

MUSTANG BAND BOOSTERS MINUTES

September 10, 2018

I. Call to Order (Gretchen Shearer): 7:05 pm

The meeting was called to order by Gretchen Shearer. Executive Board members in attendance included Gretchen Shearer, Gillian Lewis, Mary Spear, Galinda Tunney, Cheryl Murley, Robert Brandt, Dorothy Daniele, Kelly Wygonski, Christina Coyle, Teri Azzarello, Jenn Bloom, Maria Wooten, Amy Burrows, and Greg Hensel. General Board members in attendance were John Azzarello, Joel Ley and Wendy Ley.

II. Band President's Report (Kaitlin Asta)

Kaitlin was not present to report due to marching band rehearsal.

III. Approval Minutes – Recording Secretary (Gillian Lewis):

Motion for Approval of August 5, 2018 minutes by: Kelly Wygonski

Motion seconded by: John Azzarello

Time of Approval:

IV. President's Report (Gretchen Shearer):

Gretchen started by thanking the following people; Galinda Tunney and the army of volunteers who fed the band this summer, mini-camp, band camp, the family picnic and on at the competition at Lake Park on Saturday. Christina Coyle for keeping an eye on the kids throughout the summer and at the first competition. John Azzarello and John Nolan for the hours that they put into the props and the drum set cart. The Lake Park Pit Crew and Uniform Moms for a great job under pressure Past President Carol Tedeschi, Ann Nank, Lisa and Dan Thiel, and John and Teri Azzarello for their help preparing the senior signs and to all the senior parents who came to help assemble them.

The email meeting results: The board voted unanimously to approve the drum major platform and the senior breakfast (which became a dinner). Gretchen approved additional cost for the lighting for the props (\$810) and \$1200 for a storage unit to generated space before school started. Mr. Hensel is looking into selling and/or disposing some of the old props.

V. Band Director's Report (Greg Hensel for DaJuan Brooks):

Greg reported the following: Marching Mustang season has started and the first competition was completed at Lake Park. He conveyed huge thanks to everyone for the collective effort for us to be successful. 1st in class AA, scores were very tight, we scored very well compared to the top 3 bands.

Rehearsals are typically M/W, however due to stadium availability next rehearsal is Thursday night 6-9, Friday 3:30-5, and then VJ Andrew on Saturday. Marching band will be going back to class AAA this Saturday for the remainder of the year.

Band directors are working on the following items for Music Bowl; working with Jennifer Martinez to find a date for a meeting time. Plan on asking Craig Rosleib to volunteer at the Bowl for scores tabulation. Requests have been made to get a card reader for music bowl admission.

Concert Band Info; Bands are playing well to start the year. Challenging literature for all 4 levels. Fall Concerts take place on Tuesday November 6 (WE Invitational) and Wednesday November 7 (CB, SB, WS) ILMEA Audition Sign-Ups happened in class last week. Auditions are on Tuesday October 2 at Carl Sandburg H.S.

VI. VP of Music Bowl's Report (Kelly Wygonski and Dorothy Daniele):

Kelly reported; The next Music Bowl committee meeting is Thursday September 20, 2018. The school Tax ID number, needed to secure health permit, has been received. There is a total of 22 bands signed up (4A, 7AA,

11AAA), all but 5 have paid. Kelly will follow up with unpaid bands. We are still trying to secure 1 judge; all others are confirmed. Sponsorship for Music Bowl is looking good. Print deadline for program is September 22

VII. Treasurer's Report (Jamie Nolan via email):

Total income for the month of August was \$15,812.29. Major incomes included marching band fees \$9,411, Music Bowl school fees \$2,300.00, and Music Bowl sponsorship \$1,500.00. Expenses for the month of August totaled \$27,032.75. Major expenses included marching band staff \$16,250.00, percussion supplies \$3,317.40, custom wrap for pit trailer \$2,500.00, show props \$1,651.67, student show shirts \$1,455.75. Despite a \$11,220.46 difference between income and expenditure for the month of August the Band Booster account remains in good standing.

VIII. Jazz Report (Glenn Williams via email)

Glenn reported the following: Jazz auditions are complete. This year over 70 students auditioned for jazz bands at South High School, we are thrilled to announce we have three complete big bands. The ensembles are just entering their third full week of rehearsals, and so far, it is clear the school year holds much sonic promise for each of the three ensembles. With three full big bands, this is the largest number of student musicians enrolled in jazz in the history of South High School! Once again for this year, every student who auditioned earned a spot – we were able to proceed without cutting any students!

Both Jazz Ensemble and Jazz Lab Band will perform in the Homecoming Variety Show on Wednesday, September 19, 2018 at 7 PM in the auditorium at South High School.

IX. VP of Ways and Means Report (Amy Burrows):

Amy reported the following: The car wash was an incredible success, bringing in \$1,126.00 for student accounts. Amy thanked Nikole Krughoff for chairing the event. We are still waiting for the total from Cozzi Corner with Car Wash fundraiser - August 4-9. Amy spoke to Wendy at Cozzi Corner today to ask for update.

The Schwann's fundraiser started July 13. For the first 45 days (July 13-August 28), student accounts benefit 20% of orders, after the 45 days student accounts benefit 5% of orders for the next 90 days (August 29-November 28) \$479.00 raised for student accounts so far.

X. VP of Membership (Christina Coyle):

Christina reported that as of today have 128 students in Marching Band all of whom have turned in paperwork. To date \$51,725.00 has been collected in marching band fees. 10 students have dropped out of band which will result in refunds of approximately \$810.00. 86 students have paid in full. Mr. Hensel will begin to reach out to students with outstanding balances owed. All transfers from student accounts for marching band fees have been made

Band Booster dues have been paid by 7 Families

14 students paid for marching shoes however only 4 students needed to have shoes ordered. Refunds need to be issued to those students who did not get new shoes.

Updating of student information in Charms is under way.

XI. VP of Student Accounts Report (Cheryl Murley):

Cheryl reported that there is currently \$11,308.78 in student accounts.

XII. VP Uniforms (Teri Azzarello):

Terri confirmed that only 4 pairs of marching shoes were ordered for the following students Wyatt Bodley Reed, Logan Henderson, Taylor Carrera, and Alex Vlassakeva. All other students who paid for shoes are

owed a refund.

The black gloves that were ordered have been received.

XIII. Co-Ordinator's Report:

Medical Co-Ordinator: (Christina Coyle)

Christina reported: due the intensity of the new program it would be in the best interest of the kids and staff to have a trained medical professional at practice at all times. All Medical Release Forms are now on Google Drive, hard copies will no longer travel with the band as staff has access to them on-line in case of an emergency. A spreadsheet has been created and shared with staff outlining students with allergies, asthma, and other medical concerns. The new medical backpack is working out very well and a new medical toolbox now stays on the bus when the band travels. Smaller first aid bags have been made for each of the busses and to go with the pit during warm ups. These bags contain important medical information including allergy lists and Christina's phone number along with basic medical supplies.

As the marching band program has become more rigorous the need to educate students and possibly parents on proper hydration and nutrition has become evident. To that end Christina hopes to meet with parents and students before band camp next year. Christina suggested making hydration backpacks mandatory for all students next year. A solution for the battery section will need to be found. In an attempt to ensure that the students are eating properly there will be occasions when the band boosters will bring in meals for the students. These meals will be paid for at a small cost to the students.

Equipment Co-Ordinator: (John Azzarello)

John reported; Overall packing and unpacking for the first competition went OK. Both trucks were fully packed from front to back suggesting that we need a second 26 foot truck this will increase the cost of truck rental from \$182.00 to \$234.00. A 15-person team is needed to get all of the pit equipment and instruments onto the field. Props are fully completed, we have paint and some other materials for repairs if needed.

XIV. Misc:

Robert Brandt has suggested setting up a Go Fund Me page to help cover the cost of re-wrapping the marching band trailer and as a possible fundraising opportunity in the future.

XV. Announcements: Next meeting is scheduled for October 1, 2018 at 7:00pm.

XVI. Adjournment: 8:34 pm