

Meeting of the Marlinton Band Boosters

Tuesday, August 9, 2022, 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 7:04 pm.

Corrie was pleased to welcome and introduce Superintendent Dan Swisher.

The last booster meeting was on May 10, 2022. The minutes may be found on the band website, under the Booster tab.

Corrie introduced the Executive Board.

Treasurer's Report: Pam Greer

The Treasurer's Report was read aloud and can be found at the end of the minutes.

The Chipotle Fundraiser brought in \$529. Thank you to all who supported this effort! This item was just received and has not been added to the treasurer's report.

The new uniforms are ordered. Corrie stressed that the students must take care of them and thanked the seniors in the room, Jack, Lauren, Marta and Hunter, for pushing the uniforms.

Concessions Report: Concession Chair – Pam Greer

Pam noted she is transitioning concessions to Felicia Collins. They have been working together for several months. A notebook is being developed that will allow concessions helpers to know what tasks need done and how to do them with checklists, etc.

The first concession date is August 20th at 10:00 a.m., which is the first Saturday following band camp. There is a sign-up on the band website. It's a JV game. Helpers needed!

Pam and Corrie explained concessions work. There are both food workers and cash handlers. Younger siblings can work as drink runners in concessions and are welcome to help. Corrie noted even if you can only help for an hour, please do so. More workers equals faster service and more sales. Concession sales are critical to funding the band!

The Home Side needs 8-10 workers and Away Side needs 6-7. Angie and Mike Fox manage the Visitors'/Away concessions and were introduced.

Some games require additional help. For Senior Night, senior parents need the night off! Lauren noted we can apply for Kohl's Cares for Concessions. There is no limit to how many events Kohl's Cares can assist with in a year. Corrie noted Kohl's has been extremely helpful for past events such as the band banquet and is grateful for the program.

The Pizza Hut contract was discussed.

The band is under contract to purchase Pepsi products. We can order from Pepsi, pay online and have products delivered. It's a good system.

Arby's sandwiches will be sold at some games. They are profitable. Corrie has already furnished the football schedule to Arby's.

Chick fil-A will be sold for Homecoming or Senior Night. If anyone works in Canton and is available to pick up Chick fil-A sandwiches between 4:30-5:00 pm and bring them to the stadium, please let Corrie know.

Band Manager's Report: JJ Ramirez

JJ asked if the gray equipment trailer can be emptied so Paul Haywood may take it home and sweep it prior to band camp. Yes. Can equipment go in the auditorium? Yes. Students will assist Wednesday afternoon. Paul will pick it up tomorrow, August 10th, and return it Friday, August 12th.

Sarchione sold the truck MDM used to pull the trailer in the Fireman's Parade. They will provide a different vehicle for the Carnation Parade.

A new battery has been ordered for the trailer.

JJ was asked to explain the needed trailer repair.

The estimate the band received is to replace the hinge on the bottom of the door. It's still ok but eventually will need to be replaced before it completely comes apart. Seth Hunter told JJ the frame on the trailer looks good. Seth will be going over the whole trailer to be sure everything is ok with it.

Prop Report: Prop Chair – Betsy Libby

Corrie noted the band needs prop helpers! We need at least 15 parents to move equipment at all shows and some football games. Middle school and older kids can also help. The ramps and platform will require strong helpers to move them, at least 8 people.

Betsy explained how the ramps and platform will work. Paul donated a chandelier for the competition show. Jamie Evans will see if her father can place it upside down on a mounting pole.

Other Committees and Open Chair Positions:

The band needs Chairmen and Committee Members for:

- Fundraising – Handles fundraising events for the band outside of concessions.
- Special Affairs - Handles events like the band banquet.
- Nominating Committee – This is a parent led function that would ideally start at the end of marching band season. Executive Board members cannot be on the Nominating Committee.
- General Assistance – Handles all types of general needs not covered by the other committee.

Band Council Report: Council President – Jack Ramirez

The Band Council and Section Leaders are working on a reward system for people who fill up their sticker charts.

Band Council has also been talking to Mr. Pendergast regarding activities during band camp. Council needs to take a supply inventory of candles, makeup, cotton balls, etc. and make sure the supplies get put on the trailer. They have eight bowls if anyone needs them.

Field Commander's Report: Marta Miranda

Everything is good.

Corrie noted the energy level among the band this year is great!!!

Old Business:

Uniform Report: Uniforms are in progress. They've had to re-order and adjust some pants. Corrie has been lengthening straps. Pam and Felicia have been handling a lot of the uniform work.

Sign-Up Sheets: Links for all the sign-ups are on the band website homepage. Paper copies were available at the meeting.

New Business:

Band Camp:

Band camp is where the band becomes a solidified group with a common goal!

Rocky Layne was introduced. He is a trauma certified nurse who will be spending the week at camp.

Jennifer Hegenderler is an RN who will also be spending a portion of the week.

When medication is sent with your child, it needs to be in the original pharmacy container clearly labeled with their name and placed inside a ziplock bag, also labeled with their name. OTC medications also need labeled this way. Mr. Pendergast noted the band will have Tylenol, etc. with them in the med bag. Medication forms were explained.

Pam and Kathie will be staying overnight with the girls. Rocky, JJ and JJ's ukulele will be staying overnight with the boys.

Parent volunteers are needed for camp. They may work on props or assist in other ways.

Cell service is very limited!

The band will be departing on Sunday, August 14th at approximately 2:00 p.m. and returning Thursday, August 18th at approximately 5:00 p.m. The band will not be eating dinner at camp on Thursday.

Expect your child to return from camp tired and hungry. Lauren asked that you not serve them potatoes when they get home. :-)

They will have eaten far too many at camp.

Camp Fees: Corrie noted while we need the money soon, please make payments if you are unable to pay for camp in a lump sum. The band is working on an invoicing system for various fees. Pam asked that all payments be placed in an envelope with your child's name on the envelope and on the memo line of your check.

BAGS WILL BE SEARCHED BEFORE THEY ARE LOADED! This is for everyone's protection! Parents are asked to remind their students of this ahead of time. Ideally, the boys' bags will be searched by men and girls' bags will be searched by women. A suggested packing list was sent home with students.

Fundraising:

The popcorn fundraiser is being planned again for this school year. It was quite successful last year.

There is a new MDM shirt design being proposed, also for fundraising. Felicia had copies of the two designs. An informal vote was held. Peace-Love-MDM was selected.

Mr. Pendergast asked that these shirts go on the Big Kahuna order form, along with the show shirts.

Show shirts were explained. These shirts are mementoes of the current season, feature graphics from the show and have the kids' names on the back. A Google order form will be coming out soon which has show shirts as well as gloves, hats, beanies, parent t-shirts, etc.

Director's Report: Mr. Pendergast

The band is basically four (4) weeks away from their first competition (September 17th in Louisville.) The band will have four (4) opportunities to qualify for State. The State Competition time and location are based on when a band qualifies, so the earlier we qualify, the more choice we have. For anyone who does not know, the band has 15 minutes to get on, perform and get off the field before penalties begin.

The band is currently working on Second Show, Song 3, for football games. They will start learning the Competition Show next.

The students have been working very hard. It's a lot of memorizing of both music and drills. It's difficult to get back to Pre-Covid days.

The Florida Survey has been posted on both the Band Website and Facebook page, which is Marlinton Instrumental Music. There has been positive feedback. If the band goes, we would be going with the choir by tour bus. Mr. Pendergast is working with the travel company to get more concrete information. Because of size, the band would perform in Disney's Morning Parade. There will be 1 or 2 performances. The next step is Commitment Forms. Once Commitment Forms are returned, your student is committed to the trip. The band must have proper instrumentation to go. As an example, if only one cymbal player signs up for the whole percussion section, the band will not be going.

The Remind System sign-up is important. Mr. Pendergast urged anyone not already signed up to please do so. He sends out Remind texts for events, particularly what time students will be ready for pick-up after football games and competitions, as return times can be unpredictable.

The August Newsletter should have already come home with students. There is a link to all newsletters on the Media Page of the band website.

Group and Individual band photos will be taken on Friday, August 12th. These forms should have also arrived home. Lauren asked about banner pictures for seniors on Thursday, the 11th. Mr. Pendergast will confirm the details.

Ready To Go (RTG) was explained. Ready to Go is the time the bus is leaving. A student who needs hair braided and/or complex instrument prep will need to arrive earlier in order to be ready to go on time. School doors will be open several hours before most events.

The Stark County Fair Performance is Tuesday evening, August 30th, time yet to be determined. Because the fair's performance area is so different from a football field, the band will practice at the fairgrounds the previous Thursday. Band students who have 4H projects are asked to coordinate with Mr. Pendergast. They may take their uniforms home, in a garment bag, and change at the fair. Cora Wines is a seasoned veteran at this. Students may want to ask her or her mother for details.

*Mr. Swisher asked to be notified of the band's fair performance time.

The next booster meeting will be Tuesday, September 13th, 7:00 p.m. in the MHS Band Room.

Corrie Lanzer adjourned the meeting at 8:04 p.m.

In Attendance:

Superintendent Dan Swisher

Bret Pendergast, Band Director

Corrie Lanzer, Booster President, presided over the meeting.

Kathie Miranda, Vice President

Betsy Libby, Secretary

Pam Greer, Treasurer

JJ Ramirez, Band Manager

Rocky and Summer Layne

Michelle Speakman

Felicia Collins

Jamie Evans

Angie and Mike Fox

Jackie Ramirez

Erin Powers

Paul Haywood

Carrie Lane

Lisa Wines

Mike Majoris

Students and Band Council:

Jack Ramirez

Marta Miranda

Lauren Price

Cora Wines

Hunter Evans

Treasurer's Report:

Band Checking <u>Beginning Balance:</u>	\$10,883.35
Expenses:	
Tri-M Membership	\$ 100.00
Concessions	\$ 740.55
Cedar Point	\$ 1,698.30
Senior Gift	\$ 215.00
Stamps	\$ 23.20
Banquet	\$ 800.74
Scholarship	\$ 500.00
Lavery	\$ 1,375.00
Uniforms	\$ 4,890.75
Awards	\$ 746.84
DCI	<u>\$ 680.90</u>
<i>Subtotal</i>	\$11,771.28
Deposits:	
Amazon Smiles	\$ 34.40
Senior Gift	\$ 215.00
Cedar Point	\$ 1,301.00
Banquet	\$ 885.00
Concessions	\$ 1,230.00
Donation	\$ 400.00
Rotary	\$ 189.00
Band Camp Fees	<u>\$ 8,141.00</u>
<i>Subtotal</i>	\$12,395.40
Band Checking <u>Ending Balance:</u>	\$11,507.47
Band Savings <u>Beginning Balance:</u>	\$11,521.46
Interest	<u>\$ 0.04</u>
Band Savings <u>Ending Balance:</u>	\$11,521.50
Band Council <u>Beginning Balance:</u>	\$ 2,977.87
Interest	<u>\$ 0.07</u>
Band Council <u>Ending Balance</u>	\$ 2,977.94
<u>Total:</u>	\$26,006.91

-End of Minutes for August 9, 2022.-

Minutes submitted by Betsy Libby, .08.16.2022.