

Millard North Band Boosters Board Meeting

Monday November 10, 2008

AGENDA

Welcome!

The meeting was called to order by President John Fray at 7:02pm.

Director's Comments

Mr. Rathbun stated he was pleased with the marching band's success throughout the marching season, and thanked to Boosters for all our support throughout the season. He commented about the state marching festival, explaining it is a "festival", not a ranked competition. There may be some discussion among NSBA members to change that, but there is nothing definite at this time.

He thanked us for sponsoring the lock-in. He stated it is probably the last year we will have one. He would prefer we offer other things where we don't have to have the students locked in the school for 6 hours.

Pep Bands have been established and posted on the website

The girls volleyball team is playing in the state championships on Thursday, 11/13. The bus will depart at 1:15pm on Thursday, taking about 55 students. For Friday's game (if they win Thursday) the bus will leave at 7:15am.

There are consolation brackets now, but they probably won't take a pep band if they are in the consolation bracket.

NMEA (All-State) will be 11/20-22 in Lincoln. Participating students will be dismissed Thursday 11:30, and depart for Lincoln @ 12noon. At 2:30pm they will hold the chair auditions for the band at Kimball hall. Mr. Rathbun asked that parents meet their students before/after the concert. They'll have rooms to store luggage/equipment. He reminded parents that they have to transport their students home themselves. MNHS Orchestra is performing Thursday evening. All Band/Chorus kids that are participating in All-State will be attending the concert.

Jazz Band auditions are done. Jazz Band 1 is set to start practice starting next week. Jazz Band 2 is not set yet, but won't start practicing until 2nd semester. Jazz Band 1 will be the only jazz band for the concert in early December. Mr. Rathbun explained that zero hour is affecting the number of students that can participate in jazz band. He said the students can only participate in so many things.

The Orlando trip still needs 2 band chaperones. The next payment is due extra payment 11/17 Nancy Thorson and Kim Bainbridge will help collect payments.

The Pops Concert is scheduled for 12/4, the band concert is scheduled for 12/16.

Old Business:

Review of Marching Season

Lock-In: Nancy Thorson reported that 183 kids attended. We had 19 parents to monitor the kids. Nancy was thanked for taking over the lock-in event and making it a success.

Firestone Drumline Event: The drumline performed at the grand opening of the new Firestone store at 144th & West Maple Road. They played for approximately 20-30 minutes, and were treated to popcorn and other treats once they were finished. The manager then donated \$1000 to the Band Boosters. Drumline had a fun time. Discussion then followed about what to do with the \$1000. John stated that Mr. Rathbun had mentioned they needed a new percussion cabinet to house all the drumsticks, auxiliary instruments, etc. Everyone agreed that since the drumline was involved, it would be nice to use the money for something for them. Kim Bainbridge motioned to donate money \$1500 to get a new percussion cabinet, Nancy Thorson seconded. The motion passed unanimously. John stated he would send a photo of the new cabinet w/letter signed by percussion section members to Firestone.

Hy-Vee Fundraiser: John stated it was too late to do it this year, but we should consider it for next year as the promotion only runs from September to December. All we have to do is save

Hy-Vee receipts and the band gets \$1 for every \$150 spent. It was agreed to set it up in advance for next year.

Pizza Fundraiser: We will sell all 200 pizza coupons, and make \$1000 profit. Anita St. Onge stated the expiration date on the second round of coupons is 5/31/09.

Anita St. Onge- Voiced a concern. As the treasurer, she had written a check for \$4800 for band-wear (shoes and pep band shirts). Mr. Rathbun hung on to the check, and then didn't give it to Ann (school accounts manager) until 2 weeks ago. The check inadvertently got thrown away, so a new check had to be issued. The vendor was understandably upset that he hadn't been paid yet. John said he would discuss with Larry if he will Anita to do the "leg-work" for him, so this doesn't happen again.

New Business:

PCAT - Kim Bainbridge reported that Susan Mcgillick resigned as chair. So the organization is currently inactive.

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 & Karen Fulton

Records/Registration – Nancy Thorson

Spirit – Dawn Coury

Spirit Wear – Marchelle Benes would like an assistant for upcoming year so she can train that person to take her place.

Premiere Night/Potluck/Concert Refreshments – Kim Bainbridge

Picture Buttons/Photo –Lannie & Carol Weak

Contributions – *Open*

Bus Chaperones – Gabriella Ostler also wants an assistant to train for the upcoming year.

Bus Cookies –Gary & Nancy Kalis reported that 34 people donated 3200 cookies. They said many people enjoy making and donating cookies because thats the way they can participate.

Pit/Truck Crew – Jim Laughlin

Lock-in party- Nancy Thorson

Newsletter/Roster-Joe & Tammy Nields

PCAT Liaison – John Fray, Tammy Nields

Website –Larry & Deb Kirstein

Toner Cartridges – Dallas and Cindy Focht- Brought check for \$120. Is it worth all the time involved? Evaluate it at the end of the year. Dallas did state that this fundraiser brings in a lot less than we used to get (\$800-\$900).

Dallas asked if we had decided to participate in the on-line fundraising www.HeartOf.com. Following discussion regarding participation and promotion, it was motioned by Ann Leever, and seconded by Dana Coury to sign up for the on-line fundraising IF it takes less than 4 hours to set up and doesn't cost us any money. John said he would contact Cindy Focht regarding this.

Scholarship - Heather Vanderveen. Heather stated she doesn't have the application form for the scholarships. She thinks there should be a grading scale based on what they have done, quantifying their participation/accomplishments. It was discussed if she should talk to the band directors using something similar to lettering scale. Joe Nields and Nancy Thorson said they think the form has changed, and is divided into several different categories. Discussion then followed about who should get the scholarship. Should it be for the seniors who excel in band participation, or should you be awarded for simple participation? Nothing definite was decided.

Post Prom – Anita St. Onge
Big Band Dance – Jean Waters

Upcoming Events:

Pops Concert	Thursday Dec 4
Band Concert	Tuesday Dec 16
Pep Band Starts	Friday Jan 9

Gabriela Ostler motioned, Nancy Thorsone seconded to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:54pm.