

Millard North Band Boosters Board Meeting

Monday, June 8, 2009

AGENDA

Welcome!

John Fray called the meeting to order at 7pm. We went around the table and introduced ourselves, because there were lots of new people. Cathy Muss taking over for Jean Waters (big band dance)

Director's Comments

John stated he did not hear from Larry or Cathy, so there will be no director's comments.

Old Business

Uniform Returns. We were missing 25 uniforms at the end of the uniform return weekend. John said he thought most had been returned since then, since the students don't get their grades or their diplomas until the uniforms are returned.

Dawn Coury asked for discussion on Senior Night. Sue Halvorson said she thought it went very well. There was good feedback from other parents, commenting that keeping the parents in their seats and standing when their student's name was announced went very smoothly. As of now, it will be done the same way next year.

Kathi Muss reported on the big band dance. She will be replacing Jean Waters as chair for this event next year. Kathi stated they had the biggest crowd ever, with several returning alumni in attendance. Also, the swing choir performed, which was a new addition this year. There were plenty of volunteers, which helped make things go smoothly. They may change the desserts offered, and have less cheesecake and more cookies. It was pointed out that the date chosen this year didn't conflict with dates as it had in the past, which probably contributed to the good attendance. Someone asked about requesting the same date for next year. Kim Bainbridge said all the dates for all activities are already set for the next school year. All proceeds from the dance go to the band director's activity fund.

New Business:

John Fray discussed have some sort of recognition event for the chaperone for the Florida/Disney trip. Kim Bainbridge and the other chaperones in attendance said it wasn't necessary. Kathi Muss suggested recognizing them at premiere night in August. It was agreed to do that.

Dawn Coury discussed what the boosters will provide for marching band camp. She will talk to Larry about when he wanted "icy-pop" time. She will also put out a volunteer request, asking for help freezing and distributing the icy-pops. Denise Mazour asked if it was possible to have more definite times as to when camp ends each day, so people with sophomores who can't drive don't have their kids left at school with no one to take them home. Sue Halvorson offered to be available every afternoon to help get kids home. It was decided to have Larry Kiersten e-mail Mr. Rathbun the morning of each rehearsal day to get a dismissal time, then he will post that time on the booster website.

Dawn Coury then stated the pool party will be held on Friday, July 24th from 7pm to 10pm. However, you can come later than 7pm. She will put out a volunteer request for help with serving the food and supervision. Pizza, pop and cookies will be served.

The "Band Buddies" Program was discussed. Sue Halvorson said that she didn't think the phone calls were very helpful. Kim and Dawn said they spoke with several parents that didn't seem very interested in the program. Sue suggested having just a few people make the phone calls, so that the information given doesn't vary greatly from person to person. Sue Halvorson, Dawn Coury and Tray Fray will make all the initial band buddy phone calls. Dawn said we are sending out a letter to all freshman band parents as well.

Fall Fundraising

Pizza Certificates- Discussion ensued about selling the Old Chicago pizza coupons again. It was stated that it was a fairly easy way to make \$1000. It was decided to sell them again, with sales starting at premiere night. Anita St. Onge offered to head up the pizza coupon sales, and Cindy Focht will assist.

Cindy Focht then proposed we discontinue the toner cartridge recycling. At one time it was a successful money-maker, collecting over \$800. This year, less than \$100 was collected. It also takes a lot of time and space. Cindy Focht motioned we stop the toner recycling, and Ron Welton seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Hy-Vee Receipts- John then asked for discussion about collecting Hy-vee receipts. For every \$100 in receipts collected, the band gets \$1. The receipts would be easy to collect. Kathi Muss suggested to have a box available at all events to collect receipts.

Other- The "Heart Of" on-line fundraising campaign has not generated any money as of yet. John asked if anyone know of any other retail establishments that would donate a percentage of sales. Kim B. said she remembered they did it at the McDonalds at 182nd & Center about 5-6 years ago. Cathy and Larry and the leadership team cleaned tables. It didn't work well in terms of money generated. Ruth Rodgers offered to contact businesses about doing a percentage of sales. Businesses suggested included Pettits, Mama's Pizza, Hector's. Someone suggested putting the fund-raising events on the website to spread awareness. John cautioned we must be careful so it is not considered advertising. If it is seen as advertising the school district won't link to the band booster website from the Millard North website (school policy). It was suggested to just put it in "text", so it counts just as information only. Nothing definite was decided. Ron Welton suggested Village Inn pies certificates.. Ruth Rodgers agreed that pie certificates sell really well, especially during the holiday season, and in the springtime for Easter and Mother's Day. It was asked if Gold Cards still profitable? Someone said they had heard the company was going bankrupt. Someone else stated it was hard to sell them since the kids can't canvas neighborhoods anymore. John stated he will discuss the feasibility of the Gold Cards with Mr. Rathbun. John will talk to Latin teacher (Julia Colander) about "approved" fund-raising.

Other Business

Kim B presented statistics about the scholastic accomplishments of our band members. Kim will send the info to Larry K to put on the website.

Discussion followed regarding the selection of the band president elect. The McGowans have declined the position for this year. Sue Halvorson asked freshman parents to ask other freshman parents to get involved.

Newsletter Committe: Marcia Shavlik will take over. We still need assistants for Gabriella Ostler and Marchelle Benes, to learn the respective committees.

Jim Laughlin motioned to adjourn, Gary Kalis seconded. The meetin adjourned at 8:30pm.

Committee Reports: If needed (09-10 Chairs)

President – John Fray

President Elect –Open

Treasurer –Robert & Anita St. Onge

Secretary –Ann & Jerry Leever

Finance –Kim & Jeff Bainbridge

Uniforms – Denise Mazour & Karen Fulton

Records/Registration – Tammy Coughlin

Spirit – Dawn Coury

Spirit Wear – Marchelle Benes

Premiere Night/Potluck/Concert Refreshments – Kim Bainbridge

Picture Buttons/Photo –Lannie & Carol Weak

Contributions – *Open*
Bus Chaperones – Gabriella Ostler
Bus Cookies –Gary & Nancy Kalis
Pit/Truck Crew – Jim Laughlin
Newsletter/Roster-*Open*
Website –Larry & Deb Kirstein
Toner Cartridges – Dallas and Cindy Focht
Scholarship - Heather Vanderveen
Post Prom – Anita St. Onge
Big Band Dance –

UPCOMING EVENTS

Summer Band sched begins	Jun 09
Freshman Band Camp begins	July 20
All Band Camp begins	July 24
Pool Party	July 24
Varsity Band Camp	July 27
Premier Night	Aug 21
Millard Days Parade	Aug 29