

Millard West Band Boosters

Minutes: August 20, 2018

1. Call to order:
 - a. The meeting was called to order at 7:01pm by Jason DeLong, in the orchestra 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 booster meetings to keep up to date on band activities. Adults in attendance at this meeting included: Jenny Schlosser, Erin Ward, Jason & Amanda DeLong, Nicky Yager, Debbie Hart, Heather Hutchison, Marie & Nick Matuella, Linda Kaster, Kim Savard, Elissa Hamill, Sarah & Bill Hortman, Carol VanHaren, Allison VanderWal, John Skrabal, Janice Kolomaya, Anna Maroon, Patty Russell, Kathy Fucik, Heidi Hoffman, Yim Grander, Raj Chanolian, Brian Lhamon, Byron Braasch, and John Keith.

2. Secretary's Report: Jenny Schlosser
 - a. The minutes from the May meeting were shared via email with the membership.
 - b. Marie Matuella moved that we accept the Secretary's Report, and Erin Ward seconded it. The minutes were approved by the membership.

3. Treasurer's Report: Debbie Hart
 - a. Debbie reviewed the current expenses and deposits, and will email out the latest spreadsheet.
 - b. The March-a-Thon raised \$3051 from lawn concerts and donations along the route.
 - c. Band Aid is at \$2906 from 29 students
 - d. Big 10 & CWS games raised \$43, 384.04 and \$1701.64 from tips.
 - e. Omaha Gives raised \$1600
 - f. Janice Kolomaya moved that we accept the Treasurer's Report, and Marie Matuella seconded it. The treasurer's report was approved by the membership.

4. Committee Reports
 - a. Fundraising/Band Aid: Linda Kaster
 - i. Only 29 families have donated so far
 - ii. Linda will be contacting families who have not donated yet.
 - b. CWS: Nicky Yager
 - i. Save the last two weeks of June 2019 for CWS
 - ii. Will start emailing in December
 - iii. Will likely be working the pro baseball game on Thursday, June 13, 2019
 - c. Pizza Hut: Lora Thompson
 - i. Is in communication with the manager about setting up one Friday/month.
 - d. Bakers: Debbie Hart
 - i. The number associated with our account has changed, and Debbie will send that out via email.
 - ii. \$82 check is coming
 - e. TAGG: **position open**
 - i. Need to raise awareness that TAGG is an active fundraiser for the band
 - f. Chick-fil-a: Brenda Spencer
 - i. No calendars this year
 - ii. Need to arrange dates with the store manager to have band nights
 - g. HyVee: Jill Savoie
 - i. Will know more information on coupon books soon.
 - ii. Bev handles the collection of receipts from Sept 1-Dec 31 and will be sending out a reminder soon.

- h. Jr Wildcat Band (formerly Middle School Engagement): Jenny Schlosser, Erin Ward, Elissa Hamill
 - i. The name of this committee has been changed to Jr Wildcat Band
 - ii. Had 4 middle school & elementary band siblings walk along in the March a thon.
 - iii. Would like current band siblings to walk in the Millard Days parade to hand out candy
 - iv. Waiting for approval to attend open house nights at RMS & BMS
 - v. Thursday Sept 14: 7th & 8th grade march on field for pregame to play National Anthem
 - vi. Thursday Oct 11: 5th-8th graders and families invited to "Cocoa with the Band".
 - vii. Friday, Jan 25 Beadle 8th grade at basketball pep band
 - viii. Friday, Feb 8 Russell 8th grade at basketball pep band
 - ix. Free Wildcat Classic ticket to all 5th-8th grade band students

5. Old Business

- a. Open volunteer positions:
 - i. Band Camp Celebration for 2019-2020 season
 - ii. TAGG
 - iii. Marketing Committee

6. New Business

- a. March-a-thon wrap up: Marie Matuella
 - i. Thank you everyone who helped. Will send out a questionnaire to get feedback and ideas for change from those working the various positions.
 - ii. Mr. Keith thanked all of the parents who volunteered.
- b. Wildcat Classic (Sept 15): Janice Kolomaya & Mr. Keith
 - i. Need someone to do the program and ad sales immediately.
 - ii. Need a long range plan to start this process by June each year.
 - iii. Patty Russell offered to contact the ads from last year.
 - iv. 15 bands have registered (from SD, IA, NE)
 - v. Bellevue West will compete this year.
 - vi. Sign up for the 180 volunteer spots will be coming out very soon.
 - vii. Students can help with concessions
 - viii. Will provide wristbands for admissions instead of stamping hand.
 - ix. Looking into a professional photographer for the event.
- c. Water planning: Erin Ward
 - i. Concerns have been raised over the amount of money spent on cups and the amount of waste generated. It was suggested for students to bring a water bottle on Thursday nights. The water team will still be available to refill water bottles, and to provide water if a student forgot their water bottle.
 - ii. Mr. Keith said we can not require a water bottle. A lot of students forget their water bottles, and a lot of them are left in the bandroom and are dirty.
 - iii. Will continue to look at improving this situation.
- d. Post Prom decorating: Heather Hutchison
 - i. The Band parents have been asked to participate in decorating for post prom as a group.
 - ii. Heather will find out more information about time and cost commitments.
 - iii. It was suggested to have the whole music department participate together.
- e. 2018-19 Show Tshirt: Nicky Yager
 - i. Hope to have a final design this week and to have the tshirts here by Wildcat Classic

7. Director's Report: Mr. Keith
 - a. The marching season is up and running and going well.
 - b. The March-a-thon went well, and the Millard Days Parade is coming up this Saturday, August 25.
 - c. Sept 6 (Thursday): First home football game.
 - i. Note: varsity band rehearses Tuesday, September 4.
 - d. Sept 8: Full day rehearsal (9am-9pm)
 - i. Students are encouraged to take the ACT offered in October instead of this day, unless absolutely necessary.
 - ii. Will need pit crew and water
 - iii. Will be practicing with hats & plumes
 - e. Sept 22: Papio South
 - f. Sept 28-29: Blue Springs Overnight
 - i. Students have selected roommates
 - ii. \$80/student for hotel and food due soon.
 - iii. Will leave after school Friday and return very late Saturday night/Sunday AM.
 - g. Oct 6: Bellevue East
 - i. Prelims only due to Homecoming
 - h. Oct 13: OMI
 - i. Oct 20: State competition
 - i. This is over fall break and is required attendance
 - ii. There is also a home football game Friday, Oct 19.
 - j. The sound system and electronics are coming together
 - k. Hawaii trip
 - i. Informational meetings will be held at Divine Shepherd Lutheran Church (156th & Q) on Sunday 8/26 at 6pm and Tuesday 8/28 at 7pm (The same meeting both nights)
 - ii. John Skrabal is the trip coordinator
 - iii. Looking at different ways to save money
8. Other
 - a. Nicky Yager suggested making a calendar with so many of the great pictures of our kids as a fundraiser ready to sell in November/December.
 - b. John Skrabal: anyone interested in chaperoning and pit crew contact him. Will need a lot of pit crew for this show.

The meeting adjourned at 8:43pm with a motion by Linda Kaster, and seconded by Elissa Hamill.

The next meeting is September 17, 2018 at 7pm in the bandroom unless otherwise posted.