

An informational presentation by Shannon George regarding the upcoming mattress fundraiser. Prices are 30-50% off of retail. This doesn't cost the band anything. Prices range from \$199-\$2999. We need band parents to share this on Facebook and hand out flyers to advertise fundraiser.

General Membership Meeting called to order at 7:14 pm

President Ben Kirk, VP Dave Duncan, Secretary Rick Keenan, Treasurer Justin Johnson, Co-Treasurer Clay Summers, Band Director Barry Trobaugh, 38 Members and 2 guest present.

Secretary's Report:

Tabi Kirk makes a motion to dispense the reading of the minutes and accept them as read as they are online. Seconded by Lynne Fitzgerald. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

We are currently \$21,000.00 short in band fees which is down from \$29,000.00. Students cannot attend the Six Flags trip if their band fees are not current.

Motion made by Donna Phillips to accept the Treasurer's report as reported. Seconded by Valerie Pennington. Motion carried.

Standing Committee Reports:

- Chaperones: Helene Keenan discussed assigning chaperones for the Six Flags trip. A final number of chaperones will be decided when we have the final number of students.
- Color Guard: Christina Broughton discussed the Tipton County Color Guard Showcase. Cost of admissions is \$5. Showcase begins at 7:00pm. Doors open at 6:30. There will be a student and parent spinoff competition. Concessions will be available. Their final competition is April 1, 2017 in Jackson, MS.
- Fundraising: Valerie Pennington mentioned that they unloaded 750 flats of strawberries. It was very profitable for the band. We're supposed to be starting our peach sale this month however the grower hasn't sent the appropriate paperwork yet so we will not be starting as planned. If we don't receive the information in the next 24 hours, Valerie suggests going with another grower. Hypnotist is the evening of April 21st at 6:30pm. Cost of admission is \$15. It will be a dessert night and basket auction. We will need volunteers for setting up, wrapping desserts, donations for the basket auction, etc. Any help and/or donations are greatly appreciated.
- Merchandising: Tina Russell discussed they will be selling MHS Band merchandise at the MMS Spring Fling April 7th and 8th.

Old Business:

Per Dave Duncan the concession stand is under repairs. The center has been removed and will be replaced by stainless steel tables.

Six Flags trip will be April 29th. Forms went home Friday 3/10. Forms are also available online. There is a service charge if you pay online. Please note the student's name if you pay online so it can be applied to the appropriately. Band fees must be paid in order for students go on the trip. It is encouraged that students purchase the extra meal voucher and the water bottle because drink refills are free throughout the day. It is also encouraged students bring a complete change of clothes.

New Business:

Justin Johnson discussed the budget and band fees for the 2017-2018 school year. Fees are based on 202 students and will be \$600. Motion made by Linda Norman to accept the \$600 band fees for next year. Seconded by Tina Russell. Motion carried.

Justin Johnson notified the membership that the previously allocated building funds will be moved to the savings account. We discussed constructing a storage building down by the concession stand at the beginning of the year. Justin mentioned moving the allocated \$18,000.00 to a separate savings account to earn more interest. The funds can still be moved back in the event the construction of the building is approved. The funds could also be re-allocated in the event the building is not approved.

Heather Landrum proposed having a fee increase for Winter Guard participants. Much discussion was had on the topic. Mr. Trobaugh suggests we continue as we have been and if the needs should change; it is communicated through Mr. Trobaugh to the membership. Discretionary funds could always be shifted to satisfy the needs of the winter guard program. Further discussion was tabled until a future meeting.

Director's Remarks

- Thursday's concert was a big success.
- Please come out and enjoy the County Color Guard Showcase Friday 3/17/17
- Color guard tryouts are potentially set for April 10-14th
- April 17th is the transition meeting when the new incoming parents will be invited to attend the meeting
- Senior concert is May 11th
- Graduation is May 19th
- Band Camp will begin on July 10th-July 28th. It has not been approved yet but Mr. Trobaugh does not see a problem with those dates.
- Small ensemble concert date is still in the works.
- We have new drums for the new drum line that we acquired at half price from the Memphis Grizz Line. They are currently blue but the color will change to either red or will be made to match the show.
- We need 5 marching baritones and 3 euphoniums. Total bid is \$16,159.00 from Amro. The funds would have to come from the discretionary fund as the instrument budget was spent on the new drums. The funds are available in the discretionary fund per Justin Johnson. Motion made by Xan Landsittel to allocate the funds to purchase the necessary instruments. Seconded by Donna Phillips. Motion carried.

Ben Kirk discussed changing the band fee payment structure from 6 \$100 per month payments to 8 \$75 per month payments beginning April 15th. Motion made by Linda Norman to change the payment structure to \$75 per month over 8 months. Seconded by Tina Norris. Motion carried.

Nominations for board positions will be next month. You must be present to accept the nomination.

Next meeting is April 10, 2017

Motion made by Heather Landrum to adjourn. Seconded by Donna Phillips. Motion carried.
Meeting adjourned at 8:25pm