

Millard North Band Boosters Board Meeting

Monday, July 13, 2009

AGENDA

Welcome!

Meeting was called to order by John Fray at 7pm
Welcomed new faces Cindy Petersen, Nancy Edick

Director's Comments

Director Larry Rathbun gave the numbers for the 2009 marching band. The varsity band has 148 members - 109 winds, 16 drumline, 11 guard, 3 drum majors, 9 pit percussion. The freshman band has 77 members. That brings the total to 225, compared to 232 members last year. Larry stated we lost the largest senior class he could recall – 59 members.

Fundraising- As we knew previously, the Varsity Gold card company went bankrupt. Mike Bagoon and Jeff Kerr, former representatives with Varsity Gold, and 2 other individuals, formed a new company called Fundraising-U. They offer a card that we sell for \$15, and get \$9 profit. There is a Sam & Louie's "tab" attached to the card that is a 1 time deal. All other discounts are good for one year. Purchasing a card makes you a member of "Perkline". You register on-line, and get more discounts for various things, for the same one year period. Most of the other bands in the area that used Varsity Gold in the past are using this card as well. Larry stated he's comfortable using this company. He has signed the contract to use these "Fundraising-U" cards in place of the Varsity Gold cards, and these cards will be sold by the band students as in past years.

CONTESTS

The band will not compete on 9/26 because of homecoming. They might do a clinic with Ron Harding in Bellevue.

On 10/3 Larry is considering competing in Sioux Falls instead of going to Columbus. Larry said he is considering the educational value of each venue – is it taking us to the next level? Sioux Falls is a great contest, and closer than Kansas City, which is a plus (trouble last year getting back very late from Kansas City, had to call Brian Begley to get into the building). He is still not sure at to which contest we will go to, but will decide by Premiere Night.

The Lincoln High contest is on 10/10. (This is also the date of all-state auditions). Lincoln High has a new band director, but Larry stated he has been informed that the contest will still be at Lincoln High.

The Omaha Marching Invitational is on the 17th.

The state competition (NSBA) is on 10/24th in Omaha at Burke.

Larry played the music for the 2009 competition show. It will feature the music of Ron Nelson - Rocky Point Holiday, and Sonoran Desert Holiday, parts 1& 2. Parade music will be Children of Sanchez.

Kim Bainbridge stated we should still do an after competition gathering, to replace the lock-in. Matt Sheppard explained what Millard West has done in the past. Larry didn't want to do an all-nighter, it's too long and the longer the kids are here, the more chance they have to get in trouble. Lannie Weak offered to chair a short party after the last competition. Lannie moved to do an after-state party following school administrative approval, and Jim Laughlin seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

PCAT Update

No meeting in 2008-2009 school year. John said he believed it will be starting up again soon, but no meetings have been announced. He and Larry Rathbun shared their thoughts about this important group. John will update us as to any information he receives regarding PCAT. In the meantime, we will maintain the status quo.

Old Business

Fall Fundraising

Pizza Certificates from Old Chicago- Anita St. Onge said she would order them. We will sell them at Premiere night.

Hy-Vee Receipts- Per Cindy Focht the program runs from September thru January. We will be requesting all band members and their families to save their Hy-Vee receipts, and for every \$100 of receipts, the band will get \$1, up to a maximum of \$2000. Matt Shepperd said the amount Millard West made varied from year to year, but it is a fairly each fund raiser.

Tammy Coughlin offered a product that she had purchased. It's a premium coffee from "Coffee Experts". The organization selling it (the band) keeps 50% of the profits, and you can put your organization's name or logo on the label, as well as name the coffee to include your organization in some way (eg- "Mustang Mocha"). Another added benefit is that once people purchase it, they can reorder online, and your organization still gets the 50% profit. Matt Sheppard said Beadle Middle School and Millard West band is also selling the coffee. Kim said since Millard West is doing it now, perhaps now may be a bad time to do it. Several people commented they thought the coffee would be a good item to sell around the holidays, as it would make a good gift. It could also be offered at the winter concerts. Lannie Weak said it would help to have a goal – that it's easier to sell stuff if you have a specific monetary goal or exact item you're striving to obtain. John said Larry has not given him a "wish list" yet. John asked Tammy to gather more information on the coffee company. She will report back to us at the next meeting.

New Business:

Budget for New Year – John received a preliminary budget from the treasurers. Money for the lock-in had been taken out, but with our decision to host an after-state party, that money will be added back in. Jim Laughlin stated they are out of "pit crew" t-shirts. Lannie moved to purchase 20 new pit t-shirts, Gary Kalis 2nd (<\$10 each, motion unanimously passed)

Band Camp/Pool Party-Dawn wasn't available to report. Kim said she had all the volunteers she needed.

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- Discussed rosters and how they should be printed. The booklet style from last year vs. the excel file printed from the week before. Tammy will check on which way is more cost effective.

Spirit – Dawn Coury

Spirit Wear – Marchelle Benes

Premiere Night/Potluck/Concert Refreshments – Kim Bainbridge suggested to have a sign-up on the web site instead of the sign-up sheets at premiere night, because she ends up having to enter about 100 names. Gary said he thinks you get more volunteers if they have to sign their name. We will leave it as is for now, with possible additional discussion at the next meeting.

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

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

Jim Laughlin motioned to adjourn, Lannie 2nd. Unanimously passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:32pm