

# Band Parents Council Meeting

## MINUTES

September 8, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m. by council president Suzanne Hwozdik.

**Student Report:** No Report.

**Secretary's Report:** Motion by Lisa Tribble to approve the August 4th minutes as presented. Second by Steve Wolff. Unanimous approval.

**Treasurer's Report:** Hard copy presented. Motion by Bob Hwozdik to approve as presented. Second by Ron Rogers. Unanimous approval.

**Communications Report:** Thank you received from Kathy Sare.

**Band Director's Comments and Concerns:** Paul Schreiber reported that:

1. He has received the list of approvals for the Criminal Record Check (CRC). All chaperones and volunteers for band fundraisers must have a CRC approval.
2. This Saturday's rehearsal will be from 9 to 3, with dinner at 3 and bus departure for Walled Lake Northern at 4. MHS will perform at approximately 7 and the combined bands will perform at 7:45. The kids should be home by about 9. Buy tickets at the gate.
3. Everything at band camp went well. It may very well be the best, smoothest camp ever. The staff was impressed and appreciated the parents' effort.
4. The three Merit Scholars from Milford High School are ALL IN THE BAND.
5. It looks like it's going to be a great season. Thanks to all the chaperones and parents.

**Executive Council Report:** The EC met 8/4 and 8/17. Issues addressed under new business.

### Standing Committee Reports

**Chaperones:** Teresa Ouellette – Camp went well. There was one trip to the clinic for stitches. Steve Wolff had pictures up every day for the kids. The dance Friday night was wonderful. Thank you to all the chaperones. While some parents were concerned that their children would be cold, our chaperones took care of it. We need a chairperson for chaperones for 2010.

**Color Guard:** Diane Barrett – fundraising for winter guard debt and future expenses has brought in over \$700. The costume prototype is waiting Kelly's review. Flags are yet to be done. The girls have their practice rifles and sabers.

**Pit Crew:** Rich Mitchell.

- Storage Unit – The unit is empty. Sharon Peterson of National Storage has units for rent. She is willing to let one to us in exchange for advertising.
- Transportation – We still need a CDL licensed driver. Rich is working on an agreement with Tom Johnson. We may rent a U-Haul this weekend.

**Uniforms:** Susan Zonca – Everyone has been fitted and refitted. Some uniforms still need to be cleaned. Two students still need to pay for their shoes. Suzanne presented kudos to Susan for her high level of organization. The uniform room is clean. Random items have been placed in the uniform room. They will be "removed."

**Band Wear:** Mike Byndas – No Report. Suzanne reported that the order has been placed for baseball caps and the remainder of the band wear order will be placed soon.

**Welcoming Committee:** Debbie Leach reported that all new students and their parents have mentors and many of the new parents are pitching in for the benefit of the band.

**Publicity:** Debra Brandell – There are no releases at present. After a few competitions, she will create a press release with photographs.

**Band Website:** Steve Wolff. Everything on our web page is up to date.

**Band Trips:** Diane Barrett – No Report.

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### Fundraising Committee Reports

**Concessions:** Kathy Zaguroli – We have worked two games so far with good parent participation. The Pepsi arrangement is going well. The shelving situation at the concession stand has improved.

**Market Day:** Susan Smith – Susan will meet with Jennifer Maxwell to learn the routine.

**Kroger Cards and Scrip:** Maryann Makkonen – No report. Suzanne reported that we received over \$1,000 from Kroger and individual accounts will be credited.

**Thursday Night Bingo:** Rhonda Rogers. No Report.

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

**Milford Memories:** Bob Hwozdik reported that we earned over \$800 for our work.

**Milford Crit (Bike Race):** Joan March reported that although the check has not been received, our earnings for this event should be between \$300 and \$500.

### Competition Committee Reports

**Huron Valley Invitational (HVI):** Cindy DiMercurio. Cindy Cichon made a motion to remove the name of Marjie Caunt as an HVI account signatory at 5/3<sup>rd</sup> Bank. Tammy Mitchell seconded the motion. Unanimous approval. Suzanne reported that she is working with Bob Green on individual division chairs to streamline the operation. Porta-potties have been ordered. Preliminary work seems to be running on schedule and smoothly. Please remind yourselves and others that this major fundraising event is on Halloween.

**Winter Drumline Competition:** Tammy Mitchell reported that new pictures have been taken. Three dates have been submitted for our 2010 competition application. In order of preference, those dates are: 3/13, 3/20, and 3/6. The school is reserved for all three dates and we will lock in ONE date once we have MCGC approval. We should know by November.

**Feed the Kids:** Kathy LaFave.

### New Business

**2010 Financial Re-Organization Committee.** Band parents who will continue beyond the 2009 season need to form a committee with current officers to determine how best to structure the finances of the program. See Suzanne if you are interested in working on this project.

**Concession Stand Meetings and Band Commitment.** Suzanne reported that we have had two meetings with the school. No written record of the athletic department or school agreement to OUR understanding of our commitment exists. Our understanding was that beginning in 2008, the band parents would commit to paying \$35,000 for the new concession stand at a rate of \$7,000 per year for five years. In exchange, we would receive Football concessions in perpetuity. The athletic department thinks that after five years (in 2013), they regain Football concessions. They will then pass the concessions to the MHS Boosters. Back and forth documentation indicates that we agreed to \$7,000 per year for five years to get FB concessions in perpetuity. There is nothing in writing that indicates that the athletic department agreed to the deal. Nancy Coratti of the school board suggested that we reduce our 2009-2010 commitment to \$5,000 (recognizing that \$7,000 is well above any other organizations' commitment) and that we renegotiate all subsequent elements. As it stands, we do not have a

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contract with the school and we will not get football concessions after the fifth year (2013) regardless of how much we contribute this year, last year, or in years to come.

**Discussion:** We are not making any profit from football concessions because of our \$7,000 commitment. No other school group pays the athletic department that much money. The question remains why continue this fundraiser if: A. we are not getting any funds for the band currently, and B. there's no future benefit to the band. Essentially, why should we run concessions and get no profit? The band is not breaking their commitment to the school because evidently there is no written and agreed upon commitment. And, we are the only school organization who made this high a level of monetary commitment in 2008-2009.

**Table Subject:** A meeting with Nancy Coratti has been scheduled for November 10, 2009. Further discussion and a decision on this subject will occur during the December band parents council meeting.

**The next Band Parents Council Meeting will be  
October 6, 2009, at 7:30 p.m. in MHS room 101.**

Motion to adjourn by Joan March; second by Bob Hwozdik. Unanimous approval.  
Meeting adjourned at 9:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Kelsey Paulus-Shufflebarger, Secretary October 5, 2009