

**Minutes**  
**MHS Band Booster General Meeting**  
**September 8, 2009**

**Welcome**

**Secretary** – Sharon Hampton

- Leslie Gajak Butler moved to approve minutes from last booster general meeting (May 26, 2009). Kathy Bennett seconded the motion and BPO approved minutes.
- Provided update on September spirit orders. There are two more order dates for spirit items: Oct 1 and Nov 1

**Treasurer** – Kathy Bennett

- Reviewed and explained the Treasurer's report for August 2009. Report shows actual income and expense items for August and year-to-date along with total year budgeted items by activity number. Another report details each item for August and shows the category in which it is recorded. Ann-Marie Herrera noted that the budget does not have to be approved by boosters, just reviewed
- The final fall registration payment is due today. All band registration fees paid have been recorded in Charms for each student.
- Trip payments have also been recorded in Charms. First trip payment is of \$125 is due on Sept 14. Trip expenses are not included in the budget and are now handled in a separate account

**Fundraising** – Leslie Gajak Butler

- Plans are underway for Spaghetti Dinner/Silent Auction to be held in February
- Plan to hold 2 other fundraisers so students can raise funds for their trip accounts
- Everyone is encouraged to sign up to work at the Friday night football game concession stand, one of our primary fundraisers. Not all volunteers need to be food-handler certified and any amount of time you can work would be appreciated.
- All game day volunteers need to make sure your name is on the list that is provided to stadium box office, permitting free entry to the game.
- Next food handler class is at Boyd on Sept 16. This training can also be accomplished online for \$20. Check the MISD Athletics website for details or to find out when your certification expires.
- Our general fund can benefit every time you shop at your local grocers, Kroger and Tom Thumb by having your shopper card linked to MHS Band. Reminder that Kroger shoppers need to re-enroll for the current year by bringing form to cashier. Please see Leslie if you do not already have the form or for assistance in getting set up.

**Social** – Christy Jeter and LeAnn Somborn

- Boosters provided lunches daily to students during Summer Band camp
- If you did not purchase game-day meals for your student through the boosters, be sure to have a meal to your student by 4:20. Students must dress, eat, and be out on practice field by 5:00 on game days
- Students no longer need to bring their water jug to games. Boosters will provide 2 water bottles per game and 1 with game day meal
- Encouraged all parents to be thinking about businesses and any contacts you might have that would be willing to donate to our silent auction. Donations are tax deductible to donor and might benefit someone who has a small business and wants to show off their product, service or company. Lee Ann Somborn reminded those who shop craft fairs this holiday season to inquire if vendor would be interested in donating to the auction. They can place their business cards next to their donation.

- Each band section will donate a basket for the auction. SLT to coordinate section baskets
- We need a chairman for our annual band banquet in May. The banquet committee needs to start in December lining up the venue, DJ, food, etc.
- Parents are reminded that photos showing band activities throughout the year are needed for the banquet as well as someone to coordinate putting a slide show together

**Publicity** – Kim VanWagner

- All band directories have been sold, but they can still be ordered. Send in your \$8 by October 1
- Look for news about the Royal Pride Band and its members in local publications like McKinney News.net, NeighborsGo.com, and the Courier Gazette.
- If your student participates in any community service projects or interesting extracurricular activities, please let Kim VanWagner know. We are proud of our band students and want to let others know how talented they are and might include them in a future article

**Directors Update** – Ken Ringel, Marcus Hunley, Austin Chappell

- Our game show backdrop frame and canvas slipcase arrived today. The case is removable and the frame adjustable, allowing use of this prop for many years to come. Funds for this were provided by the boosters
- Daily announcements will be posted on the website. Students should check the website regularly. Less time will be spent on announcements during class allowing more class time
- Full uniform is required for Friday's game. Gauntlets and gloves will be distributed in class tomorrow
- Lost and Found will be emptied every Monday afternoon. Items not claimed will be donated to charity or disposed of. Make sure all items are labeled with your student's name, especially ponchos.
- Watch for McKinney's bond election on the Fine Arts Facility. Please vote in this election which may be held in the Fall or Spring and will expand and improve our band facilities as well as benefit all the fine arts areas including band, choir, orchestra and theater.
- Students are permitted to work on homework if needed during any Thursday night game or on marching contest days.
- Academic eligibility ('no pass, no play') is mandated by the State of Texas. In order to perform with the band, student must not be failing any regular class. Exempted classes are all AP classes and pre-AP calculus class. Eligibility check date is the Friday of the sixth week. The first eligibility grade check is Oct 3.
- The UIL 4A State Marching Band contest is held every other year. This year the state contest will be in San Antonio on Nov 3. Our students are focused on getting to state and must first get straight 1's at the UIL contest on Oct. 17
- We need 21 parents to help on the sideline during the half time show. Please contact Mr. Chappell if you can assist

**New Business**

- All volunteers are reminded to submit their MISD volunteer background check. See MISD website, [www.mckinneyisd.net](http://www.mckinneyisd.net)
- Any donations for our first aid kit can be sent in. Ann-Marie Herrera will send out email to parents identifying items needed
- Last Fall registration payment is now due.

**Next Meeting**

- The next General meeting will be Tuesday October 13 at 7:00 pm in the MHS Band Hall.