

MUNFORD BAND BOOSTER MEETING

The Munford High School Band Boosters met on Monday, February 9, 2015 in the Munford High School Band Room. President Chris Hacker brought the meeting to order at 7:52 p.m., all executive officers were present. Mr. Trobaugh was in attendance briefly.

Standing Reports:

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

The treasurer's report was then presented by Teresa Schelly and was available on the back of the agenda. Third & fourth installment payments have been made for Macy's as well as a payment for coach buses. Donations from the postcard mail out have been well received by the public and some donations are starting to come in.

Questions:

Is the profit/ loss category YTD totals? Yes, but it is about four to six weeks behind as all checks have not cleared the bank. Our year starts July 1 and ends June 30.

Comment:

According to the report it shows we are in the red. Our actual bank balance does not show a negative balance but our report shows we spend more than we take in and it will be discussed later on the agenda.

What is Barzizza? It is the booster loan taken to pay for the uniforms.

Amy Ryder made the motion to accept the treasurer's report as written. The motion was seconded by Michelle Spitler, none opposed. No further discussion. Motion passed. A copy of the budget is available upon request to members of the Band Boosters only.

A coach bus reserved by the boosters for the Macy's trip was available for parents and students to get in and look at before the meeting.

Question: Will coach buses be available for parents, friends and family to travel to New York? The booster organization will not reserve buses for friends and family due to the cost involved. If an individual would like to organize bus travel for New York that would be acceptable, but keep in mind the cost is \$11k if one person rides or 56 people ride the bus. Whoever reserves the bus will be responsible for payment. Cline has plenty of 2015 buses available.

Old Business:

Winter Guard – Christy Renfrow is taking volunteers for the winter guard show and a form is available online.

Schedule:

- February 21 – Southaven High School
- February 28 – Collierville High School
- March 7- Houston High School
- **March 21 – Munford Winter Guard Show. Volunteer meeting March 17, signup on <http://www.munfordband.com/>.**
- April 11 – University of Memphis

Fee Schedule 2014/ 2015 – All remaining fees due now

- May 15 – Registration \$100/ \$100
- July 19 – Band Camp \$200/ \$150
- September 15 – Competition Season \$150/\$100
- February 15 – Final Installment \$100/ \$100 (Due before next meeting)

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Policy for Non-Sufficient Funds – Any account that submits 2 checks that are returned for non-sufficient funds will no longer be able to submit payments of any kind by check. Payments for those accounts will be made by cash, money order or credit card.

New Business –

Band Fees -

- All outstanding balances are due February 15.
- Delinquent accounts will be turned over to the school the first week of March in order to apply the strawberry fundraising monies to charms accounts.
- Currently 132 students still have a balance due.

Fundraising Chair – Brook Jones

Strawberry fundraising is actively going and will continue until February 20. Information and order forms are available online at www.munfordband.com.

Go eat night fundraisers scheduled for:

- Monday February 23 at Chick-fi-A - requires a flier either on paper or electronic version (Facebook, email and remind 101) on your phone at time of sale.

Past go eat nights did well - \$250 made a Dairy Queen and \$200 at McAlister's.

- March 14 at Applebee's Pancake breakfast
- April 4 Easter Bakesale
- April 15 McAlister's

All dates will be posted on the website. Please participate in some way to make these events successful.

Questions:

Has JT's been contacted about a go eat night? Not yet

How can eighth grade parents sign up for remind 101 and emails? Visit www.munfordband.com and click on the links to sign up.

Katherine Markley took the floor- She works with READY, a college access program dealing with financial aid for seniors, and reminded parents the deadline for seniors filing for FASTA financial aid is February 15. Anyone interested in filing for financial aid may contact Mrs. Markley.

Rick Keenan & Rick Johnsey - Ad Hoc Committee Chairs for next year's fee structure took the floor. An assessment of this year's budget was completed by the committee along with an estimate for next year's budget. To date with payments already made for hotel and travel for Macy's, in the amount of \$45k and more bills to come, band fees needed to sustain the 2015/ 2016 season will remain at \$550 per student. Fees needed to travel to Macy's, based on \$150k in fundraising goals, will be \$350 per student. This price includes the Aladdin show in NY. Total band fees for marching season will be \$900. Keep in mind this fee is contingent on meeting our fundraising goal of \$150k. If this goal is not met fees will increase accordingly, but if expectations are exceeded the cost could possibly go down. A second child discount (or third) of \$90 is applied for siblings. \$1650 is the total price for the 2015/ 2016 season if zero fundraising is accomplished.

Questions:

What was the cost for the Nationals trip? \$100k and the kids paid no additional expenses for the trip.

What is the total cost for the trip to New York? Based on 200 students traveling cost will be almost \$300k.

What will the fee schedule be? Nine monthly payments of \$150 will begin on April 15 and end on September 15. This is scheduled in order to keep Macy's payments on time and band fees turned in in a timely manner. All band fees are nonrefundable and any credit card payments will incur a 3% charge. Online band fee payments will be setup soon.

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A motion was made by Melody Haskins to accept the band fees as proposed by Rick Keenan. Band fees will be \$550 for the regular season and **\$350 for Macy's (pending fundraising goals)** with monthly payments starting on April 15 and ending on September 15 for a total of \$900. Jen Kutz seconded the motion. Discussion followed.

Questions:

What will be done to accommodate the eighth grade color guard? A tryout schedule is in the works and payments do not start until April. If a guard member is cut, then a reasonable agreement will be made.

What about eighth grade band students who may not make it through band camp? Kids are not cut from the band program, they voluntarily quit and their money has been spent on staff and program fees. Band camp is tough and can be scary. We have three band directors for 220 kids and there is not always time to be gracious but they care for them like they would their own. Encourage your child to stick it out and push through. Come out and volunteer to be a part of the program and see how things are done. Root for all the kids to finish that last lap around the parking lot. The kids will get more than just a music education and a trip to New York. They will come back leaders and will be proud of what they do and accomplish.

If band fees are not paid by September will a student still travel to NY? No, just due to the cost involved, the school will work with us on enforcing a deadline for fees to be paid and up to date.

Fundraising opportunities are available. A Friends of the Band letter is available and can be printed off of the band website and any donation made to a specific child will go 100% to their fees. This is not tax deductible because it is directed to a specific student. (Only general band donations are considered tax deductible according to 501c3 guidelines) Band fundraising like citrus and strawberries are a 50/50 split of the profit with the band program. All families are encouraged to participate in band fundraisers as it keeps band fees down. Student charms accounts will be rolled over into next year's charms accounts as it was voted on by the membership.

Can a student be involved in football and still participate in band? Details will have to be worked out with the football coach and Mr. Trobaugh but if a student is willing arrangements can be made.

No further discussion. All were in favor. Motion passed with none opposed for band fees set at \$900 per student, pending the final fundraising total, with a \$90 discount for subsequent siblings for the 2015/ 2016 season.

A decision is needed on whether to carryover charms in individual student accounts for the 2016/ 2017 season or to roll all charms accounts into the general fund with all students starting with a zero balance. Mike Leggett made the motion to carryover excess charms in student accounts. Linda Norman seconded the motion. No further discussion. None opposed. Motion passed.

Ad Hoc committee for By-Law review –

Rick Keenan will chair the committee. A request for volunteers for a committee to review the By-Laws was made. Contact Rick Keenan at keenanjrr@bellsouth.net if you would like to join the committee.

Friends & Family – Updates from Jason Hibbard vicepresident@munfordband.com

- Sales (Entire Balance is Due at time of reservation credit cards have a 3% fee added)
- Quad: \$2200.00 (Family of 4 in a room with 2 Double Beds) ***\$550 per person**
- Triple: \$1800.00 (Family of 3 in a room with 2 Double Beds) ***\$600 per person**
- Dbl D: \$1500.00 (Family of 2 in a room with 2 Double Beds) ***\$750 per person**
- Dbl K: \$1500.00 (Family of 2 in a room with 1 King Bed) ***\$750 per person**
- Single: \$1100.00 (Family of 1 in a room with 1 King Bed) ***\$1100 per person**

Check in at 4pm November 23. Check out November 27.

Price includes path train and subway passes, Thanksgiving dinner and cruise, 9/11 Memorial Museum.

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What is the time limit on booking rooms? Rooms are based on availability. If rooms are sold out, efforts will be made to find a hotel to accommodate your needs.

Check in and check out dates can be changed but any days added to the package will result in additional costs to you.

Limited time with your student will be available. 9/11 tour is set for Tuesday and is not the same day as the students.

Will the students be released at the end of the trip while in New York? Yes, but proper TCBOE paperwork must be submitted in advance (date to be determined) for a **student to be released to a legal guardian or parent only** (on Friday morning only before the tours.)

What is the dress code for the dinner? Semi-formal attire is appropriate. Concert band attire is acceptable. All friends and family are encouraged to dress for dinner as well and are expected to follow TCBOE rules for school sponsored field trips.

Will a tape of the parade be available for purchase? NBC will have a tape available for sale.

If you have any specific questions concerning Macy's Friends and Family package sales contact Jason Hibbard at vicepresident@munfordband.com. Packages will be available for purchase after the booster meeting.

Is there a date available for the Six Flags trip? Not yet.

Eighth grade parents are invited to attend all meetings

Directors Remarks - None

There were no further questions and a motion was made to adjourn by Mary Frantz and seconded Keith Kutz. All were in favor. None opposed. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Next Meeting March 9, 2015 at 7 p.m. in the band room