

Minutes
MHS Band Booster General Meeting
October 13, 2009

Welcome – Ann-Marie Herrera

- Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm in the MHS Band Hall
- Lisa Newman, manager of the Festive Kitchen, made a brief presentation about her store's program to benefit the band. Interested families can obtain a 'bar code card' at the store which can then be used to direct 5% of any purchases to the band's general fund. She also provided refreshments for meeting participants.

Secretary – Sharon Hampton

- General meeting minutes for September are available on the band website and will be distributed for approval at the November general meeting.
- Several spirit orders were distributed tonight. September order is almost complete. October spirit orders have been received and are currently being processed. Last order for the year will be November 1.

Treasurer – Kathy Bennett

- Kathy reviewed the Treasurer's report for September 2009. Report shows actual income and expense items for September and year-to-date along with total year budgeted items by activity number. Another report details each item for September and shows the category in which it is recorded.
- Next trip payment of \$125 is due November 2. Booster's group payment is due to the trip company November 9, so please be prompt with your payment. Approximately 25% of students still haven't completed payment of marching fees which are now past due. Concert fees are also due now. \$10 region fee due for participating Freshmen.

Fundraising – Leslie Gajak Butler

- Profits from the football concessions have not been as high as budgeted due to low attendance at 2 Thursday night games, rain delays, and not getting to operate the concession at the cross-town games.
- Currently working on several fundraising ideas to benefit the general fund: Sonic fundraiser (tentatively March 6), taste test fundraiser with Peryam & Kroll, spaghetti dinner/silent auction, Festive Kitchen, grocery store rebates.
- Asked for volunteers to participate in a committee to evaluate and recommend fundraising opportunities to benefit the students' individual trip accounts. Some of the fundraising options were presented tonight including spirit scarves and stepping stones. Several other ideas are also in consideration.
- If you purchase items from Music & Arts in Allen, be sure to mention the MHS band as we will get points for each dollar spent there.

Social – Christy Jeter and LeAnn Somborn

- Game day and contest meals are going well. We are under budget.
- All families are asked to bring in another case of water as everyone did not make their donation at the beginning of the year.
- Silent Auction/Spaghetti dinner tentatively scheduled for February 27. Anyone with contacts who might like to donate to the auction, please let Christy and LeAnn know. Email will be sent out shortly requesting volunteers to help with this. A lot of people are needed to help with this very important fundraiser.
- The Fellowship Bible Church has been tentatively scheduled for May 28 for our band banquet. Austin Chappell has a relative who works there and will see if we can get an

employee discount like we did last year. If anyone has another location to recommend, please let LeAnn or Christy know.

- SLT party will now be held after Halloween due to scheduling conflicts. It will be a masquerade party.

Publicity – Kim VanWagner

- Band directories will be in this weekend and will be distributed Monday
- Send in any photos of band activities to Mr. Hunley or Kim VanWagner. Photos are used at the end of the year banquet as well as posted on our website.
- Kim submitted article about the drumline's 4A first place finish in the Plano East Contest
- Carol Terry recommended Buzz photos (www.buzzphotos.com) as a resource for parents wanting to buy photos taken during games.

Directors Update – Ken Ringel, Marcus Hunley, Austin Chappell

- A full recap of the results of the Plano East Marching Contest is available online as www.PESHBand.com. Our band made it to the finals of this contest. Students are signing a congratulatory poster for Boyd band to show our band's support for their first place finish.
- Parents are encouraged to vote in the city's bond election which will include funding for a new Fine Arts facility as well as improvements to the band hall and auditorium. Parents are encouraged to be proactive and to contact administration and city representatives to voice support for MHS fine arts funding.
- Parents are reminded to check the band website frequently. Students should check daily
- To minimize illness throughout the band, please keep students home if they are sick or if they have fever.
- Plans are to leave early morning Friday, April 9 and return Mon, April 12 late afternoon for the Spring band trip to Corpus Christi.

New Business

- Volunteers needed to help decorate the band's tree for McKinney's Festival of Trees to be held Nov 27 – 29. We will again loan our music stands to the Festival and need someone with a truck to help transport them to and from the event.

Next Meetings

- The next General meeting will be Tuesday, November 17 at 7:00 pm in the MHS Band Hall.
- Meeting adjourned 8:15 pm