

Millard West Band Boosters
Minutes
May 17, 2010

Call to order – 7:00 pm by President, Lorrie Kurfman

Attendance:

Those in attendance included: Teresa Kosalka, Mark and Tracy Neidig, Carla & Jim Farley, Tracy & John Keith, Bev Bogatz, Sharon Bebout, Connie VanBlair, Sue Milius, Darrell Stohs, Sue Bruening, Mitzi & Rick Magsam, Dan & Lorrie Kurfman, Dave & Anne Skinner, Pam Gaare, Naomi Hodgson, Pam Wendt, Kent Krause, and Karen Collins.

Secretary's Report - Karen Collins filling in tonight

- Darrell Stohs motioned to approve the minutes from the April meeting
- seconded by Carla Farley
- Motion approved by membership

Treasurer's Report – Naomi Hodgson

- Cans for the Band is such easy money. We need for everyone to be involved in the effort and ask your friends to save their cans for us too.
- Our ending balance as of tonight is \$2,284.20
- Teresa Kosalka motioned to approve the treasurer's report
- seconded by Anne Skinner
- Motion approved by membership
- We would like to thank Naomi Hodgson for her many years of service to the band.

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. We are still looking for persons to head up Winter Bash (the dance) and the water tents for freshmen band camp (mornings).

Concession Stands – Teresa Kosalka

- She has been in touch with the gal in charge at Center Plate and they are very generous with all the events they are offering us. We still need a few more adult managers to fill our shifts. Even if you've never worked as a manager there before, you can sign up to do so – as long as the person you manage with has done it before.
- Things are almost set to go for people to begin signing up to fill the spots to work. An email will come out soon explaining to everyone how to go to the website and sign up for as many shifts as possible. Working concessions is a lot of a fun and is a big money-maker for the boosters so we'd like everyone to be involved.
- As in the past, kids must be 16+ years of age to work the booth. Workers are to wear long tan shorts and a t-shirt, and we will get a blue covershirt and visor when we check in at Rosenblatt at the time of our shifts. You must show up for any shift you sign up to work.
- The College World Series games are our busy booths and we have two games most days from June 18 – 30th.
- We have concessions to work on June 11, July 2&3, July 9, and July 24.
- Sept 2 is the last ever game at Rosenblatt, so they are expecting a huge crowd. They are calling it Thirsty Thursday and we will need a lot of adults to work that booth.

Spirit Wear – Connie VanBlair and Pam Gaare

- We currently have very few clothing items (16 polos, no tshirts, no jackets, etc) and would like to have more on hand so the freshmen band parents are able to have MW clothing and support the band from the very beginning.
- According to Mr. Keith, we need to save our very limited funds we do have in our accounts to pay for our fall show.
- It was suggested that we that the chairs and directors meet to come up with an order form of items to be distributed to families this summer for them to place orders. We will also have items on display and collect payments/orders at the celebration supper at the end of band camp – so things can be back in before the Millard Days parade.
- Membership is to let Connie or Pam know if they have any suggestions for promotional items to sell. Lorrie suggested looking into stadium seats with MW on them, if no other group at Millard West is selling them.

Band Camps

- Freshmen Band Camp is the week of July 19, and Varsity Camp is 26-30th.
- We will need adults to sign up to help with the water tent during rehearsals.
- We will also need talented volunteers to alter band uniforms at that time. There will be a bit more quality control this summer to make sure nothing is missed and all uniforms are ready to go by fall.

Directors Report – John Keith:

Upcoming Events

- On Thursday, June 10, the Millard West Band has been invited to play at the Omaha Firefighters and Police Appreciation Day. We will be playing patriotic music in front of the Qwest Center before the luncheon (for 1600 people) as a thank you to our community for all their support this past year. They are providing busses to & from and a pizza & pop lunch for our students as thanks for participating. Students are to wear their summer uniforms of green polos and long tan shorts. It is cancelled if it rains that day. Go online to find a schedule of all the fun events scheduled for that day.
- On Wednesday, July 14, Millard South is hosting the Drum Corps International tour stop at Buell Stadium. Many of the top drum & bugle corps from across the country will be performing. This is an amazing marching show and everyone should try to attend, especially if you've never been before. Tickets range from \$10-25 and you can go online to purchase them.

General Announcements

- They have started checking in concert instruments for summer repairs. Most of the marching instruments are ready to go home with the students.
- Drum Major tryouts have been held. We had a lot of interest with 16 people going through tryouts. Tori Fenger (Jr) will be back for the fall and is joined by Krista Leighty (Jr) and Chas Bogatz (So).
- Student leadership interviews are being held this week and will be announced soon.
- Starting June 7, interested freshmen will begin trying out for 10-15 spots in varsity band. We will have about 175 total in the bands this fall, which is bigger than recent years.
- The fall marching show for the varsity band will be Gotham After Hours and they are very excited about it. The freshmen will be doing one with a KIZZ theme.
- We are getting close to having everything setup for our MW marching competition on Sept 18th. Our judges will be a group of local, state, and national judges – which should give the bands an accurate rating of their performances – which will be helpful before NSBA.

We want to thank all the officers from the 2009-10 school year, for their fine service to the band. The meeting adjourned at 8 pm.