

## MUNFORD BAND BOOSTER MEETING

The Munford High School Band Boosters met on Monday, December 8, 2014 in the Munford High School Band Room. President Chris Hacker brought the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m., all executive officers were present. Mr. Trobaugh was 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 November minutes as they are posted to the band website. The motion was seconded by Dana Swope and passed with none opposed.

The treasurer's report was then presented by Teresa Schelly and was available on the back of the agenda. Profit is skewed on fundraising line due to charms money not moved yet and the payment for fruit has not cleared the bank. Cost for show patches has not cleared yet. First expense for Macy's has come in. Cost for printing donation request letters and inserts. Band fees owed will change once fruit fundraising is applied to accounts.

Questions:

- Is the fundraising total just reflecting fruit sales? It is a combination of different fundraisers to date. McAllister's cleared \$210.
- Has a deposit payment been made to Macy's this month? Two payments have been made to date and the next payment is not due yet. The last payment does not show because it did not clear the bank in time to post to this month's report.

Amy Ryder made the motion to accept the treasurer's report as written. The motion was seconded by Keith Kutz, none opposed. No further discussion. Motion passed. A copy of the budget is available upon request to members of the Band Boosters only. Chris Hacker noted that eighty-three families are delinquent on fees by \$100 or more. Out of that total twenty-four families owe fees from previous years and seven owe from multiple years. Any students who owe \$101 or more will be turned over to the school and will not be permitted to leave early after exams.

Total fees owed this month are more than last month due to an oversight. Overages paid by parents were added in and not deducted to show a true balance due. It has been corrected.

Question:

Will 3% be added on credit card payments for band fees? Not this year.

### **Old Business:**

**GoFundMe and PayPal** - is up and running on website for Macy's donations.

**Band Fees** – Next band fee payment of \$100 per student is due on February 15. Boosters are now accepting band fee payments via credit card. A list of names for an Ad Hoc committee for next year's fee structure has been compiled and will meet soon.

**TV Spot** - Three band members were chosen to represent the Munford Band on Channel 24 Local Memphis Live, December 3. This was to raise awareness of our band program and the need to raise funds for Macy's. There may be other TV opportunities next year.

### **New Business:**

**Christmas Concert** – on Thursday, December 11, 7 p.m. cost for entry is a donation. There will be a bake sale, spirit items and door prizes will be available. Attire is all black. This includes shoes, shirts, pants, ties and socks.

**Fundraising** – Brook Jones took the floor. Citrus delivery and pickup will be Friday December 12. Volunteers are needed to help unload, organize and help during pickup. Delivery is scheduled for 9 am and pickup will be from 3 to 6pm on Friday. Additional details were discussed about equipment and supplies needed for unloading and sorting of fruit to prepare for pickup.

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A request for donations of wrap and trays for the bake sale was made. Drop off of baked goods on Wednesday night from 4 -7 pm at concession stand and again on Thursday morning from 9:30 – 10:30 am. Jodi White is taking the lead on the bake sale.

**Macy's Committee** – Tina McKinney and Pam Ethridge will head the committee. Chris Hacker proposed \$10k advertising and marketing budget to be established to help with fundraising efforts. Jamie Edmondson made a motion for \$10k to be used for Macy's fundraising expenses, marketing and advertising. Rick Keenan seconded the motion. Question: Will this amount be for this (school/ marching season) year only? This is what will be used to start our efforts and if the total amount is not used it will be moved back into the "general" account. If more is needed it will be up for discussion.

No further discussion. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

A motion was then made to accept additional general fundraising efforts to help fund the Macy's effort by Valerie Pennington and was seconded by Jamie Edmondson.

Questions: How much Money is needed to get the entire band, staff and chaperones to New York? \$300k. Is there a 5k fun run in the works? It has been discussed but nothing is in place yet.

No further questions. All were in favor. None opposed. Motion passed to start Macy's fundraising efforts.

**Friends and Family package for Macy's – Package sales will start at the January meeting.** Pricing on packages can be found on the band website, on page five of the November minutes. All money is due at the time of purchase. A 3% fee will be imposed on all credit card purchases. No cutoff date yet to purchase a package. More details will be available at the next meeting. Parking cost is \$25 per night as stated on the hotel website.

Questions: Will kids have downtime to visit with family while in New York? Realistically, no. It is just not possible time wise. Band members will not be able to leave premises and "we" have to know where they are at all times.

- Has there been a decision on the Broadway show yet? Not yet. Waiting to make a decision on financial feasibility closer to date. Once we commit we are responsible for \$90 per person.
  
- Can a bank be setup to take direct donations for Macy's from the general public? It can be looked into.

After a brief request made by Lisa Simmons a hat was passed around for any parents wanting to help provide a Christmas for an Angel tree recipient.

**Directors Remarks** – Mr. Trobaugh said thank you for making Toys for Tots fill the sleigh event a success. Everything from a bike to a remote control car was donated. Thank you for all your donations and making Christmas special for so many children. Christmas concert on Thursday, December 11 at 7 p.m. Attire for boys and girls is all black. Winter guard will not perform. Please sing along with the band as they play. Thank you on behalf of all the directors for all your help during the marching season to make it work. It was appreciated.

Misuse of the associated band Facebook pages was brought to task. Formally request that "you" DO NOT use your page or any of the band related pages to post insulting or derogatory remarks about anyone or anything relating to the band. Starting with comments directed toward students. When you post something about a student individually or groups, they are someone's child first and second they are students and it hurts. If you have a concern or a problem about how the school is run or my program you are strongly encouraged to contact me (Mr. Trobaugh) and to sit down and discuss any issues. It is strongly encourage that you to not use social media to relay your concerns. "If you really have those types of concerns and you have chosen not to work with Dr. Fee, myself or whomever than I really question why your child is in the program. If you get to that point, and I hope you don't, please consider the quickest and most painless thing for your child would be that you choose to send a note to have them removed from the program. I hope you don't do that. Also remember that this is largely coming from Dr. Fee and her debrief with what my abilities and inabilities are. We all read Facebook. I have kind of lied to you. I don't have a Facebook page that you recognize my name but I read Facebook and there are all my cards, all 52 of them on the table. It hurts. I've been here 21 years and have tried my best, as inept as it may have been, to do what I thought you wanted done and your children want done for all those years. It hurts really deeply when someone jumps from position A to Z and never offers the opportunity for discussion or dialog. As you have the right to move your child out of this program so does the school hold that same

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right to not allow your child to be in that program, or any other program. I apologize for having to do this tonight but it is one of those professional obligations. I love this city and I love this program and love working at this school.”

Utilize Facebook as a positive part of our program not as a venue to air things. If you have problems with the band program contact Mr. Trobaugh. Issues with band booster organization contact President Chris Hacker or any of the executive board. This applies to all forms of social media.

Thank you, for all you have done and the team effort that it takes to run this program.

Questions:

- What time do the kids need to be at the school for concert? Kids in chairs at 6pm.
- When is the next concert? A concert for late February early March has not been scheduled yet due to all of the other activities within the school. Senior concert in May.
- Has there been a decision on the senior activity yet? Seniors have not offered up a unified idea. As the year moves on the opportunity to go off campus becomes difficult.

There were no further questions and a motion was made to adjourn by Rick Johnsey and seconded by all. All were in favor. None opposed. Meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

**Next Meeting January 12, 2014 at 7 p.m. in the band room**