

## MUNFORD BAND BOOSTER MEETING

The Munford High School Band Boosters met on Monday, August 11, 2014 in the Munford High School Band Room. President Chris Hacker brought the meeting to order at 6:38 p.m., all executive officers were present. Mr. Trobaugh was not in attendance.

### Standing Reports:

The secretary's report was first on the agenda. Tom Norwood made the motion to dispense with the reading of the July 14, minutes as they are posted to the band website. The motion was seconded by Heather Topping and passed with none opposed.

The treasurer's report was then presented by Teresa Schelly. She highlighted the fact that blowout purchases were made in July, income would reflect in the August report and that the band fee line does not include previous years. Blow-out weekend was successful in making over \$13k before expenses. A copy of the budget is available upon request to members of the Band Boosters only. Heather Topping made the motion to accept the treasurer's report as written. The motion was seconded by Brent Barr, none opposed. Motion passed.

### Old Business:

#### Ad Hoc Committee – Bylaws Ad-Hoc Reading

The third reading of the proposed bylaw changes was presented by Robert Li. Changes included, but were not limited to, the addition of inventory to the duties of chair positions as it was only mentioned in the duties of the Vice President. A motion was made by Jamie Edmondson to dispense with the reading and accept the proposed changes as posted to the band website. Christy Renfrow seconded the motion. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

A vote was cast by the general membership to accept the proposed changes to the bylaws as posted to the website. All were in favor. None opposed. Motion passed. Changes to the bylaws will be made and will be available on the band website.

**PayPal Update** – Jamie Edmondson has been in contact with the PayPal representative and stated PayPal may be up and running in about a week.

**Blow-Out** – An impressive weekend with a huge turnout of community support. This was only made possible by a team effort. Thank you to all who volunteered and made this weekend a success.

**Air Conditioning** – Air conditioning has been installed by Angel Air & Heat in the concession stand in exchange for three years platinum sponsorship. Thank you to Amy Ryder-Tittle for helping with this. Annette Estes stated the ice machine is now running and producing more efficiently.

### New Business:

**Chaperone meeting** – to follow immediately after the booster meeting in the choir room. In order to be considered, attendance at the meeting is mandatory and you must sign in.

**Video** – Posting of video or aerial photography of band practices or performances is not permitted on any form of social media web sites until marching season is over. We are competing against talented bands and do not need to tip our hand and give away what is going on. Thank you to everyone who took individual and group pictures during band camp.

**Third Truck** – Booster members voted to sell the old truck but the concessions crew would like to keep it. Jennifer and Keith Kutz have been using personal vehicles to haul concession purchases, items needed for competitions and fundraising. The truck will not pull heavy a load but would be good for transporting concession items locally and on long trips. The air conditioning is not working and would cost up to \$2,600 to repair.

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Question: Can the truck be used as a uniform truck? No, Mr. Trobaugh does not want to separate the uniforms from the kids because they change on the bus and if they traveled in different vehicles the students could possibly make it to an event without uniforms should the truck break down.

Annette Estes made the motion to keep the third truck for concessions and allot up to \$2,500 to repair the air in the truck. Sharon Horner seconded the motion. Price did not include the cost of batteries. Chris Horner stated worst case scenario it would cost up to \$2,587 which includes Freon.

A discussion ensued concerning the value, age and reliability of the truck. The vehicle in question is a Mitsubishi U-Haul truck. The band booster's liability when using personal vehicles was also discussed. An owner of Munford Transmission offered to make repairs to transmission for the cost of parts if needed.

Annette Estes amended the motion to keep the truck and allot up to \$2,600 to repair the air conditioning. Amy Ryder-Tittle seconded the motion. All were not in favor. A vote by show of hands was cast. Three voted against the repairs. Majority voted to make the repairs. Motion passed to keep the truck and make repairs to AC.

Tom Norwood stated he would be able to purchase batteries for the truck at half price of \$57.

**Remind Text Notifications** – The **number has changed** (nothing is required if already signed up) can sign up for both.

Parents – (901) 881-5205; Class code: @36b17

Students – (901) 881-5205; Class Code: @ 76d5

Guard has their own number for remind text notifications

**Fundraiser Chair** - (Brook Jones) Eighth grade parents were asked to join in email communication by going to [Munfordband.com](http://Munfordband.com) and clicking on the join our mailing list icon. Thank you to all who helped with blowout weekend.

Applebee's Pancake Breakfast – Students will be issued tickets for pre-sale \$10/ ticket – 8 tickets issued per student Request for volunteers was made to help serve and clean up during the event. Students and parents are welcomed. 7:30-9:30am Saturday, August 16 in Millington.

Best Book – is a 50/50 split depending on sales. Profit is 5 – 5.50 per book. Students will be issued books according to what parents request on the sign up form. Books returned must be in excellent condition.

Bake Sale – August 30, 8am-12pm at Walgreens

Eighth graders are encouraged to participate in the fundraising events and will be issued charms accounts. If you would like to be on the fundraising committee please contact Brook at [fundraising@munfordband.com](mailto:fundraising@munfordband.com)

Question: Is the band familiar with Kroger community rewards? Yes but it is no longer credited to individual accounts and parents can register online.

**Macy's Committee** – Jim Disch, Jamie & Rhonda Edmondson, Sandra Hibbard & Brook Jones – run the efforts to raise money for Macy's

Establishment of a savings account is needed for Macy's funds. The following executive board members will be listed on the account: Chris Hacker, Jason Hibbard, Tina McKinney, Teresa Schelly and Stephanie Swope

Question: Will all the safety procedures regarding spending in the bylaws be followed with addition of the account? Yes. It is a savings account and has limited withdrawals already and any spending will follow the same procedures as outlined in the bylaws.

**Jamboree** – August 15, Band concessions will be opened and setup will start at 3pm. Band students can help and will have free time when not needed. Shopping will be done on Wednesday. Cost to attend games is \$7 but volunteers do not have to pay, but you must be on the list in order to get in the gate next to the band concession stand. If you can help please contact Jennifer Kutz at [concessions@munfordband.com](mailto:concessions@munfordband.com) Band kids will not be performing.

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Gates open at 5:30pm  
Covington vs FACS @6:30pm

Brighton vs St. Benedict @ 7:30pm  
Munford vs Haywood @8:30pm

Statement was made that Baskin Robbins could donate ice cream for the band to sale at events.

**Band Fees** – After a discussion with a lawyer regarding late or non-payment of band fees the booster organization learned it cannot establish a “Work and Pay or No Play” clause with a 501c3 status. Fees can be established as long as fundraising events are in place and fees are not the exclusive means of supporting the program. Executives can and will coordinate with MHS and turn over a monthly list of delinquent students to Dr. Fee. It is within the law to establish a policy for delinquent student not to travel or participate in extra activities such as spring trips or New York. Parents responsible for students of delinquent accounts will not be eligible to chaperone at any events including competitions, spring trips and Macy’s parade or any other extra events. Many comments and questions followed. Uniforms cannot be withheld from students during the competition season for non-payment because it is a school function. The bylaws and band fee letter will need to be modified accordingly. The debt list will be kept current and repercussions will include not marching at graduation, withholding of transcripts, not leaving early during the school year when the school calendar permits, not participating in extra events coordinated by the band booster organization. Without the payments of band fees the band program would be in financial ruin and the program as we know it would not exist.

The Friends of the Band letter was brought up and is available online at - <http://munfordband.com/Friends%20of%20the%20Band%20Letter%20-%20Revised.pdf> FOB is a letter that can be given to anyone with the name of a band student. Its purpose is to ask for their financial support of a student who participates in the band and has been in effect for several months and has proven effective.

Questions: Why are students permitted to participate if they are more than one year past due? Band is a class with the Tipton County School system and we cannot withhold a class from students.

Why are students who are current on fees made alternates and past due students permitted to march? The fee payment structure is such that there are fundraisers throughout the marching season and they are not technically delinquent until all fundraising opportunities have ended.

How can another band parent pay another student’s fees if they are in need of financial assistance but the executives are not permitted to release names of delinquent students? To be a “band angel” speak to one of the executives about making a donation to a student who genuinely is in need of financial assistance and it will be applied to a student’s account without disclosing a name. If you know of someone simply make a payment in their behalf.

Can a student’s excess charms funds be applied to another students account? Yes, a request letter must be submitted before June 1 and the name of the student must be given. If it is not submitted by June 1 charms monies will roll over into the general band account.

**Directors Remarks** – No remarks, Mr. Trobaugh was not in attendance.

Stephanie Swope commented that she has charm account cards available for freshman. If you need a charms account, contact Stephanie at [cotreasurer@munfordband.com](mailto:cotreasurer@munfordband.com) . Eighth grade students who are joining the band next year will be issued a charms account in order to start fundraising this year.

Charms is a way to keep track of your money and cannot be used for uniform items or registration fees. It is voted on to either roll excess charms monies into the general fund or back into the student accounts on a yearly basis. If you have excess in your account it can be designated to a fellow band member. Band fees are voted on yearly and are broken down into payments.

There were no further questions and a motion was made to adjourn by Rick Johnsey and seconded by Keith Kutz. All were in favor. None opposed. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m. Chaperone meeting followed in the choir room.

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**Next Meeting September 8, 2014 – 7 p.m. in the band room**