

Millard West Band Boosters
Minutes
September 20, 2010

Call to order – 7:00 pm by President, Sue Bruening in the auditorium

Attendance:

Those in attendance included: Pam Gaare, Mark Neidig, Teresa Kosalka, John Gehle, Brooke Erickson, Darrell Stohs, Karolyn Allen, Sue Milius, Ed Sondag, Timaree Yost, Robyn & David Wellons, Jamie Wright, Val & Karen Collins, Kim Spicer, Scott & Beth Pope, Greg & Sue Bruening, Linda Nissen, Connie VanBlair, Billie Parker, Dave Skinner, Pam Wendt, Sharon Bebout, Jim Farley, Gwen Fox, Mitzi Magsam, Bev Bogatz, LaVon Wells, Steve & Kim Geiken, Amanda Passey, Tracy Neidig, Tom Schenkelberg, Barb Roy, Lori Stohs, Tracy & John Keith, and Kent Krause.

Secretary's Report – Karen Collins

- Minutes of the May and August meetings were emailed to all the membership
- Darrell Stohs motioned to approve the secretary's reports
- Seconded by Tom Schenkelberg
- Motion approved by membership

Treasurer's Report – Dave Skinner

- \$11,801.20 balance on 8/16/10 and \$18,211.34 was the balance on 9/19/10
- The boosters made quite a bit of money in the past couple of months; we hit our targeted goal with our Rosenblatt income; made more than expected on the March-A-Thon; Cans for the Band is behind, but we hope to promote more and catch up – Bag N Save has cans they want to donate
- Teresa Kosalka motioned to approve the treasurer's report
- seconded by Darrell Stohs
- Motion approved by membership

Committee Reports

Executive Committee

- Approved a request for up to \$2000 extra for bus transportation expenses to the competitions due to increased costs

Band Aid – Bev Bogatz

- Over ½ of the band families have made their \$100 contributions so far and that is greatly appreciated as we are almost to our budget goal of \$8000
- Families can continue to make contributions at any time by turning them in at the band office; can make one payment or pay in installments

Pictures

- Families can go to ICat pictures at MPS.mwhs.schoolfusion.us and look under Activities to view & purchase pictures of band members taken at recent football games

Spirit Wear – Connie VanBlair and Pam Gaare

- All items purchased by families have been distributed
- They are selling former show tshirts at football games to get rid of them

Cans for the Band – Tom Schenkelberg

- He will continue to keep promoting it each month as this is a simple way to make money
- HyVee Receipts – Pam Gaare
- Continue to turn this in to Bev in the band office

Uniform Check In & Out – Sue Milius

- Thanks to all the fabulous volunteers that have been helping with this, it has been going very smoothly
- Sign up at the booster website if you'd like to help at upcoming events
- To keep the uniforms nice they are checked out and back in for each event

Old Business

Gold Cards

- We ended up making about \$7000 on these and it is all taken care of for the year
- Let Mr. Keith know if there are other businesses we'd like included next year

Concession Stands – Jim Farley for Carla

- We finished up our last games we were obligated to
- We are hoping to get to work a couple of NightHawks games in Oct and Nov as they would be good additional money like CWS games – so be sure and sign up if we get the chance
- The Qwest Center team is taking over management of concessions at the new stadium, and we will be talking with them after the 1st of the year to see if we will get a stand
- If we get to work a stand at the new stadium, we will need new volunteers to take over management of the band stand as Farleys won't be at MW next year

March-A-Thon – Karen Collins

- Thank you to all the fabulous parents who helped it went very well despite the heat
- Next summer, we will come up with the route sooner and promote it in the MW summer newsletter so people know more ahead of time
- We promote it well at the two middle schools, but also need to promote it more at the neighborhood elementary schools
- We will plan a shorter route with more lawn concerts for next fall.
- We will try and schedule more of the lawn concerts ahead of time, so we can stay more on schedule

Millard Days Parade – Darrell Stohs

- Everything went very well
- Kids drank a lot of water!

Pit Crew – Jim Farley

- Helps set up equipment for the band at home football games and at competitions, and helps them get everything on and off the field
- There will be a training power point going out soon for everyone that is helping to watch.

Wildcat Classic – Sue Bruening

- Thank you to all the volunteers that helped out that day
- Send your tips and feedback to Carla Farley if you helped that day and have suggestions that will help us when hosting NSBA in October
- We brought in more than we expected with our gate fee and might make a little money which is good for the first year of an event
- This year we only had 5 bands compete and when we hold the next one on Sept 17, 2011 our goal is for 10-15 bands

- Thanks to Carla Farley's hard work in having everything so well organized, many people commented that it didn't seem like the first year of the event

Tailgate – Kim & Steve Geiken

- This fundraiser will be held before the homecoming football game on Sept. 24th
- We need to get our final count to HyVee on Wed. They will only charge us for the number that eat
- Tickets are \$6 and includes a bbq sandwich, chips, cookie, and can of pop
- She needs a few more volunteers and some extra tables & chairs

NSBA Marching Competition – Carla Farley & Mr. Keith

- We will need lots of volunteers to help at this big event
- The three Millard schools are working together to co-host this big event and will share any profits we make. Carla would like most of the chairs to be from MW, so contact her if you'd like to help more.
- We are selling ads for the program to reduce the cost of printing, etc. Need to get artwork for any ads to Pam Gaare asap, and payments are due to Mr. Keith by Oct 8. We may do an ad for the 2011 Wildcat Classic.
- We will be one of the last bands to perform on October 23rd.
- There are 28 bands competing at our site and it will run from about 1 – 9:30 pm. UNO will be our exhibition band. We will run both concession stands and expect a large number through the gate. We will need to rent light towers for the practice fields.
- This year for the first time there are two classes: Festival Class where they get a rating i.e. Superior, Excellent, etc - and - Competitive Class where you get a rating + the five caption awards + 1st, 2nd and 3rd places.

Wildcat Bash – Sue Bruening

- We still need coordinators to chair this school-wide dance and fundraiser set for Feb 5, 2011. We count on this event to pay \$3-5000 towards the marching show & summer staff.
- Some years we have made \$8000 on this event, but last year we only made \$400. We tried a live band last year as the DJ from SD we normally get is about \$4000. The dance always conflicts with an away show choir competition which involves many band members.

New Business

NSBA Decorating – Teresa Kosalka

- Thursday, October 21 we decorate the whole band hallway to celebrate each section and get the kids pumped up for state competition
- Send pictures to Bkoslka@cox.net asap

Senior Night – Lori Stohs

- Last home football game
- The seniors and their parents will be recognized

End of Season Celebration – Billie Parker

- To be held Monday evening, October 25th in the Commons
- We recognize the pit crew, give out superlative awards, serve snacks and wrap up the marching season

Equipment Repairs

- Darrell Stohs and David Wellons are willing to help check the status and help fix up equipment that needs repaired

Directors Report – John Keith:

Overall comments

- He is very pleased with the kids and their efforts this year. They are going through the final 7 charts of their show and will have it all down soon.
- Their routine this year is very hard musically and drill wise. They all need to push hard and keep a high quality work ethic in order to make a challenging show look good.
- He is concerned with the growing number of tardies for early morning rehearsals. Students that are regularly not ready to go, will not get to perform at football games or competitions.
- Ask our children to play the music for us at home, as they should know it all by now. They should be able to do it all without stopping. To hear the show, go to FitzpatrickMusic.net and listen to Gotham After Hours from 2006.
- If students are concerned about their band grade, they can keep practicing and coming back in to play it for them to raise their score.
- Freshmen almost have the opener of their show ready to go. They are trying to get the crazies to wear KIZZ face paint for their performance on Oct 22.

All State Auditions

- Morning of October 9th in Elkhorn
- About 28 kids are signed up and practicing to compete
- Their concert will be Sat Nov 20th in Lincoln

Auditions for concert and jazz bands

- will be held shortly after marching season is over

Upcoming Events

- Tailgate Fundraiser at home football game on Friday, Sept 24
- StarFest Competition in Sioux City, IA on Sat, Sept 25
- Festival of Bands in Sioux Falls, SD on Sat, Oct 2
- Home football game on Friday, Oct 8
- Dutchmen Field Competition in Orange City, IA on Sat, Oct 9 – 3 hr drive – late afternoon
- OMI Competition at Omaha Burke on Sat, Oct 16 – mid afternoon after PSAT test
- NSBA at Buell Stadium on Sat, Oct 23 – 2nd to last band at about 9 pm after ACT test that morning

The meeting adjourned at 8:12 pm after a motion by Billie Parker, and a second by Jim Farley.