

MHS Band Booster Minutes June 16, 2011

Attendees: Donna Nienstedt; Natalie Kerr; Bernetta Thorne-Williams; Linda Butler; and Christy Claypoole.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 by Donna.

The meeting began with a review of the May 18, 2011 minutes. Those minutes are still under review.

- Natalie reported that the number of marchers increased from 83 marchers to 87 marchers. The fair share amount due will remain the same, \$730.00 per student.
- Financial aid applications for two families were discussed. The boosters agreed that financial aid is based on the individual family's need. Financial aid monies covers the fees associated with fair share, including the away camp at Mars Hill. Financial assistance does not cover the spring trip. Natalie will forward the financial aid application to the families.
- Donna discussed the volunteer positions: **Bernetta Thorne-Williams and Kim Wilson** will assist with the hospitality committees. We are still looking for other parents to assist. The Volunteer Coordinators are: **Amanda** and **Paul Clemmons**, **Renee Barber**, and **Tracey Wilcox**.
- Donna reported that we still do not have a volunteer to the fundraiser chairperson. We are also in need of a vice president. The vice president does not have to assume the presidency for the 2012-2013 band season.
- Donna will collect the volunteer forms from Natalie and Bernetta will develop a volunteer calling list.
- Several ideas for additional fund raising opportunities were discussed as described briefly below:
 - Matching grants for service hours which some employers do;
 - Linking Kohl's and Kroger to your card;
 - Alumni Fund ; and
 - SugarRush fudge is being considered as a January fundraiser with the orders coming back just in time for Valentine's Days.
- Since assuming the role as co-treasury, Christy reported that there have been four checks returned for NSF. The boosters agreed to adopt an NSF policy to be incorporated into the band booster's bylaws and the parent/student hand book. The fee for checks returned for insufficient funds \$15.00. Christy reported that the band has lost money in the past because the band has to absorb the fee charged by the bank.
- The 2011-2012 band budget was discussed. The final budget does not have to be finalized until August 19th (Preview night). The components discussed included:
 - The general classroom band budget
 - Band director's allowance for supplies
 - Miscellaneous items. See budget for additional information.

- The band sponsors a mandatory car wash yearly with all the money going directly to the band fund. Natalie would like to consider having two car washes for the upcoming school year instead of the one traditionally held.

The upcoming marching band schedule was discussed.

- The dates for the band camp at MHS are July 25 -28. Money will be collected to provide the students with dinner for three days. Camp times for the 25th – 27th are 8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. Meal suggestions included: Pizza, Chick-fil-A, and hot dogs. Bernetta will coordinate these days. Band Camp on July 28th is from 8:00-5:00.
- Donna will chaperon the away camp at Mars Hill which begins on Friday, July 29th and ends on Tuesday, August 2. She currently has enough volunteers for the away camp.
- Christy and Linda will coordinate the Preview night on August 19th beginning at 6:00 p.m. All parents will be asked to bring something based on the first initial of their last name. (Example: A-E will bring a meat dish, etc.)
- There are two cases of BBQ sauce from last year and t-shirts that the booster will try to sale during the Preview night.
- The boosters are still in need of someone to manage/update the webpage.
- Activities for the band students in the past years have included a pool party and a Halloween party. Consideration will be given to the types of location for activities for the upcoming season. Christy suggested something at Adventure Landing. Other venues will be researched.

Next meeting time and location: **July 20th at 6:30.**
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