

## Minutes of October 11, 2007 Band Booster Meeting

**Attendees:** J. Touchberry, N. Kerr, M.Lavoie, B. Cox, R. Swanek, R. Esqueda, S. Bowman, S. Emmett  
Meeting was called to order at 5:41pm.

Minutes from prior meeting approved. Sarah will send these to Janet Raynor to include on the website on the Band Booster page. Additionally – the booster meeting schedule and the Treasurer’s Report should also be on the website.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Income over the past month: Bandstand – profit is \$1400. Tax reimbursement \$800. \$120 from Pampered Chef thrown by Carol Arbogast.

\$5400 in fair shares outstanding BEFORE Oct. statement sent out

We have some additional t-shirts. It was suggested that these be given to the bus drivers for the competitions if all of the kids have their shirts. The bus drivers were our biggest fans at Wakefield!

Randi will purchase a printer for the band room. It was suggested that a Canon be purchased.

**Director’s Report:** At the Wakefield competition, the Marching Band placed:

3<sup>rd</sup> in class

2 pts under 2<sup>nd</sup> place, 6 pts under 1<sup>st</sup>.

2<sup>nd</sup> – visual performance

This is where they are judged on the marching/drill, spacing, if feet are in step, starts/stops, does the drill fit the music. The total visual effect.

2<sup>nd</sup> – overall effect

Did the kids sell the show? Music scores factor into this category. Ensemble score is where they lost points. At this point, Ms Kerr shared with us the music triangle showing the lack of lower instruments given our current mix of higher ones. The kids will work on this balance before Fuquay.

2nd - Colorguard

This week the kids are doing physical conditioning...jumping jacks, goal post runs, etc. She’s hearing big differences. The music score was 2<sup>nd</sup> lowest overall, which indicates that the drill was REALLY good in order to make up that difference!

**Fuquay schedule** – kids will be in 3A – against Triton, Bear Grass, Middle Creek. We are the last band to perform. Performance is scheduled for 5:45 pm, awards are at 9pm. The band must arrive at Fuquay at 3:25pm and will therefore leave MHS at 2:30pm. Ms Kerr will have the kids at school to rehearse before departure.

### **Committee Reports**

**Transportation:** Confirmed Holiday tours for 2 buses for Havelock competition in November. Cost is \$3K. This is for 1 large and 1 small bus. After discussion, it was decided that Sally will inquire about 2 large buses. With the storage underneath the full size buses, we will only need to take the trailer for pit equipment. This will save the cost of truck rental.

**Fundraising: RBC** – no dates have been secured yet. Contract with Wakefield is still not signed. Wakefield recently approved the suggested changes on the contract between Millbrook & Wakefield. Workers at RBC will wear the MHS Band polo shirt and those have been ordered. Workers must also attend an Alcohol Training session. The first one offered is 10/25/07. Meg will work with Wakefield this year. Next year, we should work with RBC directly for our band.

**White Uniform Update:** Randi found websites that allow posting the uniforms for sale. She will dress Tyler in one of the uniforms and put that photo onto the websites. We believe a picture will really help out in the sale! All websites Randi has researched are free. E-bay charges for posting a picture and also how long we have the posting up.

Goal is to have these uniforms sold/donated prior to the arrival of Ms Kerr's six 5-drawer file cabinets. Before we ship the uniforms, we need to search through them and see if the missing garment bags, pep band shirts, etc can be found. We lost many items during the "move" for renovations.

**New Uniform Purchase:** Boosters pay a portion and Wake County contributes a portion.

### **New Business**

**Jackets:** Purchase baseball style jackets for new marchers. Can the same style still be purchased? We can use this as an incentive to keep freshmen in the marching band. Many of the marchers have a jacket, but the largest percentage do not. This purchase would help the new marchers feel more a part of the band and make the band look "uniform" in the stands. One option for paying for jackets is to factor into next year's fair share and the kids can take them home throughout the year (instead of waiting until their senior year!)

Ruth will check with Joan Vey over the weekend and order jackets based on sizes of their band coats. These jackets will be imprinted with Millbrook Marching Band on the back (versus "Back in Black").

**Recruiting:** 8<sup>th</sup> graders at feeder schools will be invited to the Enloe football game the first Friday of November. This is also Senior Night. Ms Kerr indicated that seniors will be announced at pre-game and therefore the whole show will be performed at half time.

The Leesville game doesn't allow enough time to get the communications out to the middle schools, and a very large crowd is expected for the Leesville game. The MHS Band Boosters will supply tickets to these 8<sup>th</sup> graders if Athletics does not provide complimentary.

Feeder schools are West Millbrook, East Millbrook, Durant, and Wakefield. Ms Kerr will send out an e-mail to these band directors and attach a flyer.

**Battle of Brooks** (middle school football game played at Millbrook) is on 11/14. The pep band will perform. NOTE: Ms Kerr is out on 11/13 attending a Convention in Winston-Salem.

**Spring Trip Report:** Ms Kerr has researched the Heritage Festival. Since we try to have a "big" trip every 4 years, Ms Kerr suggested New York City. Word of this trip will help in recruiting efforts. Most likely the transportation mode is a bus. This trip will be open to all marching, concert band, and wind ensemble students. If enough kids/instrumentation can go on the trip, both the Wind Ensemble and Concert bands will perform. Barbi highly recommended Holiday Tours. The bus driver last year enjoyed trip and gave the highest of performance in transportation.

**Band Curriculum:** Ms Kerr is re-writing; there will potentially be 3 ensembles next year. The Concert Band will be attending the state competition this year.

**Band Roster:** There have been requests for the band roster. We will send out an opt out note so that anyone who does not wish to be included will be removed. This roster will include Name, Phone Number, Address, E-mail Address and will be sent out in pdf format.

**Havelock (11/3):** Sally Bowman suggested taking the kids to the Sanitary Fish Market in Morehead City. They will provide us with a room and will charge \$11/pp including tax/gratuity. This would give a choice of 5 menu items and a beverage. The Sanitary needs one week advance notice. We traditionally leave the competition for dinner.

**Bandstand:** Bandstand will open for the Girls and Boys basketball games.

**Pep Band:** Ms Kerr is considering flip folders for music instead of moving the stands back and forth into the gym. Kevin Burson is the classroom liaison to handle pep band announcements. 11/15 is first basketball game.

**Hospitality chair announced – Jeanna Reeves!!** The search is still on for a Communications chair

The meeting was adjourned 7:10pm. Minutes submitted by Sarah Emmett, Secretary.