

The Munford High School Band Boosters met on Monday, April 7, 2014 in the Munford High School Choir Room. President Larry Wildes brought the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m., all executive officers were present. Mr. Trobaugh was not in attendance.

Standing Reports:

The secretary's report was first on the agenda. Keith Kutz made the motion to dispense with the reading of the March 10, minutes as they are posted to the band website. The motion was seconded by Mary Frantz and passed with none opposed.

The treasurer's report was then read by Teresa Schelly. A copy of the budget is available upon request to members of the Band Boosters only. Keith Kutz made a motion to accept the treasurer's report as read. The motion was seconded, none opposed. Motion passed.

Old Business:

Winter Guard Update –The last competition had five trained judges and the guard took first place. A video of the show will be added to the DVD Brent Barr is working on that is available for five dollars. Vicki Disch stated how proud she was of the team for doing so well this season with the limited time constraints for practice. Next year the practices will start earlier in the season and may have an A and B guard.

Question: Will Munford have a Middle School Guard? Answer: No plans at this time for a Junior Middle School Guard.

BBQ Fest/ Drive-4-ur-School – Atoka BBQ Festival was not successful. Jen Kutz commented about the many issues with bringing supplies in after the initial setup. Profit was \$17 for the two day concession event.

Drive-4-ur-School – About forty students turned in appointment slips and the event did not max out the drives. Ford would allow up to 300 drives. Suggestions for the next event were to have the band on site to help promote the cause and keeping the drive in Munford. Other possible suggestions were to hold the event at band blowout or Munford Celebrate. Discussion ensued over how to better plan the event for next year and encourage participation.

A shout out was given to the band students who showed up and signed up the crowd at the BBQ fest and to the Brighton Band who advertised on their website.

Spring Trip – April 26, one hundred and eight students have signed up for the trip, if you would like to sign up please contact the Co-Treasurer, Stephanie Van Der Linden. Lisa Simmons has contacted the chaperones for the trip.

New Business:

The change in the booster meeting date was due to scheduling conflicts. The eight grade transition meeting was to be held on April 14, but was moved to April 21 in order to have color guard tryouts on the April 14. The transition meeting is mandatory for incoming eighth grade parents.

Senior Concert – May 6, Students need to arrive at 6pm and the concert begins at 7pm.

Question: Will the Color Guard perform at the concert? Answer: Only senior guard members will perform at the concert.

Band Camp – Begins - July 14. Band Blowout - August 1. All band students will have a three week practice schedule.

Ad Hoc Reports – The suggested changes will be posted to the band website. The proposed changes to the By-Laws will be highlighted in yellow and any removals will have a strike-through. Three readings are necessary in order for a vote. If proposed changes are sent back to the committee three readings are still required. Changes must be agreed upon by two-thirds vote of the members present to accept the proposed changes to the By-Laws.

By-Laws Ad Hoc Chair Rick Keenan read the proposed changes and a discussion followed. Major concerns were the proposed changes to concessions, merchandising and guard chair positions regarding an inventory. Time and storage were the main issues, as well as, the details of who would conduct an inventory and when.

Brent Barr made the motion to send the proposal back to the committee for review of dates and procedures related to the proposed inventory of Concessions, Merchandising and Color Guard committees. The motion was seconded by Mary Frantz. None opposed. Motion passed. **See attached By-Law proposal document for complete details.**

Fundraising Ad Hoc Chair Sandra Hibbard was in attendance but permitted Chris Hacker to speak on her behalf. After analyzing the fundraising data of the previous years the conclusion of having more fundraising opportunities does not impact the bottom line and only leads to disinterest and confusion. The proposal is to have four 50/50 fundraising activities for the next season, peaches, coupons, citrus and strawberries. A friend of the band letter will go out to all students soon. This letter asks for sponsorship for a specific student and 100% of all monies given in a student's name will go towards their band fees. Band events such as Applebee's, carwashes and Drive for your school will still be held with 100% proceeds going toward the band. **See the attached Fundraising Proposal document for complete details.**

Donations made to the band program are tax deductible because of the 501c(3) status.

Rick Keenan made the motion to accept the fundraising proposal as read. Sandra Hibbard seconded the motion. All were in favor. None opposed.

Band Fees Ad Hoc Chair Chris Hacker stated although the band fees will remain at \$550 for the first child and \$450 for second (and consecutive) child(ren) the payment schedule will change. The breakdown is as follows:

Four installments and due dates

Registration fee due May 15, 2014 First Child \$100 – Second (& Consecutive) Child(ren) \$100

Band Camp fee due July 19, 2014 First Child \$200 – Second (& Consecutive) Child(ren) \$150

Uniform/Competition Season fee due September 15, 2014 First Child \$150 – Second (& Consecutive) Child(ren) \$100

All fees prior to this date, including previous years in accordance with our By Laws, must be satisfied prior to uniform rental acceptance. Failure to meet this requirement will result in no uniform being issued to your student(s).

Final Installment due February 15, 2014 First Child \$100 – Second (& Consecutive) Child(ren) \$100

If your entire balance of band fees is paid by the February 15th deadline, your student(s) will receive FREE admission to SIX FLAGS for the Spring Trip! (Meals and drinks will still be students' responsibility)

All band fees are non-refundable. Seniors that are delinquent by April 1st will have their debt turned over to the school for collection; which will impact graduation and college transcript request. Fees paid to the school will then be credited to the band program.

A discussion followed about when the document should be sent out and the band offering to pay for the admission to Six Flags. It was decided to send two copies of the fee schedule to parents prior to the May 15 registration date. The cost of Six Flags tickets could be more than anticipated but the benefits would outweigh the risk and will be offered.

Question: Are the band boosters allowed to offer a scholarship?

Answer: No, due to the 501c(3) status the band boosters are not permitted to offer scholarships. Parents can offer their Charms overages to another student if they choose to do so.

Tom Norwood made a motion to accept the band fee proposal with adding a statement: "By signing this document you understand and accept the financial responsibility for your student(s) to participate in the Munford High School Marching Band and acknowledge all fee amounts and due dates for payment." Dana Swope seconded the motion. All were in favor. None opposed.

See the attached Band Fee Proposal document for complete details.

Elections – Elections of next year's Executive Officer will be held May 12. (Remember you must be a Munford Band Booster Member in good standing in order to vote. Please bring your current member card to the meeting.)

Remind 101 – The band now has the Remind 101 app for parents and students. The app is free and is another great way to send information to our large group.

Parents if you would like to be added simply send this text message:

@36b17 to the following number 901-457-4486
Students if you would like to be added simply send this text message:
@76d57 to the following number 901-457-4486

Directors Remarks – Mr. Trobaugh was not in attendance. No director's remarks.

There were no furtherer questions and a motion was made to adjourn at 8:56 pm, by Mary Frantz. Rick Keenan seconded the motion. All were in favor. None opposed.

Next Meeting May 12, 2014 at 7pm in the MHS Band Room