

Millard North Band Boosters Board Meeting
Monday June 9th, 2008

Welcome!

Meeting was called to order at 7:05pm

Introduction of Officers and Committee Chairs

Present:

John Fray

Joe & Tammy Nields

Nancy Thorson

Kim Bainbridge

Jean Waters

Dawn Coury

Robert & Anita St.Onge

Denise Mazour

Karen Fulton

Ann Leever

Director's Comments

The directors were not present. John relayed an e-mail from Mr. Rathbun that he is concerned about summer rehearsals in regards as to when the building (Millard North) will be available. He will keep everyone updated.

Old Business

- Review of Senior Night and Concert
 - o Need to try and start collecting pictures of seniors earlier. Tammy said she is still collecting money for the DVDs.
 - o Kim said several people voiced concerns about parents and seniors having to line up outside where they couldn't hear the names of other seniors. Discussion followed. Suggestions included: introduce seniors in sections between each band (cons- would take more time), have parents of seniors sit in a specific section (cons- parents like to sit where they can see their students), line kids up onstage, then have them step forward when introduced and have the parents stand up in the audience wherever they are (cons?). Nothing decided, will be discussed at a future meeting.

- Open Committee Chair Positions for 08/09 school year: Bus Chaperones Assistant, Records & Registration Assistant, Lock-in
- Records & Registration Assistant: Nancy said she still needs an assistant to train for next year when she is gone
- Lock-In: Sue Halvorson was suggested
- Pit/Truck Crew: Discussion about who will take Jim Laughlin's place next year, as his daughter will be a senior this year. The pit crew is needed by 3pm in the afternoon for football games, and all day Saturday on contest days. Most people have to take vacation to do it. It was suggested to contact Jim for the names of possible replacements.
- Contributions: It was suggested that at Premiere night a former band student or parent talk about what being in band did for them in hopes of increasing contributions. This will be discussed more at future meetings
- New Coolers: There was no update from Jim Laughlin. We'll need them soon. Should we have students bring their own thermoses/coolers? Freshman band camp is at Buell Stadium, and there is likely water fountains available there. We still don't know where varsity band camp is. Larry is hoping the building will be done by then and it will be back at Millard North. Nothing was decided.
- Freshman Band Buddies: Why isn't this done anymore? Nancy said parents went to the website instead, and not enough people were volunteering to be a band buddy. Nancy and Sue Halvorson each called half of the list of incoming freshman last year. This year, Nancy is calling all freshman parents that don't have an upperclassmen, she has about 25 calls left to make. Jean said she thought that it's important to make personal contact with each family, because the band is considered a family. Kids fit in better as incoming freshman if they've been to band camp. Nancy is telling all parents she calls to sign-up for the e-mail list. Dawn wondered why we couldn't give out all our numbers. Joe & Tammy said our phone numbers are on the newsletter on each issue. Concern was voiced about the website not being updated with the current booster officer's information. John will look into that. Back to Band Buddies: There are roughly 54 kids who would need a buddy. It was decided to ask for volunteers to be buddies on the website. John volunteered Traci Fray to be the organizer of the Buddy program.

New Business

- Volunteers for Band Camp: Dawn didn't have any volunteers yet. We are waiting for the website to be updated. Will water fountains and bathrooms at Buell be open for the kids to use? We also need volunteers for icy pops and water.
- Pep Band Shirt Orders in time for Millard Days.
- Completed Audit: Everything was fine and in order. Audit passed around for review
- 501C3 Status: Application was sent to the state. A check was requested for a check for \$750 to the government for the application process. Ideally will be done by September in time for dues.

Committee Reports: If Needed (08-09 Chairs):

President – John Fray

President Elect – Joe & Tammy Nields

Treasurer – Robert & Anita St. Onge

Secretary – Ann & Jerry Leever

Finance – Kim & Jeff Bainbridge

Uniforms – Denise Mazour

Records/Registration – Nancy Thorson

Spirit – Dawn Coury

Spirit Wear – Michelle Benes

Premiere Night/Potluck/Concert Refreshments – Kim Bainbridge: Kim suggested having specific people to greet parents as they walked in the door, ask “Are you a new band parent?”, explain what spirit wear is, and show them where it's located. She will need over 100 volunteers alone to provide cookies for the year. The possibility of having computers available at premiere night, curriculum night and/or premiere night to allow for on-line sign-ups was discussed.

Picture Buttons/Photo – Lannie & Carol Weak

Contributions – Lannie Weak

Bus Chaperones – Gabriella Ostler

Bus Cookies – Gary & Nancy Kalis

Pit/Truck Crew – Jim Laughlin

Lock-In Party – Open

Newsletter/Roster – Joe & Tammy Nields

Website – Larry & Deb Kirstein

Toner Cartridges – Mary Latta, Dallas Focht

Scholarship – Heather Vanderveen

Post Prom – Anita St. Onge

Big Band Dance – Jean Waters

Upcoming Events

See Summer Band Schedule

July 25 – Pool Party: Pool is reserved, as well as other necessary rooms.

August 13 – First Day of School

August 22 – Premiere Night: See above

Upcoming Marching Competition Schedule: A very tentative schedule was shown to those present. It was suggested to let all band parents know as soon as possible which Saturdays will have competitions, so people can plan their schedules accordingly. Get on the web site ASAP. Also decided that John will contact Larry Kierstein and let him know people will be contacting him soon about what needs to be put on the website.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30pm