

MHS Band Booster Meeting, 08/16/07

Attendees: Ruth Swanek, Randi Esqueda, Sally Bowman, Meg Lavoie, Jill Touchberry, Ms Kerr, Ms Aman, Sarah Emmett

Meeting was called to order at 5:02pm.

Agenda: A timed agenda will be set for each booster meeting. Any new business/committee reports must be submitted to either Jill Touchberry/Sarah Emmett by Tuesday before each meeting. The committee reports will be reviewed silently at each meeting. Any business from those reports will be items on the agenda!

Minutes approved from the May Booster meeting. Update Ruth Swanek as vice-president instead of treasurer.

Sally Bowman requires the spring trip report from last year. It will be the basis for this year's planning.

Treasurer's Report: profit/loss

Kroger – We are at \$3500 and need \$5000 for rebate. We should be at \$5000 in the next 2 months.

Chik-fil-a family night – We want to pursue. Meg Lavoie will pursue getting this set up. We will look at a Tuesday night.

Randi will pursue getting a budget column into the report so it will be visible how we're tracking.

Director's report: Tomorrow is first football game! The kids have been coming in early/staying late to put in some extra work. They will begin working on the stand music, The Star Spangled Banner, and the fight song tonight! The show is marching and playing through the first movement. Good work ethic this week!

The band will be sitting to the right of the press box for home football games. This is closer to the cheerleaders and has a good exit so that the band can get to the field without bothering other spectators.

Committee reports:

Fundraising: Band boosters at Wakefield have asked if we would like partner with them and work RBC events.

This would begin on September 1. The “group” (Wakefield and Millbrook) would sign up for 20 events and provide a minimum of 8 and a maximum of 12 workers. This is ADULT ONLY! Food vending is 10% kickback. Alcohol Awareness training required to serve alcohol.

IF we partner with WF, one check would be written to one booster group and then reimburse the other.

Meg will also pursue if we could get complimentary tickets to perhaps raffle off, etc. as another fund raising option.

If we could get an effective fundraiser such as the RBC, maybe we could not have so many fundraisers in the future. Parents are overwhelmed with so many fundraisers and cannot participate in them all. RBC appears very effective.

An e-mail will go out to parents to find out the interest level. If we commit to this event, we must have the parent commitment to staff the events. We need to make sure that parents are aware of this opportunity. Perhaps we can pass out a flyer AND do an e-mail?

Meg will validate w/ WF if we are splitting the staffing at 20 events or covering completely 10 events.

Age requirement to help is 18.

Fair share split will be 80/20.

Meg will call Mary (Wakefield) to let them know we are getting the commitment. Yes we're interested but we must ensure parent buy-in so that we can meet the commitment.

Transportation: Sally is contacting Holiday Tours to pursue transportation for Havelock. She will work with Randi if a deposit is required.

OLD Business:

Wakefield Competition: Positive feedback from parents to add it in the schedule. The band cannot convene on campus until 3:30 pm. Motion by Sally to accept and seconded by Ruth! Ms Kerr will get MHS in the Wakefield competition!

The band may practice the Friday night before the competition from 3-5:30pm. It will be added to the calendar once that is decided.

Uniform Contract: Reviewed by Ms Kerr, Ms Swanek, Ms Vey, and Jill T. We will use the contract for this year. Uniforms will be altered and not cut by parents. The parameters for this are clearly laid out in the contract. There will be consequences if these guidelines are not followed.

The contract is not being reviewed and altered tonight. Copies were provided. Parents will have 2 weeks to alter the uniforms. Ms Touchberry will have an organizational plan on when/how to get the uniforms home with the students.

Away games: Apex and Broughton – These are required events for band members. Ms Kerr will cancel the Friday afternoon rehearsals scheduled on those dates. Attending the away games will fuse good will with the athletic department. Athletic department is offering one bus to help in transporting the band.

Jill is planning a **Booster Work Night** next week in the band room during rehearsal. We will make sure that parents hear about the RBC opportunity and get any forms that we do not currently have.

White Uniforms: These uniforms must be sold or recycled. We need a volunteer to find a home – either as a gift or sell on ebay, etc. Randi volunteered to work on this AFTER the t-shirts are ordered and distributed. Randi will order t-shirts - Sally Bowman will help to distribute. There are 100 uniforms to sell. They are in pretty good shape and 9 years old. They are white with navy trim.

Next Meeting: September 13, 2007 at 7pm in the Band Room

Meeting was adjourned at 5:37pm.

Minutes submitted by Sarah Emmett, Secretary.