

## **Meeting of the Marlinton Band Boosters**

Tuesday, October 17, 2023, 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 7:00 p.m.**

**Corrie asked for Committee Reports.**

### **Treasurer's Report: Erin Powers**

1. Erin read the Treasurer's Report. It can be found at the end of the minutes.

### **Concessions Report: Concession Chair – Felicia Collins**

1. Concessions have been good. There is a big game coming up on Friday the 20<sup>th</sup>, Senior Night. April and Randy will go over to the Away Side at Halftime so the Senior parents can leave. We will need extra help during 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter to serve band kids and the MMS marchers. Angela Cole noted her parents can help.
2. There's an upcoming 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> grade game on the 19<sup>th</sup>. Band kids can help!
3. There will be a Bake Sale for Senior Night. It will be donation based. Lisa will run the table.
4. Felicia still needs a replacement for next year. She will stay on to help and train but she wants to be able to watch the band during Killian's senior year. Felicia and Pam had a good working partnership which can be passed down. Felicia would like to start training the next person during basketball and wrestling season. Corrie noted Felicia and Betsy ran almost all of indoor concessions last year. 1-2 adults and 2 band kids works for most basketball games. Band kids get free band banquet for working two games.
5. After the last game, everything from outside needs to be moved inside. Day and time to be determined.
6. Corrie will check on band water for this coming Friday and Saturday. Angie needs band water for the away side.

### **Fundraising Report: Fundraising Chair – Lisa (Wines) Ammon was absent, Report by Corrie Lanzer**

1. The popcorn fundraiser went very well. The band made approximately \$4,300.00.
2. The next Dine to Donate is November 7<sup>th</sup> at Chipotle.
3. Frosty's is December 2<sup>nd</sup>. Carrie Lane will check to see if Choir is doing it. Band and Choir typically alternate years and it is Choir's turn.
4. January 20 is the pasta dinner. We will try to repeat last year which worked out well.
5. Pepperoni roll fundraiser is at the end of January.
6. Corrie will talk to Jalisco's about a Dine to Donate in February or March.

### **Band Manager's Report: Seth Hunter**

1. Seth has researched storage containers. He contacted a company from Cleveland regarding a 40' storage container. It is 10-15 years old, used, but wind and watertight. Price is \$2,650.00 including delivery. The truck needs a 120' straight driveway to deliver. We can get it in 5-10 business days. Seth still needs to confirm a final location with Mr. Swisher but it would likely go at the top end of the practice field. The amount of required ground prep is unknown at this time. A 40' container could also likely allow our prop trailer to be stored inside out of the weather. Sophia asked if we would be the only group using it. Yes. Seth noted it's going to be ugly but we can paint it. It will have a swinging door with a lock. Mr. Pendergast noted we have an indoor storage problem. Currently much of prop equipment is stored on the stage, new and

old. The ramps are an example of prop equipment we want to keep but don't have a place to store. Our equipment is in the way of others using the stage so it's a constant situation of moving things around. Corrie noted if we had a permanent home for equipment, we would be able to keep a better inventory too and not potentially repurchase what we already own. Seth talked about getting shelving for storing smaller items. Mr. Pendergast noted we can leave our raincoat rack on the stage. It's fine there, except during the musical, but we move it into the band room temporarily at that time. Betsy noted ideally we would get the storage container before it starts to snow. We don't want to be tracking snow and water in when filling it.

**Band Council Report: Mia Vigliotti**

Nothing to Report

**Old Business:**

1. The Board of Education has approved \$30,000.00 towards the purchase of a new vehicle. We have to pay \$10,000.00 a year for three years. While the school owns more of it than we do, it will be available for others to use but the band will have first dibs. Corrie stressed it belongs to the band but others will be able to use it in case of emergency. We cannot buy a van because we cannot use a van to transport students. It will be a Suburban with a towing package. We can use it to transport chaperones and prop help, as well as haul students when needed. It will be covered by the School's insurance. We can get it wrapped.
2. The 501(c)(3) has been reinstated. Many thanks to Erin for getting this done! We had to pay \$600 in fees to become current again. Our status was revoked twice, back to back, so it's miraculous we got it back. Erin will show her successor what to do to keep us up to date. The Booster By-Laws have also been amended to reflect that maintaining the 501(c)(3) is a part of the Treasurer's job. We will now be able to issue a tax donation letter to Ohio Gratings for donating the scaffolding.
  - a. We will not have to pay the \$600 again as long as we keep current.
  - b. There's a postcard version of sending in the required forms.
  - c. Erin has to complete the 990 forms. Becky Cobb recommended someone Erin could talk to who may be able to assist.
  - d. We can now reply to Benevity for Kohl's Cares help. Betsy and Erin are working on it now.
3. Concert wear fittings start October 31 and November 1. Mr. Pendergast will send home order forms for shirts and shoes. It's basically a white tuxedo shirt. Corrie and Felicia will do the fittings. Corrie asked that all parents make sure their kids know what size shoes they wear. It will take approximately two weeks to do the fittings during 10<sup>th</sup> period. Any help is appreciated.

**New Business:**

1. We have been having issues with the Show Shirt supplier.
2. Some of the raincoats have broken zippers. There are additional raincoats in storage. We need to go through what we have and pull ones that don't zip.
3. There is an upcoming benefit for Pam at Deerfield City Hall, 3-7 pm on the 29<sup>th</sup>. There will be a catered meal with proceeds to Pam's family. MDM will be collecting gift cards for a raffle basket and cash for the family. Turn cash or gift cards into Betsy or Erin.
4. Rotary flags need to come in after Veteran's day.

### **Director's Report: Mr. Pendergast**

1. This Friday, MMS 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders will get to play at the game. They will be performing Sweet Caroline and a song by Smash Mouth. MDM will be doing Show songs 1 and 2, possibly 3 depending on the amount of time.
2. New Philadelphia this Saturday is MDM's last chance to qualify for State. Open dates are still available for Medina and Dayton, two weekends from New Philly. If we go to Dayton, that will most likely require charter buses. If MDM qualifies, they will be doing (2) 1.5 hour practices a week for the two weeks leading up to State. Someone needs to hold an umbrella over the iPad's touch screen if it rains. The rain messed with Mr. P's ability to operate the iPad at Meadowbrook. Carrie and April both noted it was hard to hear what was coming from the speakers during the show. Mr. P said the effects software has caused some issues and that learning to use the software is a big learning curve. The keyboard has also caused some issues. Closing the laptop on the keyboard cart cuts off the iPad which was also a problem. Today both speakers worked well. Mr. P noted it's a learning curve issue, not an equipment problem. Carrie asked about the microphone volume. It was noted wind can become an issue. Mr. P said the equipment we have been purchasing will serve MDM well for the future. It can be expanded upon and is cost effective. The big battery has been a huge help.
3. Becky asked if we could use a donated lawn tractor or golf cart next year to haul props. The answer is yes and no. The issue is we don't have room for either inside our trailers. Also, while you can usually use something to pull pit equipment, some schools won't allow it. If we haul the timpani, that takes up a lot of our trailer space. Sophia asked if we are limited to the number of trailers? No. It is however better to have bigger trailers rather than adding more smaller trailers. Seth noted the white trailer is old and wearing out. A new trailer will be \$30,000.00.
4. We've spent a lot of our booster money since Covid on upgrades. Angela asked how many new uniforms did we purchase? 75. We have room for the band to grow. There won't be as many 8<sup>th</sup> graders (incoming freshmen) coming up, but there will be new 8<sup>th</sup> grade marchers next year.
5. MMS students just wear black and white during concert season, not formal concert wear like MHS.
6. Concert season starts October 23<sup>rd</sup>.

### **Miscellaneous Items:**

1. Seth asked if we could do a big ticket item raffle, like the gun raffle Little Dukes just did. There are rules to doing something like that and it can't take place on school property. Bingo was also discussed. A lot of money can be made but it requires a lot of coordination and commitment by parents. What about raffling a side of beef? Randy and April know someone who might be willing to donate.
2. Why don't we have a Marlinton Band Competition like Marlinton used to have? Mr. P noted it could be done but there would have to be a lot of parent help (30-50 people). All band students would have to be there for the entire day. We would need to recruit sponsors to pay for trophies, band entry fees, etc. There can be no other events at the school that day. Parking and warm-up areas would have to be addressed. Mr. P is all for it but it requires significant commitment. OMEA would be happy for MHS to host because of our location. The only early season competitions close by are in Louisville and Akron. Becky noted she would be willing to talk to alumni and possibly form a committee.
3. Craig asked about hosting a golf event.

### **Closing:**

**The next booster meeting will be Monday, November 6th, 7:00 p.m. in the MHS Band Room.  
(Tuesday 11/7 is Election Day.)**

**Corrie Lanzer thanked everyone for attending and adjourned the meeting at 8:17 p.m.**

**In Attendance:**

**Bret Pendergast, Band Director**

**Corrie Lanzer, President**

**Felicia Collins, Vice President**

**Betsy Libby, Secretary**

**Eric Powers, Treasurer**

**Seth Hunter, Band Manager**

Brandy Chamberlain

Becky Cobb

Craig Cobb

Angela Cole

Angie Fox

Carol Hartzell

Devon Hoopes

Michelle Hosmer

Randy and April Knisley

Carrie Lane

**Students and Band Council:**

Sophia Vigliotti

Mia Vigliotti

**Treasurer's Report – September 6, 2023 – October 6, 2023**

<b>Band Checking <u>Beginning Balance:</u></b>	<b>\$ 13,011.29</b>
<b>Deposits:</b>	\$ 1,361.50 Band Camp Fees
	\$ 1,294.00 Donations
	\$ 8,091.50 Concessions
	\$ 2,117.00 Show Shirts
	\$ 4,006.90 Fundraisers (Popcorn + BW3)
	<u>\$ 137.00 Food/Pizza Money</u>
	\$ 17,007.90 Deposits Total
<b>Expenses:</b>	\$ 2,823.01 Concessions
	\$ 482.00 Uniforms
	\$ 656.00 Trailer License and 1023 Form
	\$ 159.26 Supplies
	\$ 191.03 Subs/Game Food
	\$ 1,455.00 Show Shirts
	<u>\$ 13,676.00 Band Camp</u>
	\$ 19,442.30 Expenses Total
<b>Band Checking <u>Ending Balance:</u></b>	<b>\$ 10,576.89</b>
<b>Band Savings</b>	
<u>Ending Balance:</u>	<b>\$ 4,072.43</b>
<b>Band Council</b>	
<u>Ending Balance:</u>	<b>\$ 1,216.68</b>
<b><u>Total Ending Balance all Accounts:</u></b>	<b>\$ 15,866.00</b>

**-End of Minutes for October 17, 2023.-**

Minutes submitted by Betsy Libby, 12.08.2023