

Millard West Band Boosters
Minutes
March 22, 2010

Call to order – 7:00 pm

Introductions

Those in attendance included: Darrell Stohs, Jim & Carla Farley, Brooke Erickson, Connie VanBlair, Teresa Kosalka, LaVon Wells, Bev Bogatz, Naomi Hodgson, Dan & Lorrie Kurfman, Rick & Mitzi Magsam, Sue Bruening, Karen Collins, Pam Gaare, John Keith, and Kent Krause.

Secretary's Report

- Karen Collins filling in tonight
- Darrell Stohs motioned to approve the minutes from the February meeting
- seconded by Jim Farley
- Motion approved by membership

Committee Reports

- Most chair spots are filled for the next school year and we are thankful for all the great volunteers that have stepped up to fill the spots
- If you would still like to be included – let Lorrie Kurfman know as soon as possible

Band-Aid – Bev Bogatz

- We are still accepting money if people want to make tax-deductible donations yet this school year

Cans for the Band

- Always the third weekend of the month (mark your calendars!)
- not always in the same location at the school, so you may need to look for it
- If you miss the drop-off time at school, you can take them directly to the location down in Old Millard and tell them the cans are for the MW Band boosters and we still get credit

Concession Stands – Teresa Kosalka

- She has been in touch with the gal in charge and trying to get early notification/details for extra Civic spots
- When beer is served, only adults are to be working those spots
- We are hoping to find out our CWS spots and details soon

Band Booster Officers – Lorrie Kurfman

- We are still filling some of the positions for the 2010/2011 leadership spots
- With all the great volunteers in place, serving as President should be a fairly easy duty
- Please contact Mr. Keith or another officer if you are willing to serve
- We will vote on the officers at the April 19 meeting and must have the slate filled 2 weeks prior, so please step up soon to serve
- Brooke Erickson moved that we accept the current slate of officers
- Sue Bruening seconded it
- Motion approved by membership.

Directors Report – John Keith

Upcoming Events

- Color Guard tryouts have been held. We have a group of 15 quality gals selected – They would actually like 3 more, but this is great.
- The Jazz Concert is coming up on the 25th of March.
- Four band members will be participating in the Music Honors Recital on March 30 at 7 pm with talented musicians from the other music departments.
- The concert and symphonic bands will be performing early in the evening at the Bellevue West Concert Band Festival on March 30 also. They will be back before 7 pm to go to the Honors Recital, if desired. The date was changed from April 1 due to Maundy Thursday.
- We will not be participating in the NSBA Concert Band Festival on April 17 as originally scheduled. Millard West Prom is that evening.
- District Music Contest is at Westside this year. It is hard to find a host site as no one wants to close down their school for a day to host. Small groups are on the evening of April 21st, large groups on the evenings of the 22nd and 23rd, all jazz bands on Friday evening April 23rd, and then individuals compete on Saturday, the 24th.

Funding

- We are very short on money right now and will end the year with less than \$500 in our account.
- We will need to bring in money soon in order to pay for our fall show, music, etc.

Big Fall Events

NSBA Marching Contest

- We won the bid to host the state competition this fall
- The three Millard schools will be working together to host it at Beull Stadium on Oct 23
- Each school should make \$2-3,000 to put into their school activities account
- As host schools, our three bands will automatically perform last – after 8 pm
- Some new things this fall:
Bands will be tiered based on scores from last year with bands with lowest scores going first and those with higher scores going later.
It will not be just a festival this year, but rather trying it as a competition with 1st, 2nd, 3rd rankings placed.

Millard West Band Competition

- We are hoping to host our own competition at Beull Stadium on Sept 18
- Both Keith and Krause helped with marching competitions at past schools and are excited to give it a try.
- We may not make much money the first year, but can down the road if it becomes popular.
- As hosts, we would only be an exhibition band and not compete.

March-A-Thon

- We are planning to do one again this year as it went over so well last fall
- Tentative date is Aug 21st
- We will plan a new route this year, so as to reach other people
- We hope to make more monies this year doing lawn concerts and other special requests

Fall Competitions:

- Sept 18 hosting our new competition
- Sept 25 – Sioux City, but that is Home Coming at Millard West
- Oct 2 to Sioux Falls
- Oct 9 at a competition in IA?

- Oct 16 is OMI
- Oct 23 is State at Beull

After not being able to get charter buses for one of our events last fall, Mr. Keith has already reserved busses for the band for Sept 25, Oct 2, and Oct 9.

Calendar for 2010-2011:

The various school groups have not met with the administration yet to finalize all the calendars, but as of now, here are some important dates:

Week of July 19	Freshmen Band Camp
July 19	Leadership Retreat
Week of July 26	Varsity Band Camp
July 19, 20, 22	Varsity Band Rehearsals
July 23	Mass Band practice

Possible changes for band in the upcoming school year:

Bring back a Freshmen Marching Band Show

- It is simple and fun, yet really helps them be more prepared to join with the varsity band the next year.

Pep Band will not be required for all students.

- Only kids who enjoy it and want to be there will sign up and attend rehearsals and games.
- May come up with a special pep band shirt or jersey

Freshmen will not participate in the February concert

- This will allow them to spend more time preparing for the Elkhorn Band Olympics

Treasurer's Report – Naomi Hodgson

- The IRS has been in contact with our band booster organization saying that we owe over \$5000 in back taxes and they are putting a levy on our accounts. The IRS and other groups made some mistakes, we were not involved, and there is a lot of confusion on the whole matter. Lorrie, Naomi, Mr. Keith and others have been dealing with lots of hassle over this whole mistake. As of now, they cannot find any involvement on our part at all and the burden of proof is on the IRS now.
- Teresa Kosalka motioned to approve the treasurers report
- seconded by Mitzi Magsam
- Motion approved by membership

Motion to adjourn at 8:30 by Teresa Kosalka, seconded by Dan Kurfman