

Meeting of the Marlinton Band Boosters

Tuesday, March 12, 7:00 p.m., in the MHS Band Room

Attendance list for this meeting is noted at the end of the minutes.

Booster President Corrie Lanzer called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

Corrie introduced our guest speaker, Jenny, from Custom Fundraising Solutions.

1. The Mattress Fundraiser is coming up on April 13th.
2. The most important item to make this event successful is marketing and getting the word out!
3. These mattresses are all made to order, brand new and available in all price ranges.
4. Shipping is free for mattresses \$599.00 and up. For lower cost mattresses, shipping is \$99.00. They will ship rolled up in a box.
5. All mattresses have a 10-year full replacement value warranty and some have a 20-year warranty.
6. Students write their name on flyers and receive Amazon gift cards for referral purchases.
7. Jenny has flyers and posters available. Marketing the event well is key.

Corrie asked for Committee Reports.

Treasurer's Report: Erin Powers - Treasurer

1. Erin read the Treasurer's Report. It can be found at the end of the minutes.
2. Tri-M has made \$169.50 selling pens.

Concessions Report: Concession Chair – Becky Cobb

1. Track starts April 2.
 - a. Kona Concessions will be selling at Away Side during track meets and operating both sides for the Duke Dash on April 13th. Their menu is typically different than ours.
 - b. Kona provides a percentage donation back to the band.
2. The bus driver rodeo is April 20 at MMS. Boosters will be running concessions for breakfast and lunch. There are 80 participants signed up. There will also be spectators.
3. Becky would like to have a work night on Thursday, March 21st at 6:00 pm to move everything back to outdoor concessions and clean things up. Please bring carts or dollies if you have them.

Fundraising Report: Fundraising Chair – Lisa Wines.

1. Erin commented that fundraising has been going well. We sold all the pillows at the last concert. Lisa is making more.
2. Jalisco's Dine to Donate made \$300.00.
3. April is of course the mattress fundraiser.
4. Lisa is working on a Dine to Donate and Car Wash at BW3 for June. We make good money at the car washes there.
5. Louisville's Band is currently having a text fundraiser. Kathie Miranda had contacted some people about it. Carrie Lane noted baseball did something similar and made \$10,000.00. It's kind of like a Go Fund Me event.
6. Lisa is still working on a Night at the Races for Spring 2025 potentially. Some of the companies she contacted were quite expensive so she was going to talk to Soccer Boosters and see how they handled theirs. It would have to take place off school grounds. Regina Coeli in Alliance allows groups to host these events at their facilities.

7. Becky suggested bundt cakes like Bowling has sold in the past. Lisa will talk to the Bowling Coach. Bowling sold them right before Easter last year and they sold well.

Band Manager's Report: Seth Hunter

1. We still do not have a truck.
2. Lavery allowed us to borrow a brand new truck for the March 9th large group, which was great. It was a very nice vehicle and everyone loved it.

Band Council: Nothing

Old Business:

1. Marching uniforms are being returned to the school tomorrow (March 13). Corrie will be at the school to meet the delivery. This year the process has been much better! The dry cleaning company has a new person in charge and they've been very helpful. They asked Corrie how she wanted items returned so she asked for uniform numbers to be matched to hanger numbers.
 - a. 99% of the spots came out.
 - b. The cleaner suggested cleaning in the fall as soon as marching season is over again next year. This is much better than keeping them in the uniform room for months while they are still dirty.
2. Nominations Committee:
 - a. We need someone to be in charge to make sure we have people nominated for next year's Board. Corrie noted the Board cannot handle this. Last year Felicia handled the nominations but cannot this year.
 - b. Please make sure people being nominated want to run. In the past, people were nominated who did not want to be on the Board.
 - c. Corrie's spot as President needs to be filled but all positions must be re-elected. Mr. Pendergast noted the other 3 Board members are willing to be re-elected. Mr. Pendergast works well with Corrie as she understands how things work. Corrie can also answer questions.
 - d. Nominations need to be made at the April 9th meeting.
 - e. Voting for Board members needs to take place at the May Booster Meeting.
 - f. The New Board will be formally announced at the Band Banquet on May 25th.

New Business:

1. New shirt designs were discussed by Felicia.
 - a. She and Betsy have been working on new more universally appealing shirts which can be sold to all band supporters, not just shirts relevant to current band students. Currently we are looking at:
 - Peace-Love-M with the M being our duke dude logo.
 - It's a Duke Band Thing with a musical staff with notes. This would also have our duke dude M.
 - b. We are also looking at a more masculine idea.
 - c. We want to be able to sell these at the May concert as well as at concessions and other events.
 - c. Corrie asked for input and there was unanimous agreement to move forward. Mr. Pendergast will give final authorization of designs before they go to print.
2. The Community Service Seal was discussed by Betsy.
 - a. High school students who complete 30 hours of volunteer work within the school and/or community are eligible to get the Community Service Seal on their MHS diploma.

- b. Because we give students a free band banquet ticket for volunteering at two concessions events, these first two events would not be eligible for the community service hours. Concessions events beyond the free ticket would be eligible. Flag routes would also be eligible hours.
- c. Corrie noted students will need to approach either Mr. Pendergast or a Board member about getting their hours. We will be working on a sign-in sheet for Spring Concessions similar to the one we used for Indoor Concessions.

Important Upcoming Dates

Concessions Work Evening – March 21, 6:00 pm

Mattress Fundraiser – **April 13**

- A student helper sign-up will be posted after the musical is over.

Bus Driver Rodeo – April 20

- A sign-up will be posted soon for any interested helpers.

Planning Meeting – April 30

- This is planning for the band banquet, parades and picnic in between the parades. 7:00 pm at Panera. (Please let a Board member know if you are coming so we have enough table space.)

Band Concert – May 14 –

- Meeting for new marcher parents before concert at 6:15 pm. Corrie and Betsy will handle this meeting, same as last year. Corrie asked Mr. P to please secure a room for the meeting.

Cedar Point – May 24

Band Banquet – May 25

Parades and Picnic – May 27

MDM New Marchers Practice Starts – July 15

MDM Full Band – July 17

Mandatory Band Camp – August 11-16

- Band camp will be Sunday to Friday this year since we do not have a football game on 8/16.

Director's Report: Mr. Pendergast

1. The kids did a fantastic job at Large Group. He is very proud of them.
2. Mr. Pendergast discussed the upcoming Permanent Improvement Levy.
 - a. Permanent improvement monies cannot be used for salaries. They must be used for items that last at least 5 years and will benefit students. Examples are parking lot paving and roof repairs/replacement. It cannot be used for building a new consolidated elementary.
 - b. Fine Arts is listed under Tier 2 improvements, which is great! A set of timpani drums is an example of what the band could get from permanent improvement monies. (Our timpani are over 50 years old.)
 - c. The levy cost for each household is based on the Stark County Auditor's value, not the Zillow value.
 - d. Discussion took place regarding Booster support for the Levy and it was brought to a vote. Motion by Angie Fox. Second by Mike Fox. Levy support will be posted to the Booster page by Corrie.
3. Cedar Point is scheduled for May 24th.
 - a. We will take part in the parade as soon as we get there in the morning. Participation in events like this is not required but we must have enough students involved to be able to perform.
 - b. Cost of the trip will come out after the musical.
4. A New York trip is still in the works for next year. Mr. Pendergast is working on more information.

- a. Just as in Cedar Point and Florida, participation is not required but we must have enough kids to be able to perform.
 - b. Once you commit to the trip, you have to pay even if your student does not go. This includes if they get suspended from school.
 - c. Any student failing a class will not be permitted to go. Doing homework on the trip is not an option this time. In Florida, students had to sit with Mr. Pendergast or another chaperone and do homework. There will be no place to do that in New York.
5. Band Camp will be Sunday to Friday, August 11-16, this year. In the past, it was always Sunday-Friday but we could not the last two years because of the football schedule. Our first football game this year is not until August 23rd. This extra day is very important for show prep.
 6. For the Spring Concert, Mr P plans to have a little fun. Does anyone have a big shepherd's hook he can borrow? Lisa does. Carrie does too.
 7. Next year's Competition Show (Show 1's) theme is Dreams.
 - a. We will be performing:
 - Middletown Dream - Rush
 - Nightmare - Avenged Sevenfold (No Lyrics!)
 - Sweet Dreams (Are Made of This) – Sucker Punch version
 - b. There will be voice overs and he will be adding tech. The middle school director from Nordonia will be helping develop our sound system.
 - c. The date for a prop work day will be set but is currently undetermined.
 - d. Our show will cost approximately \$1,800.00. A typical competition show can cost \$3,000-\$5,000.00.
 - e. Show 2 has not been determined yet.

Closing:

The next booster meeting will be Tuesday, April 9th, 7:00 p.m. in the MHS Band Room.

Corrie Lanzer thanked everyone for attending and adjourned the meeting at 7:52 p.m.

In Attendance:

Bret Pendergast, Band Director

Corrie Lanzer, President

Felicia Collins, Vice President

Betsy Libby, Secretary

Erin Powers, Treasurer

Seth Hunter, Band Manager

Brandy Chamberlain

Becky Cobb

Angela Cole

Justin Collins

Mike and Angie Fox

Michelle Hosmer

Carrie Lane

Lisa Wines

Students

Emma Byers

Westen Speakman
Mia Vigliotti

Treasurer's Report – February 9, 2024 – March 9, 2024

Band Checking Beginning Balance: \$ 17,252.11

Deposits:

- \$ 3,141.00 Concessions
- \$ 1,176.50 Pepperoni Roll Fundraiser
- \$ 264.00 Concert Wear Payments
- \$ 300.00 Jalisco's Fundraiser
- \$ 96.00 Donation Drum from March 5 Concert
- \$ 325.00 MDM Pillows
- \$ 125.00 Tips from Indoor Concessions
- \$ 337.50 Benevity – Kohl's Cares from Pasta Dinner
- \$ 245.00 Missing Check
- \$ 6,010.00 Deposits Total

Expenses:

- \$ 1,166.01 Concessions
- \$ 325.00 Large Group and Medals
- \$ 107.50 Concertwear
- \$ 94.80 Taylor Band - Reeds
- \$ 80.06 Miscellaneous
- \$ 1,773.37 Expenses Total

Band Checking Ending Balance: \$ 21,488.74

Band Savings
Ending Balance: \$ 8,072.59

Band Council
Starting Balance: \$ 1,227.22
+ \$ 169.50 Tri-M Pens
Ending Balance: \$ 1,396.72

Total Ending Balance all Accounts: \$ 30,958.05

-End of Minutes for March 12, 2024.-

Minutes submitted by Betsy Libby, 03.15.2024