

## Millard North Band Boosters Board Meeting

Monday, November 9, 2009

### AGENDA

#### Welcome!

The meeting was called to order by John Fray at 7:01.

#### Director's Comments

Cathy Keiser attended the meeting in Larry's place. Cathy has tried to recruit more kids for the Jazz Band to keep two bands (I and II), but has not had a lot of luck. Recently, Larry has decided there will be just one Jazz band this year. Cathy is concerned that there would be enough bands to have the Big Band Dance. She suggested that the 8<sup>th</sup> graders from each middle school could come and play a set. She also proposed an adult band to Larry. Last year the show choir also sang a few songs. There was consensus that we want to continue having the Big Band Dance. Comments were made that the seniors would miss the big band dance. They've already had to choose between swing choir and marching band this year and there was no lock-in. The Band Boosters are offering whatever help Larry needs to make it happen because the kids, parents, alumni and community seem to really enjoy it.

Cathy is going to spend more time this spring preparing kids for Elkhorn Band Olympics before school since there are a number of IB and MYP students that will be preparing solos for their curriculum.

Cathy told Ben Sampson to submit an invoice for his Drum line Instructor fees. He will also include something to compensate Clay Goodwin.

The Pops Concert is up in the air (swing choir and jazz band). Mr. Rathbun is reconsidering having it.

The February concert scheduled for the same night as one of the school's Parent/Teacher conference nights. Cathy will check with Larry to see if we can still have it. Those in attendance seemed to think we could still have it.

Cathy congratulated the band on a wonderful marching season.

#### Old Business

After State Party: Great party organized by the Weaks! Thank you to Dawn Coury and Ann Leever for helping decorate. Thank you to the Kalis' for the idea to use the bus cookies at the party. The kids seemed to really enjoy it.

#### Review of Marching Season:

Bus Chaperones: Had great coverage. Fewer buses meant less people needed. We are learning to switch supplies out for more used supplies. Had plenty of subs sign up. For the rest of the season, Gabriella would like to make up a chaperone pool so she would not have to send an email to the entire list. Joani Lillo is going to be the Bus Chaperone chair next year.

Bus Cookies: Good season on cookies! There were 26 parents who donated 1,464 cookies for 4 competitions. The truck crew got some every time and they appreciated it! Susan Lewandowski is the Bus Cookie chair next year. Next year, the cookie chair will offer small containers of cookies to the directors, drum line instructors and color guard coordinator if they are not riding on the buses. One new problem was that at OMI, some cookies were given out before they were supposed to be. Nancy clarified this on subsequent trips. Since State was in Omaha, we had the cookies from the buses at the after party. Nancy and Gary Kalis submitted a separate report that included recommendations for next year.

Pit Crew: Did great! No complaints. The kids didn't feel like they got water after the competitions. The Pit crew will make sure they know where it is going forward. Jim is thinking about being in charge again next year (yeah!).

### **New Business:**

Coffee: Tammy Coughlin and Cyndi Focht are going to coordinate this. We plan to buy 50 packages and sell them at the winter concerts. May have sample cups available.

Hy-Vee Receipts: Larry said the students cannot compete to bring in the most receipts for prizes. Cyndi will contact Larry Kirstein to get the Hy-Vee and coffee fundraisers on the web site.

Open Positions for Next Year:

Need someone for Big Band Dance for and Spirit

Also will need a Treasurer

Lannie Weak reported that we have about ½ the money for the new equipment Mr. Rathbun needs.

Cathy called and would like \$500 for Clay Goodwin who also helped with the drum line. The \$500 was not budgeted. They requested this after the season was over. Lannie Weak moved that we approve the \$500 for Clay. Ron Welton seconded and the motion passed. We will budget for both Clay and Ben Sampson next year and anything over that will need to come from the Activity Fund. John will communicate this to Larry.

### **Committee Reports: If needed (09-10 Chairs)**

President – John Fray

President Elect –Ann Leever

Treasurer –Robert & Anita St. Onge

Secretary –Dawn Coury:

Finance –Kim & Jeff Bainbridge

Uniforms – Denise Mazour & Karen Fulton

Records/Registration – Tammy Coughlin

Spirit – Dawn Coury: Thank you to the parents to helped fill candy sacks. They are always a hit with the kids. Carol Weak and I made 2 banners for the competitions that we hung in the band hallway and one for the After State Party.

After State Celebration – Lannie Weak

Spirit Wear – Marchelle Benes

Premiere Night/Potluck/Concert Refreshments – Kim Bainbridge & Rebecca Welton: Kim will be asking to have volunteer sign ups set up on the web site for the rest of this year's concerts.

Picture Buttons/Photo –Lannie & Carol Weak

Contributions – Lannie Weak

Bus Chaperones – Gabriella Ostler (see above)

Bus Cookies –Gary & Nancy Kalis (see above)

Pit/Truck Crew – Jim Laughlin: Ron Welton suggested that we need an equipment manager to make repairs over the summer. Ron will head up this group.

Newsletter/Roster-Marcia Shavlik

Website –Larry & Deb Kirstein: Everyone attending signed up for the new email. That system seems to be working smoothly. Send Larry K. any pictures from State and after party. Marcia will send her video of the State performance to Larry K. to get on the web site. (She posted it on YouTube too.)

Hyvee Receipts – Dallas and Cindy Focht

Scholarship - Heather Vanderveen

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Post Prom – Anita St. Onge  
Big Band Dance – Kathi Muss

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

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| Pops Concert          | Thur | Dec 10 |
| Band Concert          | Tue  | Dec 15 |
| Pep Band Events begin | Thur | Dec 17 |

Jim Laughlin motioned for adjournment. Gabriella Ostler seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 8:19 p.m.