

Millard North Band Boosters Board Meeting

Monday, August 10, 2009

AGENDA

Welcome!

The meeting was called to order by John Fray at 7:08pm

Director's Comments

Mr. Rathbun reminded everyone that early morning practices begin on Friday, August 14th. Early morning rehearsals will begin at 6:45am, and run Tuesday through Friday. Rehearsals will be at 8:30am on Mondays. Freshman will attend early practices as needed. Mr. Rathbun encouraged people to sign up on the website so they get emails. The first early rehearsal will be varsity band only. All band members (9-12) will practice 8/20, 8/21, 8/27 and 8/28. The first home football game is Friday, September 4th. The Millard Days parade is Saturday, August 29th. He thinks we're the second band in the rotation, our parade position will be put on the website as soon as he knows. October 10th is the date for All-State auditions. The auditions will be held at Elkhorn. Audition music can be downloaded from NMEA website. Mr. Rathbun can provide excerpts of the auditions for those who are interested. He reminded All State auditioners to clear their schedule so they can audition at their assigned time.

Mr. Rathbun announced the band will be going to the Columbus Marching Festival on October 3rd, not the Sioux Falls competition. He would like to attend a competition like that, but he would prefer it later in the season, closer to state. Omaha Marching Invitational (OMI) is Saturday, October 17th. We will be one of the last 3 bands to compete, as we were one of the top three bands last year. NSBA state competition is Saturday, October 24th. Performance time at the state is a random draw. Mr. Rathbun will inform us of specific performance times for each competition as he gets them

Millard Days parade begins at 11am. The band will assemble at 10:30am. They will wear summer attire. He asked parents to get their band members to the assembly area early, and reminded parents to make sure their instrument case stays with the parent in the car, as there is no place to store cases.

The freshman halftime show will be performed at the last home football game. Kim Bainbridge said she thinks that is when they introduce all the FB players, will the freshman have time to perform? We'll have to wait and see what Athletic Director Kelly Hood says. Dawn Coury suggested we need to get our request for the performance date submitted to the Athletic Director ASAP. The band will perform their contest show for pre-game at the September 25th show, as that is homecoming.

The "Fundraising U" cards (formerly known as Gold cards) sold by band members proved to be a successful fundraiser. As of tonight, 759 cards have been sold, and some cards have still not been turned in. That money will go into Mr. Rathbun's activity fund.

The "After State" party was discussed. Starting and ending time, what activities will occur, how the seniors will be honored were covered. Jim Laughlin expressed concern that ending the party at 1am might put students at risk because that is when bars are closing. It was decided to discuss the party further at the next boosters meeting.

Mr. Rathbun suggested that if band students do another fund raiser, it might be selling cookie dough that is delivered right to the buyer's home. He will let us know if he decides to pursue this.

Old Business

Band Camp- There was great weather for both Freshman and Varsity camps - no days had to be cancelled. All volunteers showed up to distribute icy pops.

Pool Party- Everyone had fun, but the time in the pool was cut short by weather (lightning).

There were 108 band members in attendance. The cost of the party was \$270. We were charged

\$50 more for rental of the pool at South Pacific, as well as an additional lifeguard, and an increase in lifeguard fees (\$25/hr this year vs \$20/hr last year).

Uniform fittings- Tammy Coughlin reported that all but 6 members have been fit (one upperclassmen and 5 freshmen).

Band Directory- Tammy presented two different directories. Jill Reeves is cheaper by \$200. It was decided to go with that directory. It was suggested that perhaps we could get select businesses to pay to advertise in the directory. Barb Sheppard motioned to ask select businesses to advertise on the roster. Ron Welton seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Other Information- Only one person has not paid booster dues. There are 80 pieces of uniforms that need to be altered, at a cost of \$800. The order for shoes and pep band shirts will be submitted Friday.

Budget- It was decided to budget for after-state party. There was a \$600 budget for the previous lock-in (including pizza, lifeguards, and insurance). Lannie and Carol Weak are in charge of the party.

New Business:

Premier Night- Kim Bainbridge asked if the set-up for sign-up tables from last year OK? Kim reminded parents that if you're manning a table (ie- committee chairmen), do not sign up to help with the food. Kim will provide signs propped on sticks for each table. She reviewed that she fed 700 people in 40 minutes last year. She will also arrange to have greeters at each door to greet parents and explain how things work, as well as direct freshman parents to where they need to go.

Millard Days Parade- John Fray said he would put out an e-mail for water donations.

BAND BUDDIES- Sue Halvorson called the homes of all freshman band members. Dawn Coury said that all freshman also received a letter. Kim Bainbridge said she knows there are still freshman families that haven't signed up yet to get the e-mails. Anita St. Onge suggested making a sign-up at uniform registration, or at premiere night where they can sign up as well.

Newsletter- Jill Reeves is requesting prepayment for some of the cost of printing the newsletter. It was agreed to give her the requested prepayment.

Fundraising - Tammy Coughlin presented a sample of the coffee from "Coffee Experts", which is an item the boosters are considering selling. The coffee is sold in one pound bags. You can use their label (band would make \$6/bag) or your own custom label (band would make \$5.35/bag). The coffee is freshly roasted. Once ordered, it takes about 2 weeks to receive the coffee. Sales can be done traditionally or on-line. On-line ordering requires you have 600 hits in 6 months. We would have to distribute it out. It was suggested selling it at the winter concert, promoting it as a great Christmas gift. John said he would talk to Larry about giving him a "wish list" so that they have a concrete item that we are raising money for. John will send an e-mail to Mrs. Kolander. We will decide about selling the coffee at the October meeting.

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
After State Celebration – Lannie Weak
Spirit Wear – Marchelle Benes
Premiere Night/Potluck/Concert Refreshments – Kim Bainbridge & Rebecca Welton
Picture Buttons/Photo –Lannie & Carol Weak
Contributions – Lannie Weak
Bus Chaperones – Gabriella Ostler
Bus Cookies –Gary & Nancy Kalis
Pit/Truck Crew – Jim Laughlin He ordered twenty new t-shirts #20 shirts for the pit crew at a cost of \$190.
Newsletter/Roster-Marcia Shavlik
Website –Larry & Deb Kirstein
Hyvee Receipts – Dallas and Cindy Focht
Scholarship - Heather Vanderveen
Post Prom – Anita St. Onge
Big Band Dance – Kathi Muss

UPCOMING EVENTS

Premier Night	Aug 21
Millard Days Parade	Aug 29

Other Discussion - Kathi Muss if we asked if we have a private fund if kids can't afford dues. Barb Sheppard said the school would know, and that the booster's organization shouldn't be a party to that.

Jim Laughlin motioned to adjourn the meeting, Gabriella Ostler seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:39pm