded by Cindy Hossack. Motion passed.

D. Committee Reports:

President's Report—Lisa & Dave Powell.
Addressed in issues above.

President Elect—Denise & Steve McCown. Gave reports for Laughlin, Waters. McGowan's talked about decorating for state marching. Denise will lobby to use the area in MN's front hallway this year, rather than decorating the lockers.

Treasurer—Karen Green. Three of the scholarship payments were sent out; waiting for confirmation of college address from Matt Krueger.

Secretary—Jill Reeves. No report.

Finance—Cheryl Mathis. No report

Bus Chaperones—Cindy Hossack. No report

Newsletter/Roster—Jill Reeves. Newsletter to be produced in next 2-3 weeks. Waiting on freshman roster and finalized list for roster booklet

Bus Cookies—Heather Vanderveen; No report.

Pit/Truck Crew—Jim Laughlin. McCowns reported that Jim will have sign up sheets at Premier Night.

Spirit—Jean Waters. McCone reported that volunteers are needed for pool party. Let Jean know if you can help. We can bring food in this year and will save money. Volunteers are also need during Band camp to distribute icy pops: noon for Frosh camp; varsity about 3:00 pm.

Picture Buttons/Photography—Shari Fortson. Currently taking photos—haven't made them yet.

Premiere Night/Potluck/Concert Refreshments—Tami Cave: Reported in absentia for by Lisa Powell. Premier Night is August 18. A-L is to provide Main dish and a dessert; M-Z should bring main dish and a salad. Potluck at 6:00 pm; meeting immediately after which will probably be held in the cafeteria due to construction.

New Family Orientation—Beth Hansen & Bonnie Levinger. Not Present; Need to recruit band buddies; Brenda will put on website to see if people will volunteer.

Uniforms--Chris Jones; She has been very busy and appreciates the help so far. More help is needed doing hemming. Chris will train. Grandmothers okay. Call Chris is you are willing to help.

Records/Registration—Nancy Thorson. Nancy is beginning registrations and uniform fittings. Going well so far.

Scholarships—Dave & Lisa Powell. No report.

Quilt Raffle—Lisa Powell. No report.

Post Prom—Kris Porto. No report.

Toner Cartridges—Mary Latta & Dallas Focht, Mary reported that Focht's are taking another load in tomorrow.

Contributions—Lannie Weak. Lannie plans to start with a theme, and referenced the public service announcements for the American Anthem Project. He would like to take the approach that "We Can Make a Difference," pushing the concept that it is parents choosing music education for their children that makes the difference. He will bring this out at Premier Night and will ask for a certain amount. Lannie will explore reasonable amounts to ask for in contributions at the next meeting.

Big Band Dance—Lannie & Carol Weak. No report.

Website—Greg & Brenda Kreiser. Greg gave an overview on new and full features of the website. Brenda asked how the organization would like this incorporated at Premier Night.

Lock-In Party—Open.

PCAT Liaison—Lannie Weak to do.

Spirit Wear—Marchell Benes. Marchell reported that Ink Images (our former vendor) was sold to another couple. Marchell will talk to them and get some samples. Goal is to have spirit wear ready for order on Premier Night, if not earlier.

E. Upcoming Dates and Events

August 19	Picture Day	8:00 am
August 24	Home Football	
August 26	Millard Days Parade	
August 31	Home Football	
September 15	Home Football & Senior Band Parents recognition	
September 29	Homecoming Game	
September 30	Homecoming Dance	
September 30	Columbus Marching Festival	
October 7	Lincoln High Links	
October 14	All-State Auditions & OMI	
October 21	State & Lock-In	

F. Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm by Lisa Powell. The next general meeting will be at 7:00 pm on August 7. Location to be announced. Subsequent meetings will be moved to the second Monday of the month.

Minutes submitted by:

Jill Reeves