



Millard West Band Boosters
September 21, 2009
Minutes

Attendance: Naomi Hodgson, Tracy Keith, Anne Skinner, Krista Morrison, Jeri Gill, Tracy Neidig, Mark Neidig, Kelly Bradley, June Branan, Jerry Reuter, Steve & Kim Geiken, Scott & Beth Pope, Pam Gaare, LaVon Wells, Bev Bogatz, Connie Van Blair, Brooke & Alan Erickson, Jo Weigel, Billie Parker, Jim & Carla Farley, Karen Collins, Joy Kuslar, Lorrie Kurfman, Mr. Krause, Mr. Keith

1. **Call to Order** at 7:05

Introduce Mr. Krause: He is new to the area, from Illinois and is very happy to be here!

FYI staff bios are posted on the website. Be sure to check them out.

General Introductions

2. **Secretary's Report** – Krista Morrison

Updates: Motion to approve, Naomi Hodgson, Second by Anne Skinner. Secretary's report approved.

3. **Treasurer's Report** – Naomi Hodgson

Tax return has been filed.

There are TORP funds in the report that will be transferred.

Question: Did we receive a lot from ValPak? None at this time.

Water for competition days? We have \$66.58, what did we spend it on? Cups

We would like to know how many people have visited the website for donations? Tracy Neidig

Jeri Gill motioned to approve the Treasurer's report, Connie Van Blair seconded Motion approved.

4. **Committee Reports**

1. Volunteers – Teresa McAcy / Pam Grabowski

2. Band-Aid – Bev Bogatz

Just shy of \$6,000 dollars. It's not too late to donate. Please send in your donations to help. Set up a table Oct 13th to collect Band-aide

Make a poster with bullet points to tell everyone what the moneys cover.

Reminders will be sent out via email for those who paid in payment form.

Contact Bev if you have questions.

3. Cans for the Band – chairperson needed

We need someone to do Cans for the bands, send emails, put signs out the weekend of it... Help please!

4. Senior Night

The last home football game, at half time all the seniors and their parents are recognized for the years in the band. A picture is taken and given to them in honor of participating in the program.

5. NSBA Decorating

We always decorate the hallway for State. Something with the seniors names on it. Need to decide on the date to decorate. State is Oct. 24th. Wednesday, October 21st is the best day for hanging decorations. Discuss plans at the Band booster meeting on October 19th.

Once committee is selected can do decorations ahead of time.

6. End of Season Celebration

October 26th.

Fun awards, special treats, awards.

*Spirit Wear, Joy Kusler : Wind shirt, ladies polar fleece full zip and men's polar fleece half zip. Good looking. If we do not receive enough orders we may not be able to order.

5. **Old Business**

1. Tailgate Party

We were posted outside of the gates. It worked out very well. We should do it again, but we need to put the word out at least a month ahead of time and provide good signage.

2. Millard Days Parade

The kids thought it was a breeze marching it this year! Thank you to all of the parents who helped out with EVERYTHING! It was great!

6. **New Business**

1. Pit Crew – Carla Farley

Pit crew needs are pretty well met. We are hurting for truck drivers.

Need a driver for Sioux Falls, may even need two drivers. Sat. October 3rd.

Need a driver for 10/9

10/10 in Lincoln

10/17 at Burke

10/22 last home game

Do not need one Sat 10/24!

Please contact Carla Farley if you can drive.

If you have not been trained for pit crew, 9/24 training is This Thursday in the orchestra room. Parents only.

2. Show Shirts & Show Pins – Lorrie Kurfman

(For the kids) A good way to advertise the shows.

3. Post prom

The last few years the band boosters have sponsored a part of decorations. The band only needs to show up. We are given the items to put up and we help out. Easy! Starts That Friday before post prom around 4:00. Contact Teresa if you want to help out.

7. **TORP** – John Keith & Carla Farley

March-a-thon wrap-up: Ann Skinner and Carrie were in charge of the march. We made over 31,000 in pledges. Bucket collecting was over \$2000! Packet went home today with spreadsheets showing who donated to your child's march-a-thon.

Coffee fundraiser - 9/30 is when the fundraiser ends. 12 oz bags of coffee. Make sure to circle either whole bags or ground beans. Delivery date is set up for 10/14. (There is no school that day, but we do have practice). LaVon Wells is your contact person. Web site has her email address.

Raffle fundraiser: There will not be a kick-off for this event. Envelopes will have the kid's names on them. Each ticket will have a number on it. 10/8 and 10/19 will be the collection dates for the raffles. 10/23 is the LAST day to turn the tickets in.

Planning on booklets of 12. Each child will start with 2 booklets (24 tickets per child). \$5/per ticket or 3 tickets for \$10

Grand prize: 7-day Caribbean

1st prize: Nebraska football autographed

?? : **Electronic something still needed!**

2nd prize: Omaha Stay-cation (1 night at downtown holiday inn express, gift card to Upstream and a bottle of champagne and glasses)

3rd : Harry Potter Package (books, DVDs)

Can we sell them at the football game? It can be announced up in the booth. If sold at the game the moneys go to the general fund. If the kids sell on their own they go to their personal account.

Connie motioned for the booster to donate money to pay for an electronic something. Motion denied.

Tracy Keith is willing to put \$100 worth Omaha steaks for a prize.

Rick Jackson (President-elect of the parade) came to visit from the Rose Bowl Parade. It was wonderful! Gave them a tour of the high school, the Joslyn, lunch, a golf cart tour of the zoo, football game...they had a wonderful time. Connie Van Blair and Brooke Erickson planned their outing.

*8 people are on the wait list to go on the friends and family tour. We need at least 10-15 parents going to they all can go.

Email today about Gary DiSano (the President of the Parade) has been very ill, he passed away. The parade will be in his honor. Donations so we could send flowers from Millard West in his name?

Billie Parker Motioned for a donation, in his honor. Discussion...

Bev motioned for \$100 donation, Jim Farley Seconded the motion. Money goes toward Tournament of Roses Foundation. Motion passed.

Kids have checked their legal names for ticketing.

Mr. Keith will assign rooms based on bus arrangements. We want room arrangement to be as easy as possible. Varsity kids will go out on the earliest three flights. Rehearsal will take place while waiting for the remaining kids to arrive. Kids will travel in sets of about 25-50. The kids will travel as a band not with their family. Parents will receive their information on flight arrangements around mid November when everything is finalized. A group will be set up in the airport to help out. October 31st all money needs to be collected.

8. Director's Report

Received times for competitions

9/26 Sioux City 2:45 prelims, finals depend on performance

10/3 4:30 at Sioux Falls

We will not be taking charter busses to Sioux Falls or Lincoln this year as busses are not available locally and the extra cost for charters is an extra \$2,500 on top of what we had budgeted. Boosters were given the option to approve the expense. Expense was discussed but no motion made to approve because the booster club does not have a balanced budget and cannot authorize additional expenses.

10/10 in Lincoln. Site is not finalized. Auditions for All State in the morning. It's also homecoming that night.

10/17 OMI at Burke

10/24 NSBA at Burke at 4:45 the same day at the ACT

10/13 Concert Band Concert. (three songs and pregame songs) - Freshman

9. Questions & Comments from the Membership

We need help with uniform check out and check in. Please!!

Upcoming Events:

September 26, 2009 – StarFest Competition – Sioux City, IA

October 3, 2009 – Festival of Bands – Sioux Falls, SD

October 9, 2009 – Homecoming Football Game

October 10, 2009 – All State Auditions

October 10, 2009 – Competition – TBA

Motion to adjourn by Jim Farley, seconded by Billie Parker at 8:39 pm.

Next Meeting: October 19, 2009 at 7:00 pm in the Band Room