

Millard West Band Boosters
Minutes
October 18, 2010

Call to order – 7:04 pm by President, Sue Bruening in the auditorium

Attendance:

Those in attendance included: LaVon Wells, Helen Hoechner, Lynne Vittitoe, Lori Stohs, David & Robin Wellons, Rick & Mitzi Magsam, Kelly Bradley, Kim Spicer, Teresa Kosalka, Connie VanBlair, Judy Katskee, Amy Gehle, Pam Gaare, Sharon Bebout, Sue Milius, Pam & Scott Wendt, Janice Wright, Linda Nissen, Kim Geiken, Gwen Fox, Tracy & Mark Neidig, Kim & Carla Farley, Tom Schenkelberg, Darrell Stohs, Bev Bogatz, Billie Parker, Ed Sondag, Dave Skinner, Jeff Kaylor, Val & Karen Collins, Greg & Sue Bruening, John Keith, and Kent Krause.

Secretary's Report – Karen Collins

- The secretary's report was emailed to the membership before the meeting
- Darrell Stohs motioned to approve the secretary's report
- Seconded by Mark Neidig
- Motion approved by membership

Treasurer's Report – Dave Skinner

- We've been taking in good money (about \$30,000) and now is the time of the year with a lot of events where we start spending more than we take in.
- Cans for the Band is picking up in dollar amount – so keep turning them in!
- The Executive Committee approved to pay \$50 for an ad in the NSBA program to promote the 2011 Wildcat Classic to bands at the state tournament
- The Executive Committee also approved to opening a savings acct. With our current small business/non profit checking acct, we are charged a fee any month we do more than 150 transactions which can easily happen in the fall with so many checks being deposited, etc.
- Tom Schenkelberg motioned to approve the treasurer's report
- seconded by Teresa Kosalka
- Motion approved by membership

Committee Reports

Band Aid – Bev Bogatz

- Families can continue to make tax-deductible contributions at any time by turning them in at the band office; can make one payment or pay in installments

Spirit Wear – Connie VanBlair and Pam Gaare

- We have been selling what we have left in inventory at the football games and just have one game left with very few items left to sell.

Cans for the Band – Tom Schenkelberg

- Each month they work to fill up the trailer with donated pop cans
- They turned in 400 pounds this month, so keep the cans coming!

HyVee Receipts – Pam Gaare

- We will take any receipts from Sept 1 – Dec 31, 2010
- Be sure to leave the date on the bottom (and just blacken out your name) in order to be counted

Uniforms – Sue Milius

- Thank you to all the great volunteers that have been helping with games & contests.
- The kids are doing a great job of putting their uniforms on their hangers, so that helps.
- They are checking in with two lines and that speeds things up too.
- We still need help with uniform check ins/outs the rest of the year for concerts and competitions, so keep volunteering to help!

Old Business

Concessions – Bev Bogatz

- We got four volunteers to work Night Hawk games, but they didn't end up having spots for us to work, so we didn't get to.
- We still need food stand coordinators for next year (assuming we get a stand at the new stadium) as this is a very important fundraiser for our band. Carla Farley has prepared a fabulous notebook with all the details. The coordinator's job is mainly just to work with the stadium and get the managers and volunteers to work the stand.

Pit Crew – Jim and Carla Farley

- A big thank you to all the volunteers that helped get equipment on & off the fields for all the football games and competitions!

Wildcat Classic – Kent Krause

- It was a huge success and the word is out – so we are sure to have more bands participate next year. We are ready to take it to a new level in 2011
- Carla did a great job of coordinating and is leaving a notebook of very helpful information for the person who takes over next year.

Tailgate – Kim Geiken

- This fundraiser was held before the homecoming football game on Sept. 24th.
- We made over \$2200 thanks to the help of many fabulous volunteers.

NSBA Decorating – Teresa Kosalka

- We will decorate the band hallway at 7 pm Thursday night, October 21, before the state competition while the kids are practicing outside.
- Seeing it all decorated by section will help them get all fired up for state!

Senior Night – Lori Stohs

- We will recognize the seniors and their parents at halftime of the last home football game Friday evening, Oct 22. Look for the pictures on the iCat site within a few days.

End of Season Celebration – Billie Parker

- Dave Skinner is working on a video about the seniors and marching season to show in the auditorium after the celebration in the commons on Monday, October 25th
- She will make up special senior pictures to decorate the tables
- The cookies have been ordered and she will be here 5ish on Monday to set up

Winter Bash – Sue Bruening

- Thank you to Dave and Robyn Wellons who have stepped up to chair this dance and fundraiser on Feb 5, 2011. Mitzi & Rick Magsam will be helping them with it.
- Dave is talking with DJs and should be able to get a good one for about \$1500
- They are going with a Hollywood theme with strobe lights, red carpet, etc and will be looking for help with decorations from all the parents starting in late Dec.

NSBA Marching Contest – Carla Farley

- The three Millard schools are working together to co-host this big event and will share any profits we make. She appreciates everyone's generous support.
- We will set up at Buell starting at 9 am Saturday morning and will need lots of help then.
- Greg Bruening will coordinate the drop-off of coolers for donated ice from Griggs at Sonic.
- Last minute needs included more First Aid workers, lawn chairs, cinder blocks to secure the tents, lamps, extension cords, money bags, adding machines, etc and volunteers were secured for all these items.
- Magsams and Collins will pick up the 600+ donated hot dog buns from Rotellas Friday between 7am-1pm.
- Connie VanBlair will get the 600+ hotdogs from Stoysich at 3:30 on Friday and take to Divine Shepherd church to store, and then bring to the stadium Saturday morning.
- Volunteers are to park at the Millard Administration Building and then check in at the volunteer tent in front of Millard South to get wristbands and job instructions.
- Lifetouch will take pictures of bands in front of Millard South after each band performs.
- Pam Gaare took care of the programs and did a great job!

New Business

Post Prom Decorating

- Connie VanBlair will help with this next spring
- Prom theme is Las Vegas and the band will have a race track in the entrance to the band hallway where kids can get their picture taken with Danica
- We will need helpers to set up on March 25th and 26th.

Directors Reports – Kent Krause/John Keith:

Past events: The band is doing very well.

- In Sioux City, IA on Sept 25, we placed 4th in our class for prelims and then left to come back for homecoming.
- In Sioux Falls, SD on October 2, we placed 4th in prelims and then 4th in finals also – which was our highest rating ever there.
- In Orange City, IA on October 9, we placed 2nd overall, got to watch lots of other bands, and enjoyed the fireworks they have before the awards are announced.
- At OMI at Burke on October 16, we placed 1st with an 88.7, but feel we could have done better and the kids agree after watching the video, so are striving for an even better performance at State this weekend.
- All State auditions went very well and we should know soon how everyone did.

Upcoming Events

- The kids are excited about the State Competition this weekend and will work to do their best. The scores always go down at State, but will strive to reach 90.
- Friday evening is our last home football game and the Freshmen are nervous about their performance. Mr. Goudlock is in charge of their performance and they will do great with all the great support of the upperclassmen.
- Auditions for concert band placement will take place next week.

Next meeting will be Monday, November 15th at 7 pm in the band room.

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm after a motion by Jim Farley, and a second by Scott Wendt.