

# Band Parents Council Meeting

## MINUTES

February 3, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 7:37 p.m. by council president Suzanne Hwozdik. A special notice was issued to all council members. The April Band Parent Council Meeting will be 4/14/09 (not 4/7, during spring break).

**Student Report:** None. Hwozdik indicated that there was one student reply to her e-mails regarding up-coming fundraisers and creating a movie-night basket for the Community Sharing silent auction.

**Secretary's Report:** Minutes from the January 6, 2009 meeting were presented by Kelsey Paulus-Shufflebarger. Motion to approve by Paul Schreiber; second by Teresa Ouellette. Unanimous approval.

**Treasurer's Report:** Hard copy of report was presented by Cindy Cichon. Motion to approve by Bob Hwozdik; second by Arthur Shufflebarger. Unanimous approval.

**Communications Report:** None.

### **Band Director's Comments and Concerns:**

District Solo and Ensemble packets are ready for distribution to the students. Note the quick turnaround time for State Solo and Ensemble commitments. Packets go home with the students this week (2/4-5/09), the Solo and Ensemble Festival in Clarkston is Friday (2/6/09), and commitment with check for the State Solo and Ensemble Festival (3/28/09) is due to Mr. Schreiber no later than 2/10/09.

**Executive Council Report:** The executive council met on 1/20/09.

- The first portion of the meeting was devoted to the discussion of our Bingo fundraising status. Participants included the members of the executive council plus council members Tammy Mitchell, Rhonda Rogers, Lori McLean, Kathy Zaguroli and Jeanne DeHaan. Members not on the executive council left following the Bingo discussion.
- The executive council decided to devote our band member/band parent fundraising energies toward MCGC and forego the opportunity to assist Lakeland with their color guard invitational. Special note was taken of the many community events scheduled for the same day as MCGC (3/14/09).
- Other fundraisers were discussed, including the need for and ready availability of criminal background checks. Criminal Record Check forms will be distributed at the next council meeting for all members who work on band fundraisers.
- There will be no MHS Marching Band Relay For Life team this year.
- The drumline and summer band programs are on track and practice times set.
- Fall concessions will have new procedures to facilitate inventory and accounting.

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### Standing Committee Reports

**Audit and Procedures:** Tammy Mitchell. Bingo audits are done. Scrip is next.

**Chaperones:** Teresa Ouellette – No Report. Teresa and Mary Beth Pattison will be carrying the MHS banner at Disney World during the 2/15/09 parade.

**Color Guard:** A new chair is needed. There are 15 in Winter Guard with 6 from MHS, 6 from LHS, and 3 from other.

**Pit Crew:** Rich Mitchell – No Report.

**Uniforms:** Susan Zonca and Lori McLean. Susan reports that the old stuff is gone and the new raincoats have arrived. She encourages open lines of communication to ensure that the only items tossed during the cleaning/organization process are those items that CAN be tossed.

**Band Wear:** Mike Byndas. Tammy Mitchell will assist Mike with runners for the MCGC as needed.

**Welcoming Committee:** Deb Leach and Kelsey Shufflebarger. A meeting is scheduled for 2/19/09 to plan for the new member orientation on 4/21/09 at 7:00 p.m. Transfer student Danyelle Patrick (Flute, 9<sup>th</sup> grade) expressed concern to her mother about having her dress and uniform before the next concert and parade. Susan will contact the student and see that she has what she needs.

**Publicity:** Debra Brandell. A news release will be issued before the 3/14 MCGC. Diane Barrett will provide an accompanying photograph.

**Band Website:** Steve Wolff. Schedule updates are on the web page. Also new to the page is a request for MCGC ads. Bingo information will soon be added to the site with requests for volunteers categorized by date and hour, not by job. Lori McLean will make job assignments. Kathy Zaguroli has created Bingo job descriptions that will also be added to the Website. Steve announced that the ordered videos are available.

**Trip Planning:** Mary Beth Pattison. Basic information packets for the Florida trip get sent home with the students on Thursday (2/5). 38 students and three adults will be departing next Thursday (2/12) and return Monday (2/16). Color Guard members will wear what they wore at the Ohio competition. Mary Beth is pleased to announce that Diane Barrett will be the new trip-planning chairperson following the Florida trip.

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### Fundraising Committee Reports

**Concessions:** A new chair is needed. We owe MHS \$7k/yr. for four more years. If we break out the concession jobs into categories or specific tasks, more parents might be willing to take on this job. Already separated is the Sparks in the Park concessions.

**Market Day:** Jennifer Maxwell. Deb Brandell reported that there was no sale in January because not enough people placed orders. A sale is cancelled if orders total less than \$800-\$1,000.

**Kroger Cards and Scrip:** Maryann Makkonen. Kroger checks for December were lost in the mail. December and January credits will be processed as soon as they are received. ACO is no longer in the Scrip program, though a few cards remain in our stock. Maryann reports that Scrip is a big job. A new chair should begin learning the process as soon as possible to ensure a smooth transition a year from now.

**Flower Sales:** Joan March – No Report.

**Thursday Night Bingo:** Rhonda Rogers and Lori McLean.

The state's audit of our Bingo operation resulted in a finding of our failure to keep accurate records. In essence, our books did not balance. Three penalties were issued: a 3-week suspension, the voluntary surrender of our Sunday Bingo license, and a probation period from 2/14/09 to 2/13/10. These penalties appear to be mild or minor in comparison to penalties issued to other organizations, which we perceive to be a credit to the many hours and good faith effort exerted by band parents to investigate and ameliorate the situation. The 3-week suspension results in three monetary ramifications to the council: we must still pay rent on the hall during our suspension; no games can be held, thereby eliminating band profits; and no student credits can be earned.

**Texas Hold'em:** Ron Rogers – No Report.

**Sparks in the Park:** Bob and Suzanne Hwozdik. This fundraiser will be held the last weekend in June, 6/27/09, on MHS grounds but with a different site plan from last year.

**Milford Memories:** Bob Hwozdik. This fundraiser is scheduled for August 7-9, 2009. MHS band participation is scaled back to maximize our profit/volunteer hour benefit.

**Milford Bike Race:** We need a band parent to chair this project. Former band parent Joe Dolan is the contact person for this 8/22/09 fundraiser. The Crit is a mile-long course through Milford that will be biked in six to eight races. Volunteers will earn funds by directing spectators, passing out water to racers, and collecting trash.

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### **Competition Committee Reports**

**Huron Valley Invitational (HVI):** A new chair is needed.

**Winter Drumline Competition:** Tammy Mitchell. The MCGC is set for 3/14/09. All band members and parents will receive notice of what is needed for specific tasks and times.

### **New Business**

1. Three fund-raising opportunities being investigated are:
  - Wednesday night summer concerts in Highland
  - Thursday night summer concerts in Milford
  - BBQ hotdogs at Kroger
2. Perry Sinecola, the owner of Milford House, has offered the band an opportunity to raise funds. We can buy Milford House gift cards for \$15.00 and sell them for \$20.00. Bob Hwozdik will investigate this opportunity further, particularly to determine if we need to buy the cards in a specific quantity, pay for them up front, or other parameters. This item was tabled until the March meeting.
3. The Highland C of C Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for 4/4/09. They have offered us the opportunity to provide concessions. Moved by Bob Hwozdik to decline this opportunity; second by Kelsey Paulus-Shufflebarger. Unanimous approval.
4. CRC Forms: Milford High School uses a standard Criminal Record Check form for anyone who chaperones or volunteers for HVS. We will use these forms, too. Fill out the form and give it to Paul Schreiber.
5. Community Sharing is having a silent auction. Suzanne Hwozdik is coordinating student involvement to create a movie night basket. Council members voiced approval to use scrip cards as part of the band's basket (\$60.00 value). Maryann Makkonen suggested we use band scrip credits to purchase scrip for the basket. No motions were made.
6. Rhonda Rogers proposed a combination Senior Farewell/Fundraiser at Wonderland Lanes in Commerce Twp. Many council members voiced support for the project. The basic premise requires each student to recruit X number of bowlers at \$25.00 per bowler as an entry fee with \$12 going to the Lanes and \$13 to the student's individual band account. Students could recruit bowlers or recruit lane sponsors. We could run the fundraiser as required participation. We could sell raffle tickets or have door prizes. Alumni could be included and incoming freshman could begin earning account credits. No motions were made.

**The next Band Parents Council Meeting will be**  
**March 10, 2009, at 7:30 p.m. in MHS room 101.**

Motion to adjourn by Paul Schreiber; second by Teresa Ouellette. Unanimous approval.  
Meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Kelsey Paulus-Shufflebarger, Secretary  
February 24, 2009