

Millard West Band Boosters

Minutes: January 14, 2019

1. Call to order:

- a. The meeting was called to order at 7:02 by Jason DeLong, in the band room.
- b. All parents of 9-12th grade band members are automatically part of the Millard West Band Boosters group, and are encouraged to attend meetings to keep up to date on band activities. Adults in attendance at this meeting included: Jenny Schlosser, Jason DeLong, Elissa Hamill, Brad & Trish Durbin, Chris Dorrell, Anna Maroon, Debbie Hart, Eric & Kendra Grelson, Chris & Teri Cain, Yim Graner, Allison VanderWal, Michael & Carrie Parker, Nick & Marie Matuella, John Keith, Byron Braasch, and Patty Russell.

2. Secretary's report: Jenny Schlosser

- a. The minutes from the November meeting were shared via email with the membership.
- b. Elissa Hamill moved that we accept the Secretary's Report, and Chris Dorrell seconded. The minutes were approved by the membership.
- c. Historically the minutes are shared via email the week before the next Booster meeting. Will start sending out minutes within a few days of the meeting now so everyone receives the information right away.

3. Treasurer's Report: Debbie Hart

- a. Debbie reviewed the current expenses and deposits, and we are staying close to budget.
- b. Purchased a marimba for \$3350.
- c. Spent \$1694 on staff development, which was under budget.
- d. Received \$1200 in Band Aid
- e. Debbie reviewed Hawaii deposits and payments.
- f. Eric Grelson moved that we accept the Treasurer's Report, and Marie Matuella seconded. The Treasurer's Report was approved by the membership.

4. Committee Reports

- a. Fundraising/Band Aid:
 - i. Brad Durbin will officially take on the role as VP of Fundraising for the remainder of the school year, until elections in May.
 - ii. Band Aid goal in the budget is \$5500 and we have received \$4106
- b. CWS:
 - i. Teri Cain will be our CWS coordinator
 - ii. Meetings with Levy begin soon, Linda Kaster will help transition Teri.
 - iii. We will need to work 4-5 Creighton Baseball games, which begin in March. Information will be sent out soon. We will also work the Big 10 tournament over Memorial Day weekend.
- c. Pizza Hut: Lora Thompson- no report
- d. Baker's Plus: Debbie Hart- no report
- e. TAGG: Kendra Grelson
 - i. Will continue to post reminders to use TAGG.
- f. Chick-fil-a: no report
- g. HyVee Coupon Books: Fundraiser completed
- h. Jr Wildcat Band: Jenny Schlosser, Erin Ward, Elissa Hamill
 - i. Next event: Basketball pep bands for 8th graders: Beadle Jan 25, Russell Feb 8.
 - ii. Updating incoming freshman parent meeting for Jan 22.
- i. Marketing/donations: Elissa Hamill
 - i. Forming a letter for sponsors.

- ii. Looking into shirts for Wildcat Classic
- j. Travel: John Keith/John Skrabal (Hawaii info only)
 - i. Discussed parade shirt possibilities of cotton vs polyester.
 - 1. Membership decided to use the polyester shirt to avoid wrinkles and shrinking.
 - 2. The shirt will likely be in Millard West colors, with hibiscus flowers, the Wildcat, MW, and a sea turtle.
 - 3. Students will wear their black uniform pants with the shirt over it, and black marching shoes.
 - 4. Will need to refit pants in May, and re-hem as necessary.
 - ii. Looking into adding a movie set tour only if funds allow. The set is where Jurassic Park and Lost were filmed, and has a military bunker. A buffet lunch also included.
 - iii. Students need to decide soon who they will room with. 4 students/room.
 - iv. Flower fundraiser is coming up soon- information will be sent out once prices are set.
 - v. Mattress fundraiser- still playing phone tag with the company.
 - vi. Working on finalizing chaperones.
 - vii. Should know which hotel they are staying in soon.

5. Old Business

- a. Open volunteer positions: Band Camp Celebration Coordinator for 2019

6. New Business

- a. Incoming Freshman Parent Meeting: January 22 at 6pm in the Lecture Hall
 - i. Exec board and committee chairs should attend the meeting.
 - ii. Updated the handout and agenda.
 - iii. Need students who are not in symphonic winds to help escort parents to the meeting in the lecture hall, and to help students find the band room. Please arrive by 5:30. May need parents to help as well.
 - iv. Please wear your band spirit wear.
 - v. Discussed having parents that attend the meeting fill out a ticket to enter for a drawing for a free spirit wear item next season.
- b. Incoming Freshman Activity Fair: Staff and students will handle

7. Director's Report: John Keith

- a. Thank you Boosters for your support in sending him and Mr Braasch to a conference in Chicago.
 - i. Looked at two different uniform companies
 - ii. Moving forward with new uniforms for next fall, with lots of exciting opportunities.
 - iii. Learned a lot about new and different sound system features.
- b. Next concert: Recruiting concert on Jan 22 with Symphonic Winds, Beadle and Russell 8th graders.
- c. Pep Band schedule will be adjusted and sent out soon to accommodate for Winter Winds conflicts.
- d. Winter Winds updates:
 - i. Show is called "Mirror Mirror"
 - ii. Church reserved for 1-4 this Saturday. Will send out email soon.
 - iii. Jan 26 Eval Show at Dana. Busses will transport to and from (the only time busses will be provided). Plan on being there all day, until late. Concession stand is available, looking into ordering food.
 - iv. Other competitions: students are responsible for transportation to and from. Usually around a 4 hour block of time. Schedules are released about 2 weeks before the competition, and will likely be different each week.
 - v. May need a few chaperones and pit crew.

- vi. Parents are encouraged to attend the competitions. There is an admission fee, usually around \$8.
- vii. Will look into a preview night during an upcoming evening rehearsal
- e. Jazz Bands updates:
 - i. Concert on March 28.
 - ii. Bellevue East March 8
 - iii. NSBA April 26
 - iv. no UNO this year.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm with a motion by Brad Durbin, and seconded by Marie Matuella.
The next meeting is Monday, **February 11, 2019** in the band room unless otherwise posted.

Upcoming dates:

- Jan 15: Home BB Game (Black)
- Jan 22: Recruiting Concert
- Jan 25: Home BB Game (Green) - with Beadle 8th graders
- Jan 26: Winter Winds Eval Show
- Feb 2: Winter Winds Competition
- Feb 2: Home BB Game (Black)
- Feb 8: Home BB Game (Green) - with Russell 8th graders