

MILLARD NORTH BAND BOOSTERS

Meeting Minutes
October 9, 2006

Opening:

The regular meeting of the Millard North Band Boosters was called to order at 7:00 pm on October 9, 2006 in the multi-purpose meeting room at Millard North High School by Lisa and Dave Powell, Band Boosters Presidents.

Attendance:

Those present: Lisa Powell, Dave Powell, Cathy Keiser, Cindy Hossack, Jim Laughlin, Becky Kalinski, Sue Halvorson, Nancy Thorson, Christine Jones, Lannie Weak, Julie Swanson, Karen Green, Denise McCown, Steve McCown, Tammy Carlson, Shari Fortson, and Jill Reeves.

A. Directors' Comments

Cathy Keiser:

- Mrs. Keiser talked about the Mustang Band's success at the Lincoln High Links contest and thanked the band parents for their support.
- Mrs. Keiser mentioned the marching band's need for new timpanis. The existing drums are old, looking bad and cannot be painted to look better. She is requesting Band Boosters to consider purchasing marching timpanis to continue the upgrade of our pit instruments. Ben Samson will look into getting quotes. Cathy is also asking us to look into getting carts to carry timpanis. This would protect them during field transport and make their moving much easier.
- Mrs. Keiser also asked the Band Boosters about the possibility of reimbursing expenses for the Midwest International Band and Orchestra Convention held in Chicago (Total cost--\$352 per person). The conference is held December 20-23 and both she and Larry Rathbun will be attending. The school District will only pay for the registration fee. The directors feel this is a worthwhile trip as they get a lot of ideas and information from this conference.
- Cathy mentioned behavior of some of the band students at Lincoln High Links, specifically referring to some who "took a knee" while waiting on field. She felt this drew attention to our band. Mrs. Keiser discussed this with our band kids, who were receptive and understanding of her thoughts on the matter. Boosters mentioned the importance of pre-teaching so kids know the expectation and will not do this in the future.

B. Old Business

Concessions Report—

- Steve McCown mentioned the ongoing concern about not having enough concession volunteers. He requested that if at all possible, boosters should consider volunteering.

Ad banners on website—

- Lanny Weak reported that we can't have advertisements on our website when our site is linked through school district. After a conversation with District representatives, Lanny recommends we remove the advertising on the website. We need to be linked to the school website (request of Dr. Werkhauser) and we need to honor this request because of Millard North administration's strong support of our band. Should this support wane in the future, we can revisit the issue.
- Steve McCown moved to suspend efforts to sell website advertising for now, with option to revisit on yearly basis. Motion seconded by Cindy Hossack. Motion carried. A request will be made of the Kreisers to remove the advertising banners from the website.

Lock-In Agenda—

- Due to construction, the Lock-In date and time moved and will now be held on October 28-29 between 8 pm and 1 am. The committee is looking for volunteers, who are requested to sign up online. Sue Halvorson will email information to parents via the Band Booster website.
- During the Lock-In event, the pool will be open from 9:30 to 11:30.
- Any interested party is welcome to come to the school between 2 pm and 4 pm on the October 28 to assist with decorations for the Lock-In. The theme will be Halloween/Fall.

State Competition Decorations

- Kris Porto will be making banners for the State competition on October 10 and 11. Anyone wanting to help can come join in.

Pit Crew Tee Shirts--

- Tee shirts are in and the pit crew helpers are wearing them. It is working out well and the crew has received many compliments. They feel it helps to identify who should be down there working with our Band supplies and instruments.

C. New Business:

Need to Obtain Emergency Contact Information--

- There was a girl in our color guard who had an asthma attack during the Lincoln High Links competition. At the time, our Booster organization and/or the Band Directors didn't have adequate contact information.
- Everyone agreed that this must be remedied to protect our students and to reach parents and/or guardians. There was some discussion about taking this information at time of registration. The Band directors will be dealing with this issue, as well.
- There was a related comment by a booster member: neither one of our paid Color Guard instructors were there Lincoln High Links. Should they have been there? Did they have contact information that was not passed on?

Booster Support of Directors' Attendance at Midwest International Band and Orchestra Convention

- Lanny Weak moved to pay airfare and hotel expenses \$352.50 (Each) for the Directors to attend the Chicago conference. Cindy Hossack seconded.

D. Committee Reports:

President's Report—Lisa & Dave Powell. Nothing additional.

President Elect—Steve & Denise McCown. Nothing additional.

Treasurer—Karen Green. Financials passed around. Donations \$1300 after Premier Night. \$8300 membership dues. \$828 from toner cartridges. Buttons \$800.

Secretary—Jill Reeves. No report.

Finance—Cheryl Mathis. Not present.

Bus Chaperones—Cindy Hossack. Bus volunteers have been arranged for the rest of our band's traveling events. Bus drivers are always happy with our kids.

Newsletter/Roster—Jill Reeves. Newsletter went out. Newsletter will be done again at the end of November.

Bus Cookies—Heather Vanderveen. Not present.

Pit/Truck Crew—Jim Laughlin. Still need volunteers for state. Everything going well.

Spirit—Jean Waters. Not present.

Picture Buttons/Photography—Shari Fortson. No report.

New Family Orientation—Beth Hansen & Bonnie Levinger. Not present.

Uniforms--Chris Jones. Chris mentioned that our band students were jumping fences in Columbus, playing football and doing other activities in their “down time” that causes concern for the uniforms. She suggests we ask Mr. Rathbun to get them out of their uniforms if they have 1 hour or more without performing. She also mentioned that students should be wearing tee shirts with arms (no muscle shirts) to protect against stains. Chris is asking parents to help by keeping their eyes open for uniform issues and to let her know.

Records/Registration—Nancy Thorson. No report.

Scholarships—Dave & Lisa Powell. No report.

Quilt Raffle—Lisa Powell. Monies for quilt raffle to be turned in.

Post Prom—Kris Porto. Not present. No report.

Toner Cartridges—Mary Latta & Dallas Focht. Not present. No report.

Contributions—Lannie Weak. No report.

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

Website—Greg & Brenda Kreiser. Not present. No report.

Lock-In Party—Sue Halvorson. See previous report under “Old Business”

PCAT Liaison—Lannie Weak. No report.

Spirit Wear—Marchell Benes Not present. No report.

E. Upcoming Dates and Events

- **NSBA State Marching Competition**
Saturday, October 21, 2006 12:40 pm
Field Performance 7:45pm
- **Lock-In**
Saturday, October 28-29 8 pm to 1 am
- **Winter Band Concert**
Tuesday, December 5, 2006 7:00 pm
Millard North High School
All 3 bands will be performing. Concert Attire
- **Pops Concert**
Thursday, December 14, 2006 7:00 p.m.
Millard North High School
Jazz Band and Swing Choir Performances

F. Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm by Lisa Powell. The next general meeting will be at 7:00 pm on November 13 at Millard North High School.

Minutes submitted by:

Jill Reeves