

MEETING MINUTES
Minnetonka Band Boosters (MBB)

April 14, 2008
7:00 pm
MHS – Career Center

Facilitator: Patti Alt

Note Taker: Nancy Rendos

Attendees: Sue Allen, Patti Alt, Becky Debol, Nancy Rendos, Dale Blomgren, Judy Stromwall, Heather Baden

DISCUSSION

Welcome and Introductions:

Patti welcomed everyone and attendees introduced themselves.

Old Business:

Prior meeting minutes were reviewed and approved.

President's Report:

Patti reported on her recent meeting with Miles because he was unable to attend the MBB meeting tonight. Some highlights include:

- Summer band schedule is close to being final. It will probably be available to distribute by 4/18.
- Drum major auditions/interviews will be the week of 4/21.
- Drumline Auditions will be about May 1st.
- Colorguard participants will be eligible to letter in band if they fully participate for 3 years of marching band.
- 4/28 – Marching band section leaders will meet with MMW/MME 8th graders.
- Summer Band Camp was discussed and attendees agreed that some sort of information meeting will need to occur for those planning to attend. Maybe the meeting could be scheduled for 5/29.
- Marching Band and Band Camp sign up would be due 5/30.

Treasurer's Report:

Becky Debol reported that all finances are in order.

- There are no new members to report.
- The new season for next fiscal year starts 7/1.

- Becky has paid the deposit for the Old Log Theater for the band awards banquet to be held 5/18. We need 150 attendees to the band banquet for the MBB not to have to subsidize the event.
- Miles plans to announce some scholarship certificates to band members at the banquet for special camps and other events students are planning to participate in.
- Becky has prepared a projected expenses report for next year and sent it to Miles for him to review. She and Patti will schedule a meeting with other executive board members, Miles and Paul to discuss the expenses report.

Fundraising Committee:

- **Cub Foods Bagging and Car wash:** Martha Ebner was trying to reach someone at the 7Hi Cub to schedule a grocery bagging weekend fundraiser for kids to earn money to apply to summer band camp and for the booster club, but wasn't able to make contact. Judy Stromwall will try as well. Any weekend would work, but hopefully sometime in early June or 8/23-24, right before school starts.
- **Scrip:** Heather Baden reported on her research with the Great Lakes scrip program where you can buy gift cards for businesses and receive the full value of what you buy, but the booster club would receive back the percentage kick-back from Great Lakes that they receive from the participating businesses. Becky will check with the District to see how the collection of money and allocation of profits could work and be allocated to each child's applicable band account for application to camp and trip fees. Heather will wait to hear back from Becky before she pursues anything further with Great Lakes scrip.
- **Apparel:** Heather Baden reported on her research into Minnetonka Band apparel. From her research, she found Lands End to be the most flexible and reasonable provider with the best variety and quality for the money. There is a \$95 set up fee for each logo and then people can order their own items, or groups can place group orders (i.e., pep band can order rugby shirts, etc.) Attendees agreed that the booster club could pay the \$95 fee for the logo to be set up with Lands End.
- **Metrodome:** Patti had some information on raising money by working some of the food stands at the Metrodome. Participants can earn \$60 per person for each full event worked. Nancy Rendos will call to follow up further on this possible opportunity.

Public Relations committee:

- **Website:** Dale Blomgren reported on the band boosters website progress. He is waiting for the calendar to be finalized to make any more progress. Dale will add a fund-raising tab to the site when he loads in the calendar.
- **Marching Band:**
 - **Registration:** Patti and Becky will secure a list of 8th graders who are registered for band next year from Miles and they will prepare a mailing to those students to inform them about Marching Band. Mailer should be sent after 4/28 when the marching band section leaders will be visiting MME/MMW to encourage students to sign up for marching band. Heather

Baden agreed to be listed as a contact person on the mailer along with the section leaders. Patti and Sue discussed making follow up phone calls as well.

- Parent Meeting: As discussed during the president's report, all feel it would be a good idea to have a student and parent meeting to inform everyone about the 4 day, overnight band camp. Heather will look through the Eden Prairie handbook and start to prepare one for our camp. She will work on this with Patti and it will be subject to review by Miles and Paul, and then, uploaded to the website.
- Band Camp: 8/13 – 8/17: See previous notes above. In addition, questions were raised about how the money collected for band camp would be handled. Would it go through the district, or through the band booster account? Becky and Patti will discuss this with Miles at their next meeting with him.

Social Committee:

- Band Banquet: Invitations are out. Encourage families and students to sign up and attend.
- Large Group Band Contest: To be held at MHS on 5/5 from 3-8 p.m. Miles has asked for 2-8 volunteers to help direct people and attend to the judges. Miles has also encouraged the band boosters to sell candy and bottled water. Patti will send out a "request for volunteers" for the volunteers via e-mail. Attendees agreed that any proceeds from the sales would be deposited in the booster club account to be used for decorations at the band banquet since there is currently nothing in the budget for that expense.
- Final Concerts: Miles will order the cakes for the final concerts. They are back to back in the same week right after Memorial Day.

Nominating Committee:

Patti mentioned that we really need a Vice President for next year. Becky will continue as Treasurer. Kevin Erickson will be President. Martha Ebner will continue as Secretary. Anyone interested in being Vice-President, please call Patti at 612.221.6234.

Next Meeting and adjournment:

Next meeting is tentatively 5/12 at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.