

Millard West Band Boosters
Minutes: September 17, 2018

1. Call to order:

- a. The meeting was called to order at 7:02 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, Jason & Amanda DeLong, Nicky Yager, Erin Ward, Kendra & Eric Grelson, Kelly Cook, Elissa Hamill, Linda Kaster, Thad Maroon, Brad Durbin, Heidi Hoffman, Allison VanderWal, Heather Hutchison, Don & Kathy Fucik, Brian Lhamon, Michael Klein, Jen McDonald, Chris Dorrell, Debbie Hart, Byron Braasch, and John Keith.

2. Secretary's report: Jenny Schlosser

- a. The minutes from the August meeting were shared via email with the membership.
- b. Allison VanderWal moved that we accept the Secretary's Report, and Amanda DeLong seconded. The minutes were approved by the membership.

3. Treasurer's Report: Debbie Hart

- a. Debbie reviewed the current expenses and deposits, and provided the membership with up to date statements via email and handouts.
- b. Expenses are on track for the year.
- c. Band Aid is below budget (\$5500 budgeted, \$2900 received)
- d. Millard West will reimburse the Boosters \$4000 from judges expenses from the Wildcat Classic.
- e. Erin Ward moved that we accept the Treasurer's Report, and Elissa Hamill seconded. The Treasurer's Report was approved by the membership.

4. Committee Reports

a. Fundraising/Band Aid: Linda Kaster

- i. Will be contacting people to pay their Band Aid
- ii. Looking into the credit card & paypal option on the website.
- iii. May have the square station set up during the end of season celebration.
- iv. Looking into different individual fundraisers for the Hawaii trip. Options include: Christmas wreaths, poinsettias, dishcloths, Panera, Marcus Theater Coupon books, Yankee Candles, Pasta, Band Calendars, trash bags, gift wrapping services, Pep Band caroling, and a band cookbook.

b. CWS: Nicky Yager

- i. Nothing to report at this time
- ii. Will start the process in December

c. Pizza Hut: Lora Thompson

- i. No report

d. Baker's Plus: Debbie Hart

- i. Will send out the band's new registration number for people to use.

e. TAGG: Kendra Grelson

- i. Thank you Kendra for taking on this position
- ii. An email was recently sent to the membership with an explanation of TAGG

f. Chick-fil-a: Brenda Spencer

- i. No report

g. HyVee Coupon Books: Jill Savoie

- i. The books are in, and will be available for the kids to sell soon.
- h. Jr Wildcat Band: Jenny Schlosser, Erin Ward, Elissa Hamill
 - i. 28 7th & 8th graders from Beadle & Russell played the National Anthem at the football game with the band on 9/14/18.
 - ii. 11 students came to the Wildcat Classic
 - iii. Next event: Thursday, Oct 11. 5th-8th grade band students are invited to watch the band perform during evening rehearsal, while enjoying hot cocoa.
 - iv. Ordered 60 more tshirts with a new design. Will charge \$5/shirt to help offset the cost.
- i. Marketing/donations: Elissa Hamill
 - i. This is a new committee that is forming to arrange band sponsors every year, and to raise community awareness & support.
 - ii. Anna Maroon is also on this committee.
 - iii. Anyone else with marketing experience that wants to help, contact Elissa.
- j. Travel: John Skrabal
 - i. No report

5. Old Business

- a. Open volunteer positions
 - i. Band Camp Celebration Coordinator for 2019
 - ii. Wildcat Classic Coordinator to shadow Janice Kolomaya next year.

6. New Business

- a. Wildcat Classic Wrap-Up
 - i. The day went really well and ran smooth
 - ii. A lot of medial issues due to the heat at the first aid station, and several ambulance calls.
 - iii. Suggestions for change:
 - 1. Water should be provided for volunteers.
 - 2. Need to better articulate to schools that they need to be prepared for the weather and to bring adequate water, and that they are not allowed access to the school.
 - 3. Need security guards at the doors to only allow the authorized people in the building. It was confusing to people why Millard South students were allowed in.
 - 4. Encourage Millard South students and parents to park in the back and use the back doors.
 - 5. Remind swim lessons of this event.
 - 6. Have a team lead meeting 1-2 weeks before WCC for training.
 - 7. Need a water station on the practice field for all bands.
 - 8. Need to have access to the key to turn on water.
- b. Trip updates: see director's reports
- c. Pit Crew: Need more people to help set up and tear down the backdrops at every competition.
- d. Amazon Smile: Brian Lhamon will look into registering the band for this.

7. Directors' Reports

- a. Mr. Braasch:
 - i. 68% of the band going to Hawaii, with good instrumentation
 - ii. The kids did great at the Wildcat Classic. Thank you parents for your help. The judges were pleased.
 - iii. Itineraries were emailed for Papio South and Blue Springs
 - iv. Fall Break rehearsal & performance schedule:

1. Wed 10/17 no rehearsal;
2. Thurs 10/18 6-9pm;
3. Fri 10/19 9am-12pm;
4. Fri 10/19 football game: senior night and probably JV show
5. Sat 10/20: state competition (time TBA)

b. Mr. Keith:

- i. Still room for people to sign up for Hawaii. So far 82 students, and 35 family/friends.
- ii. Wildcat Classic went really well, received very positive feedback and performed great.
 1. Staff did an amazing job getting the band warmed up and ready to perform at the WCC.
 2. A lot of medical issues from the heat. Some bands did not bring water.

The meeting adjourned at 8:35pm with a motion by Elissa Hamill, and seconded by Brad Durbin.

The next meeting is Monday, October 15, 2018 in the band room unless otherwise posted.

Upcoming dates:

Sept 22: Papillion South Competition

Sept 28-29: Blue Springs Competition

Oct 4: Home football game

Oct 6: Bellevue East (Prelims only)

Oct 13: OMI

Oct 15: Band Booster meeting

Oct 19: Home football game

Oct 20: State band competition

Oct 22: End of marching celebration- everyone invited