

MHS Band Booster Meeting

January 9, 2008

Attendees: Lois Knauff, Sue Carter, Jan and John King, Brian and Sarah Emmett, Barbi Cox, Sally Bowman, Jill Touchberry, Meg Lavoie, Randi Esqueda, Natalie Kerr, Jeanna Reeves, Ruth Swanek, Val Montana, Tom Consler, Christina Goodnight, Kelly Aman

Meeting was called to order at 7:32pm.

Band Minutes: Updates to the December 2007 minutes – Deficit of \$94.10 (instead of \$9) for the End of Marching party. Uniforms will be cleaned shortly. Sashes must be removed and then H2O Cleaners will pick them up and clean them. With these two changes, the minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report: 1099s mailed to the IRS and the clinicians.

It is time to request a tax reimbursement for purchases made from the band account.

Randi is working diligently with QuickBooks Pro to ensure entries made do not affect other accounts.

Ms Kerr will check on a \$500 refund check from MS Concepts.

12 – 15 families still have some outstanding fair share balances from marching band. These must be cleared up in order to participate in the spring trip.

Director's Report: A thanks to parents for helping out with the winter concert and for participating in fundraising opportunities.

All District: 21 kids auditioned for All District on Saturday, Jan 5. 2 made an all district band – Chantal Bowman (bass clarinet) and Brinkley McNeill (oboe). Brinkley also qualifies to audition for the All State band on March 8. All of the kids put in a lot of work to prepare for the audition and learned a lot from the experience.

White Uniforms: Mr Kutchen (drama) is taking 15-20 of the uniforms for the musical production of The Wiz. They will be dyed green. The remainder of the white uniforms will be “recycled” by the Wake County School System. Parent volunteers are needed to search through the boxes looking for uniform bags, etc prior to them being taken away.

Musical: A small group of woodwinds and brass are needed for the musical presentation. Ms Kerr will be contacting those students. Some may be asked to double up on the instruments played due to the score. These students will practice 2 days/week with Mrs. Kerr and then 2 weeks before the performances in March along with the entire cast. Ms Bender and Mrs. Kerr are working out an official schedule. There will be 7 weeks of preparation and the performances for the musical will be March 6, 7, and 8.

March is a busy month! **March 3** will be a short concert so the bands can perform their festival pieces.

March 6 –8 are the performances for the musical.

March 8 is the All State auditions – Brinkley is the only student qualified to participate.

March 10 – 12 is the State Festival. The bands will attend on separate days.

March 15 is the St Patrick's Day parade.

May 15 is the Wildcat Academy for incoming freshmen. Ms Kerr would like to have the marching show/music picked out and all the marching camp dates set in order to entice the freshmen to join us. All incoming students will audition for one of three bands next year.

High school band directors have split up the middle schools for recruitment and will each director handle recruitment at 2 schools. Ms Kerr is doing East and West Millbrooks. There are a large number of 8th grade kids in band at East Millbrook, but few stick with the band. We need to get those kids excited for next year!

Committees:

Fundraising: RBC has cut a check for the first event. We are awaiting the check from Wakefield. We made \$184.50 on the first night translating to \$24.60/pp working.

Gift Wrap brought in about \$1000 + tips. That is about \$8/pp/shift. Randi received \$50.18 in tips that will be put into the gift wrapping total. The money has not yet been received from Hadassah.

Bandstand: The hot dog cooker is not going to make it much longer. Barbi will shop United Restaurant Supply and see if that is a good source for the purchase of a new one. Randi volunteered to pick up the cooker if one is found. Bandstand is the only organization that uses the hot dog cooker.

Hot water is still a major issue and could affect our food service permit. The order is still open to get this repaired! Some new outlets were put into the bandstand this week!

Staffing for bandstand is going well this year. We had a couple of NCSU students volunteer to fill-in (for free) if we didn't have the staffing, but so far our band family has covered all shifts.

Bandstand will be open for the Winterfest Dance on Feb 2. We will sell cookies, drinks, and candy. A coat/shoe check will also be offered. **NO PURSES!** We need hangers and grocery bags (for the shoes) donated! Please leave in the bandstand and indicate they are for Winterfest.

Wrestling: Sally and Barbi are opening the bandstand on Saturday, Jan 12 for an all day meet. Bandstand will also open on 1/23 for a wrestling meet and it is Senior Night for them.

We received a complement from a Sanderson parent that they enjoyed the bands performing together at the winter concert and the bandstand being open following the concert.

Old Business: The spring trip is a go. Concert band instrumentation is "better" and Ms Kerr is re-writing a few of the parts to help with holes in the Wind Ensemble instrumentation. Wind Ensemble will definitely compete and concert band may compete. They will perform at a minimum. The decision will be made based on the performance at State Festival.

44 are traveling for Wind Ensemble and 28 for the Concert Band. Ms Kerr will send her list to Randi in order to reconcile payments and attendance.

A new flyer will be sent home with payment schedule. Jill/Ms Kerr will meet to produce that flyer on Friday.

The cost is still at \$455 but may rise as much as \$50. The final cost will hopefully be determined before the next payment. There will be 1 chaperone/10 kids. We are recruiting all chaperones, but need male chaperones this year. We have a heavy concentration of boys going on the trip!

New Business: The nominating committee chaired by Sue Carter has put forth the following names for the **Band Board for the 2008-2009 year.**

President –	Ruth Swanek
Vice President –	Jeanna Reeves
Treasurer -	Randi Esqueda
Secretary -	Jan King

These will be voted on at the membership meeting in March. A note will go out to all band parents as to this slate of people and the date of the membership meeting.

Band Show for 2008-2009 Marching Season – Authorization was given to purchase the show now. This will not commit us to certain competitions for next year. \$6000 was authorized even though the expense is for next year. Meg Lavoie motioned for approval and Sally Bowman seconded that motion.

The next Booster meeting is scheduled for Feb 21. The meeting scheduled for April 10 will have to be re-scheduled since the band will be on the spring trip.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:19pm.

Minutes submitted by Sarah Emmett, secretary.