



MEETING MINUTES Minnetonka Band Boosters

July 17, 2007

6:30 pm

MHS

Facilitator: Patti Alt

Note taker: Martha Ebner

Attendees: Steve and Erin Adams, Sue Allen, Patti Alt, Kate Bryant, Sherrie Byron, Laura Capaldini, Mary Carlson, Becky Debol, Martha Ebner, Kevin and Amy Erickson, Denny Hanson, Sheri Kelly, Kathleen Mallery, Sue Nelson, Jane Olsen, Nancy Rendos, Judy Stromwall, Sue Wagner, Dianne Young

DISCUSSION

Welcome and Introductions

Patti Alt welcomed everyone and introduced the proposed board members (Patti Alt – President; Becky Debol – Treasurer; Martha Ebner – Secretary; there is no volunteer for Vice President at this time) and the band directors (Miles Mortensen and Paul Rosen).

While the Minnetonka Band Boosters supports all band programs, a lot of tonight's discussions involved Marching Band since the season is rapidly approaching.

Directors Report

Miles expressed appreciation for the Band Boosters involvement in the Minnetonka Band programs, commenting that the funds raised by the Boosters are used to enhance all band programs. The funds raised are used for various expenses, such as: sponsoring guest artists, student scholarships, commissioning music pieces, renting trucks and travel equipment (for travel study program), hemming uniforms and concert clothing.

Questions asked:

1. Will there be a travel study program this year? Don't know yet – will announce early in the school year
2. What are the numbers for marching band? Approximately 65-68 (including color guard)
3. When will the marching band parent meeting be? Sometime during the first week of band camp.
4. Are new students getting band information? Yes – Miles gets the names of new students

Budget Update:

Becky Debol stated that we have a balance of approximately \$4,200. The Boosters organization raised about \$11,000 last year and our goal this year is to raise \$14,000.

Currently, 11 members have joined the Band Boosters for the 2007-2008 season.

Marching Band:

Fund Raising – activities scheduled to date include:

1. Cub Foods: bagging groceries and washing cars on Sunday, August 26th from 10:00am – 6:00pm
2. Apple Days: we have a table at Apple Days on Saturday, September 8th to sell items.

Social Activities - We'd like to continue to have social activities for the kids during the year. Last year there were a few parent sponsored parties, the family picnic and band banquet. This year we'd like to have at least one big activity. Suggestions included: Valley Fair, bowling, a baseball game.

PR - We need a PR volunteer to get the word out about the Minnetonka bands. Suggestions included newspaper articles, marquee announcements about the various band concerts and competitions. We need a web site manager.

Equipment - Equipment is mainly needed for marching band. We're not sure of any props needed for this year's show.

Uniforms - Sewing help is needed for the color guard costumes/uniforms and wind ensemble tuxes/gowns. There are several volunteer opportunities on the volunteer form.

Booster Club Update:

The Booster Club is in need of a Vice President. Contact Patti Alt if interested. The attendees of the meeting unanimously approved the proposed board.

Volunteer Opportunities:

Martha Ebner presented volunteer opportunities. Sign up sheets were available for helping with football games, competitions, Apple Days, Cub Foods, the Marching Band Banquet.

Adjournment: the meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm.