

The Munford High School Band Boosters met in the band room on December 12, 2012. Larry Wildes, booster president, called the meeting to order at 7:15p.m.

First on the agenda was Standing Reports. Secretary's report was called for and Keith Kutz made a motion that we dispense with the reading because minutes are available on the website. The motion was seconded and passed. Next the treasurer's report was called for and was presented by Brenda Norwood. Teresa Crotts made a motion that we accept the report as read; the motion was seconded and passed.

Next on the agenda was old business.

Larry thanked everyone that helped with the fruit fundraiser it was a success.

Picture day went well. There were a few students who didn't get individual pictures done and they have scheduled a make-up day. If you have any questions or need to schedule a make-up day please contact John Tucker via Facebook, otherwise pictures will be in before Christmas. Mr. Trobaugh then mentioned that he would not see his students again, past Friday the 14<sup>th</sup>, until January. Larry then offered to call John Tucker that evening and see what arrangements could be made.

The storage trailer by the concession stand has been cleaned and prepared to return to the rental company. When the company was contacted to inform them the trailer was ready for pick up they made a sales offer of \$1600. Jamie Edmondson made a motion that the trailer be purchased for \$1600. The motion was seconded and without further discussion passed. Larry suggested that some shelving and an awning to cover the fryers be added and someone mentioned contacting Lowes to see if they would be willing to donate wood.

JT's night is Monday December 17<sup>th</sup> from 5-7pm. Freshmen will be given the opportunity to sign up to help serving staff. This is a fundraiser and the band receives 10% of the food sales and 100% of tips.

Show patches are in and Mr. Trobaugh will be handing them out to the students. Larry then presented the possibility of purchase patches and shirts from US Bands that say Southern States Champions. The shirts will include the students' names on the back. Larry suggested purchase a patch for each student but taking personal pay orders for the shirts. John Frantz made a motion that we purchase patches for students. The motion was seconded and passed. Students will be responsible for ordering their own shirts through the band.

Next was an addition to old business. Chris Hacker, booster vice president, addressed the membership and apologized for the delay with the Nike merchandise. He received an email saying it was ship when in fact it hadn't shipped. After some discussion with the rep and research, they rep did say the merchandise shipped on the 8<sup>th</sup> and should be received this week or early next. Please email Chris as you receive your order so he knows that it is coming.

We then moved on to new business.

First Larry presented an addition under new business. He discussed the need for new uniforms. We did not have enough this year to fit all students and as a result had to purchase the used black uniforms. That purchased was conducive to the 2012 show and its theme. But unless we use the black uniforms again we will not be able to fit our incoming freshman for the 2013 marching season. It is the intention of the directors and boosters to purchase new uniforms as soon as possible. The purchase of uniforms is a very involved process and takes several months. In order to have new uniforms available for the 2013 marching season, the process must be initiated before January. Purchasing 300+ complete uniforms, jackets, bibbers, hats, and accessories (plumes, braids, etc...) is very costly; therefore we are looking at the possibility of getting a loan. David Duncan did some research to find out what we can do, loan wise, as a 5013C. What was purposed was the filing of the necessary paper work to open the discussion with the bank about the terms of a loan. The floor was then opened for discussion.

Question: Is there anything in the school board budget that is set aside for something like this? No, we are definitely going to ask but we are not guaranteed anything from the school board, we need to start the process knowing that if we had to borrow the full amount we are aware of the terms.

Question: Who was the gentleman that came to the booster meeting, stood up and addressed us saying if there was anything we need? That was Ferrell Vincent and he is a supporter but only one vote on the board of education.

Someone suggested auctioning off old uniforms and Vickie Disch addressed the group reiterating the need to start the process ASAP and pointing out that we can't auction off the old uniforms until we have new, so that is not a valid way to raise money towards new uniforms although that is a great fundraiser. She also pointed out that we are obligating future parents either way whether we take out a loan or leave them with the burden of purchasing new uniforms.

Question: What about a grant? No one has been willing to take that on as of yet because it is such a long, drawn out process.

Mr. Trobaugh mentioned the boosters lack of collateral and stated that a loan could not be taken out under the Tipton County Board or Munford High School.

Question: What about financing? Very few companies offer that and the ones that do offer it mainly as a sort of deferral.

Question: Have we thought about asking the city councils? Yes but we still need to ask about a loan to cover the difference. We need to be prepared to pay for the total. And we don't have the time to fundraise if we plan to have the uniforms for next marching season.

Mr. Trobaugh: The community has come behind us big time and will continue to support us. It all depends on how we represent it. We need to have our ducks in a row before we purchase and ask for money. We have to be careful that we don't fixate so much on uniforms that we can't leave 1080 McLaughlin dr. I think the community will support us but I don't believe we should expect much from the board of education or Munford High School.

Chris Hacker made a motion that to move forward with the bank and find out the terms for a loan. The motion was seconded and without further discussion was passed unanimously.

Mr. Trobaugh then presented the membership with the need of the band for concert tubas. The school has band accounts that we can and plan on using to purchase the tubas. He presented two different quotes for tubas one from Amro for approximately \$13000 and one from The Tuba Exchange for \$8290. These quotes include the cases. The quotes are for different brands of instruments, from Amro they are Yamahas and from The Tuba Exchange they are St. Petersburg. Although Yamahas are top of the line instruments Mr. Trobaugh recommended the purchase from The Tuba Exchange, expressing his confidence in the quality of the instruments and the quote.

Question: What is the shipping cost? It is included in the quote

Tom Norwood made a motion to purchase the tubas from The Tuba Exchange using the money available in the school accounts. The motion was seconded.

Question: How much money is available in the school accounts? Enough to cover the cost of the tubas and leave about \$810 but we will have other bills that need to be applied to this account.

The motion was voted on and passed.

Mr. Trobaugh proposed the purchase of the drill and music for the 2013 marching show. The total cost is \$10,000.

Question: With the show this year they were not enough spots for every student will that be the same for next year? Yes and its necessary

Question: When would we have to commit our students for next year? In January, firm

Question: Is the cost going up because the specifics of new music and drill? Yes

Question: Is it going to be another two uniform show? Yes we have no choice unless we are able to purchase the new uniforms. Chris Hacker: stand by for a special meeting to approve funding for uniforms.

Question: Do you foresee us staying local next year? No, I do not anticipate doing anything less than we did this year.

Jamie Edmondson made a motion to purchase show music from Gilroy under contract for up \$10,000. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Larry then mentioned the Wing Fest and the need for volunteers. There will be a live auction and silent auction so start soliciting if you have any connections. Jim Disch is the chair and you can reach him at [www.wingfestival@munfordband.com](mailto:www.wingfestival@munfordband.com) with any questions, suggestions or to volunteer.

The Christmas concert is Thursday at 7pm. Students are to be in their seats no later than 6. There is no cost to enter but donations will be taken at the door.

Question: My son said he needs to wear a black tie? Yes, it is black on black on black.

Denise Dillon informed the group that Butter braids would be in on Friday the 14<sup>th</sup> and asked that they be picked up promptly since they are perishable.

There will also be a bake sale at the concert on Thursday. If you have something to donate (baked goods) please bring them to the band concession at 8am.

Question: What about Kroger cards? The only available option is to register your plus card online and put MHS Band under community organization, the band will get portion of all that is collected for all community organizations once every three months. Jamie Edmondson offered to put a link on the band website with instructions on registering cards.

With nothing left on the agenda and Mr. Trobaugh passing final comments, Teresa Crotts made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded and passed. The Munford High School Boosters will meet again on January 14<sup>th</sup> 2013.