

Minutes
MHS Band Booster General Meeting
January 12, 2010

Welcome – Ann Marie Herrera

Secretary – Sharon Hampton

- Board meeting minutes for November were distributed and approved as written

Treasurer – Kathy Bennett

- Kathy reviewed the Treasurer's report for November and December 2009.
- 93% of marching fees and 63% of concert fees have been paid. Students still owe approximately \$8000 in band fees. Kathy has sent balance due letters to families who have outstanding balances. Please make payments promptly or contact Mr. Ringel to make arrangements to pay in installments.
- Simple Treasures fundraiser resulted in \$825 profit for participating students
- Last trip payment is due February 1. Please check Charms for your trip balance and make trip payments promptly
- Contest fees of \$10 per student are due by Friday for those students participating in the Ensemble contest

Fundraising – Leslie Gajak Butler

- Because concession stand sales were much lower than budgeted, it is important we do well on our remaining fundraisers.
- Our next major fundraiser is the Spaghetti Dinner/Silent Auction on February 27 in the MHS Cafeteria. Decided to do a 'slave auction' during this event. Student volunteers will be needed to participate in this.
- Still planning on holding a Sonic fundraiser in the Spring
- Parents are encouraged to utilize 'reward' programs when shopping. Tom Thumb, Kroger, Albertsons, Festive Kitchen, Music & Arts all have programs which benefit our band. Festive Kitchen 'give back' cards are available from Mr. Ringel. Contact Leslie for information on any of the other programs.

Social – Christy Jeter and LeAnn Somborn

Spaghetti Dinner/Auction (Feb 27):

- Please try to obtain items for our silent auction fundraiser. We have a letter to provide merchants who provide a donation. We are also looking for donations of cups, plates, cutlery, decorations, ingredients, etc. from local businesses or families.
- Silent auction proceeds will benefit our band, but participating middle school bands will receive \$1 of each ticket sold.
- Students will have a deadline for their ticket sales, but tickets will also be sold at the door (for a higher price). Child's plate will be offered. Parents will be asked to provide desserts for the spaghetti dinner.
- Kathryn Burke agreed to serve as parent volunteer to coordinate the section baskets. Coordinator will need to help decide basket themes, acquire donated baskets, provide deadlines to students, etc. Students will be asked to contribute items for their section's basket.

Band Banquet (May 28):

- Organizational meeting of the band banquet committee will be scheduled soon. If you signed up earlier in the year, you will be contacted. Others who did not sign up may also participate.
- SLT voted on a Pirate theme for the banquet.

- Still need to determine the cost of reserving McKinney Fellowship Church. Christy will also check out other locations like First Baptist to determine their rates.
- Parents of students performing in the orchestra for the school musical will be asked to contribute food to help with meals during rehearsal week.

Publicity – Kim VanWagner

- Kim is requesting band photos and videos taken throughout the year that can be used for the band banquet video. Any pictures you have from practices, games, concerts, contests, social events, Facebook, etc. can be sent via CD, email or flashdrive to Kim.
- It was suggested that an article be written about band students who were recently inducted into the National Honor Society. Please send any other news (not band-related) about your band student to Kim (examples are Eagle scout, sports, choir, theater or other such accomplishments)
- Senior parents are asked to send in baby and senior photos of your student.
- Kim has 4 band phone directories available for sale if you would like to purchase one.
- She will publicize the Spaghetti Dinner/Silent Auction as soon as times and ticket costs are determined. Hope to get on KLAK radio as well as other media.

Directors Update – Ken Ringel, Marcus Hunley, Austin Chappell

- 32 students made the All Region Band. 16 of those also made Area and 2 students made the All State band: sophomore Ashley Salazar and senior Kate Lutek, who made the state band for the fourth straight year. 3 of our other students missed by one point: Kailey Kelly, Katie Morris, and Collin Wheeler. Congrats to all.
- Winter Guard is currently underway. We have 6 students participating. First contest in January 30. Currently recruiting for Color Guard. MISD auditions will be in February (joint effort with Boyd and North). Hope to get more girls involved next year. See their new webpage (under “Ensembles” on the band website (www.mhsroyalpride.org)).
- Parents might want to read the interview with MISD’s new superintendent in the Jan 9 Dallas Morning News
- 8th grade pizza party/rehearsal will be February 16 followed by a concert/DJ party on Feb 19. Our students are a great help in recruiting middle school band members to continue with band. We have a potential to add 86 more students to our band next year. 10 to 12 chaperones will be needed for the party in the cafeteria immediately after the concert. Please consider volunteering.

New Business

- Seniors and their parents should begin looking at the available MEF scholarships
- Concert uniforms will be distributed to juniors and seniors after school on Feb 8 and to freshmen and sophomores on Feb 9. Boys are responsible for purchasing their own tuxedo shirt, cummerbund and tie. Note the cummerbunds and ties will NOT be provided this year.
- If you plan to chaperone or help out with the band, please make sure your MISD volunteer clearance is up-to-date. This criminal background check can be done online through the MISD website (www.mckinneyisd.net)
- Reminder to check to see if your concession training expires this year and sign up soon to take the 1 hour certification course.
- Several Booster Board positions will become open at year end. Please contact Ann-Marie Herrera if you are interested in joining the Board next year or would like to volunteer in any capacity.

Next Meetings

- The next General meeting will be Tuesday, February 9 at 7:00 pm in the MHS Band Hall.