

**Millard North Band Boosters Board Meeting**  
Monday, September 8, 2008  
AGENDA

**Welcome!** The meeting opened with introductions of everyone attending

**Director's Comments** The band did well at the Millard Days parade. Lines were straight for the most part, sound was good, will work on what needs to be improved. Larry thanked the Boosters for the cold water bottles at the end of the parade.

There will be an all-band practice (9-12) at 6:45am on Thursday for the home football game. Not known yet if uniforms will be worn. Depends on the weather. The final decision will be sent out as e-mail to all parents. Wants the pit truck here at 3pm.

The first competition of the season will be the Blue Valley Tiger Invitational on 9/27/08. He feels it's a good contest. Larry talked to Ron Hardin (NSBA marching chair) about the competition. Bellevue East won the contest in 2007 and 2006. This competition is different than other contests the band has competed in because it has prelims & finals, rather than just a "division" rating. Larry encouraged booster members to google "BLUE Valley Tiger Invitation" for info. Prelims @ 2pm, finals @ 7pm. Larry mentioned that some Nebraska competitions might switch to a placing judging system versus a division rating "1" or "2", etc.

Columbus competition: He requested an early time, we're first AA band to compete.

The Lincoln High Links competition is the same day as All-State tryouts and the musical. He hopes to perform in a 2:45-3pm time slot. All-State auditions should be done by noon.

The Omaha Marching Invitation is on the 19<sup>th</sup>. No time known yet for this competition.

The following Saturday is the NSBA. It is the same day as ACT testing. Performance times are determined by a random draw. Larry will let us know our performance time ASAP via the website and e-mail. Earliest time performance time possible is 1pm. If that was the case, students could register to take the ACT test in Lincoln, then they would be done in plenty of time to make the competition.

Larry asked us to thank school administrators for paying for the buses used for the competition. The cost for all busing is approximately \$11,000. We are using First Student for the Columbus and OMI contests. We are using charters for the others.

We have 26 students auditioning for All-State band. The dates of All-State are November 20,21,22.

We have about 300 students/parents going on the Florida trip to Walt Disney World. Next installment due 9/15 (\$260). Kim B. may be here on 9/15 to collect money from 7:30am to 8:45am. He asked for other people available. No other trip info is available at this time. Larry thinks the orchestra and choir may be performing the same time as the band. He doesn't know if band is doing evening parade or twilight parade.

Diane Coury asked when Senior Night would be for the senior marching band members. Larry stated Kelly Hood doesn't know yet. It might be September 19<sup>th</sup>.

Discussed equipment trucks going to Blue Valley Invite, make sure people are here to unload the truck when it gets back at 3am.

Discussed trucks needed for the Disney trip. The needs of the choir and orchestra in addition to the band was discussed. Jim Laughlin voiced concerns about how to load the truck with orchestra instruments such as soft-sided cello cases, instruments more susceptible to damage. Jim wants to have a meeting with ALL band/choir/orchestra parents, discuss expectations for packing up stuff.

Larry submitted a request for the Band Boosters to cover about \$600 of percussion equipment (mallets, trap tablets etc). Larry stated he had already made an unplanned purchase that used about \$2100 of the activity budget to purchase head sets, and would prefer not to use any more of the activity budget for unplanned purchases.

Someone questioned age requirements for trip chaperones. Larry stated they must be an adult, and chaperones cannot bring along younger/older children. This pertains to Disney trip and marching competitions.

Discussed what the Boosters can do for fundraising. We can't use the students, this makes it a "student fundraiser", and they are limited to the number of fundraising activities they (the students) can do.

After Larry left, discussion began on the request for the purchase of the percussion equipment. Money isn't budgeted in the Band Boosters budget. Anita St. Onge stated that she's received one check for \$300, and another for \$75 w/\$75 employer match. Nancy Thorson stated she felt this is what boosters are for, to help with items like this.

Following more discussion, Nancy Thorson motioned, Diane Coury seconded to purchase the items. Motion carried.

### **Old Business**

Review of premiere Night- Kim Bainbridge estimated we fed 700 people. Kim asked committee chairman for feedback on the sign-up tables. Were the tables placed correctly? Discussed having them close together was good. That way people saw all the tables with all the opportunities. Kim said she tried to make sure that freshman parents were directed to the sign-up tables. It was discussed that it's easier to sign up for cookies than for something with a bigger time commitment. Joe Nields said they handed out about 170 newsletters that night. John asked those attending if the Band Boosters are getting info out in a good manner. Consensus was doing good and getting better. Band buddies were all called. Freshman were called by Nancy Thorson in the summer and Tracy Fray before premiere night. Discussion then followed on the best way to direct people to the website, which is where most of the information regarding the band is dispersed.

Fundraising – There was nothing done at the first home football game for several reasons, the main reason being another group was selling coupons, but they're done now. We'll sell Old Chicago certificates - we get them for \$6, sell them for \$11. They are good for any pizza up to \$22, can be used Sunday thru Thursday (not on Friday or Saturday). John Fray said he would talk to Kelly Hood's assistant about procuring the tables and getting it approved by the school. John also stated he needs someone to man the tables. It was suggested to have Mr. Rathbun announce the coupon sales during the game. Nancy T, Diane Coury, Nancy Kalis, Rebecca Welton all offered to help man the tables. Ann Leever offered to make posters for the table front.

Christmas Gift cards fundraiser – “Heart of ?” This website allows you to buy gift cards from 563 retailers. Our organization would get an average of 8% of sales back. There is a privacy policy included (the personal info of those who participate isn’t sold to anyone else). Cost to us is NOTHING. Some people are cautious, and they don’t buy stuff online. Others know people who buy \$\$\$\$ on line each year. Someone asked how we would publicize it. Various methods such as in the newsletter, or concert announcements. It was decided that \_\_\_\_\_ should ask organizations who used it what they got reimbursed, are they still doing it, etc., and then report back to the Booster group.

Progress on Volunteer Sign-up: John asked the various committees if they have enough volunteers. He said 8 people signed up for lock-up, no one offered to chair it. John is chairing it for now. Nancy Thorson said she’d help. Kim Bainbridge asked about insurance coverage for lock-in. John said he had taken care of it. Kim asked, if he’s filled out building request form for lock-in. John said he hadn’t yet, but would take care of it. Hours of the lock-in are 12MN to 6am.

Review on 1<sup>st</sup> Home FB Game: Everything went smoothly. John thanked those who helped out water. He said we still need donations of water for upcoming games and competitions.

### **Committee Reports:**

Uniforms: Distribution of uniforms is done. We collected \$1784 dollars in alteration fees, the final bill came to \$9??. All leftover money went to the band boosters fund. Collected 95% of the Band Booster dues, 2 parties refused. Kim B. talked about putting Tammy’s “spiel” from premiere night in the newsletter. We are still trying to get people to donate. David Kalis talked about giving a “soft” deadline, so they would have a set time to send in the donations. Nancy said put an address in the newsletter so they know where to send donations.

There were no other committee reports. The meeting adjourned at 8:40pm.