

The Munford High School Band Boosters met on Monday, May 12, 2014 in the Munford High School Band Room. President Larry Wildes brought the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m., all executive officers were present. Mr. Trobaugh was in attendance.

**Opening remarks by President Larry Wildes** – The membership was reminded that booster meetings are recorded and to please speak up and in order to vote in the election you must be a booster member. Membership cards were available to purchase from Lynn Fitzgerald.

### **Standing Reports:**

The secretary's report was first on the agenda. Keith Kutz made the motion to dispense with the reading of the April 7, minutes as they are posted to the band website. The motion was seconded by Mary Frantz and passed with none opposed.

The treasurer's report was then read by Teresa Schelly. A copy of the budget is available upon request to members of the Band Boosters only. Total year to date amount of past due band fees was disclosed which included the senior debt that was turned over to the school. Jennifer Kutz made a motion to accept the treasurer's report as read. The motion was seconded by Keith Kutz, none opposed. Motion passed.

Question - When will the Charms accounts be updated? Stephanie Van Der Linden responded. It will be updated after June 1. If incoming freshman are added now they will be updated as sophomores when Charms automatically rolls out this year's seniors. The final fundraisers from this band season will count towards next year's band fees.

Question - Can senior's rollover any overage in their charms account into a fellow band student's account that is in need of financial assistance? Yes, send an email listing the parent's name and the students name with the overage and the name of the student the funds will go to.

### **Old Business:**

**Spring Trip** – Kids and adults had a great time. Weather was perfect. Students who had issues with the cup vouchers were refunded on site that day from the vendor.

**Senior Concert** – An announcement was made by Macy officials that the Munford Band was invited to march in New York, in the Macy's Thanksgiving Parade 2015.

**Bylaws Ad-Hoc Report** – Rick Keenan, Bylaws Ad-Hoc chairman read the proposed changes concerning concession, merchandising and guard inventory. Proposal was to have an ad-hoc committee in place to manage monthly inventories. A discussion ensued. Main issues were: What would happen with the inventory count after it is completed and turned in? Multiple keys to the concession stand are in existence so security is an issue, as well as storage and how to account for wasted items. An agreement was not made on the proposed changes. Three options were presented by Larry Wildes: Accept changes as read, table discussion for another month or send back to committee to be rewritten. A motion was made by Annette Estes to send the proposal back to committee to be rewritten. Motion was seconded by Jennifer Kutz. The motion passed with two opposed Rick Keenan and Mike Guetschow.

Question – Can the committee be dismissed and a new committee formed due to the members seeming to be hung on the issue? The findings have not been voted on yet so the issue is still open. Any new volunteers for the current bylaws committee were asked to stay after the meeting and submit their name and contact information.

Question - If the proposed changes had gone to a vote to reject the proposal, could the subsequent votes been made and the bylaws stay as written? Yes. Changes must be read and voted upon at three meetings as required according to Robert's Rules of Order.

**Band Camp** - Begins - July 14. Band Blowout - August 1. All band students will have a three week practice schedule. All students report the first week: brass & woodwind from 8am – 11:30am, guard and percussion 1pm- 4:30pm. During marching season please schedule all doctor and dentist appointments on Mondays. Monday is the only day during the week band members will have off throughout the marching season. Start drinking water several days prior to camp and stay hydrated.

### **New Business:**

Charms account rollover- Every year it is voted on to either have charms roll into the bands general account or back into the individual student charms account. If you have a surplus in your charms account, you can request to have all or just a portion of the balance moved into the general band account.

Rick Keenan made a motion to table the discussion until after discussing Macy's in order to have an idea of the cost before voting. Vote by show of hands: In favor of tabling the discussion – 30, Opposed – 50. Motion failed to pass, discussion continued.

Larry Wildes stated the general amount to travel to Macy's is \$300k. After a discussion concerning charms, Mike Leggett made a motion to rollover the charms surplus back into the individual accounts and was seconded by Mary Frantz. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

Friends of the band letter will be posted to the band website.

Uniform Savings Account vote in accordance with Article XIV, Section 7 of the bylaws- A portion of the band fees goes into the uniform savings account for the purchase of new uniforms only (hats, trousers & tunics). Currently the amount is \$25 per student and it is taken from band fees. The question posed; would the membership like to raise this amount or have it stay the same? Discussion followed. This money is set aside for the purchase of new uniforms, not the payment of the current uniform loan. This was put in place in order to have funds to purchase new uniforms when the need arises and will make the band self-reliant and the need for a future loan unnecessary. Projected life of uniforms is seven to ten years.

A motion was made by Jennifer Kutz to keep the contribution to the uniform fund at \$25 per student, which will be transferred from the general operating fund to the uniform fund no later than April 1, 2015. The motion was seconded by Mary Frantz. All were in favor, none opposed.

**Macy's** – Larry Wildes has been contacted by several companies who have offered to be our tour guide while in New York. \$300k is a ballpark amount for staying in New York and could go plus or minus \$25k. Students on Broadway was mentioned and the offers they have available. Another option was to stay in New Jersey as it offered better pricing. A discussion followed about the cost and possible options. Some meals may be covered with a package deal.

Question: How much was raised/ spent to go to Nationals? \$70k

Question: Will another bus for parents be available for travel? No, this trip is for band members and staff with the appropriate number of chaperones only. Parents must make their own travel and hotel arrangements.

**Directors Remarks** – Welcome new parents. Parents are at the heart of keeping the band afloat financially. Thank you for your hard work, support and the opportunities you provide the band program. Macy's is a defining moment in our band program and we are excited about just being selected. Each Macy's applicant is under extreme scrutiny upon submitting an application and it is an honor to be chosen. The task at hand now is to achieve the funding needed to. Working in our favor are the key people in the community, who are excited about sending us to Macy's. Efficiency and fundraising will be the key to getting us there and will take a group effort. Cost can range from \$1200 to \$2700 per student. Every effort will be made to be as cost efficient while still having a super package for the students. Your patience will be appreciated while we work on this as well as continue our program.

No deviations will be made in the program for the upcoming band season, to do so would be unfair to the seniors and parents. Mr. Trobaugh plans on meeting with the seniors to plan a memorable activity.

The first week of band camp, guard and percussion will have the same schedule as always 1pm-4:30pm Monday through Friday. Woodwinds and brass report at 8am – 11:30am Monday through Friday. Plans are to teach drill on Monday, the second week of band camp. A band camp schedule will be posted to the band website soon.

Mr. Trobaugh stated it has been a really good year and he is really proud of the students and the things they have accomplished. The senior concert was a great showcase of talent while the Macy's officials were in attendance. Thank you to all the parents for the resources you have given the band. Through your support, all of this is possible.

Questions: How far reaching can we ask for donations? The possibilities are state wide and major elected officials have been contacted to let them know of the opportunity available. Outside of state limits are welcomed. If anyone has a contact that is willing to make a donation and would like to talk to a representative, please have them contact Mr. Trobaugh. Videos and a list of accomplishment can be provided if needed to help enlisting a donor. Minimum level of funding needed for the trip will be \$250k.

Will there be a committee to make the decisions concerning Macy's? No, most of the decisions will be made by Mr. Trobaugh and the executive board.

Will there be any type of recognition given to large donors? It will be voted on by the membership and we are hopeful to have something in place when the time comes.

Will the parents be required to fund the entire trip for students? Decisions will be made and voted on by the booster organization. It is our hope to fundraise enough to offset the costs significantly while still providing funds for the regular band seasons.

How early will tour groups need a deposit? It varies with each company but as early as November 2014.

Donations may be tax deductible through our 501(c)3 status and should be made to the Band Boosters or through Munford High School to the band. To contact Mr. Trobaugh an email is the best way to do so at this time.

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The music is being worked on for next season and does not have a name yet. It will be made available to students as soon as possible.

**Elections** – Membership cards were available for purchase as only band booster members are permitted to vote. Membership was verified before handing out ballots and all voting was cast by secret ballot.

**Nominations for President and accepted by:**

Chris Hacker – Elected and replaces Larry Wildes  
Jamie Edmondson

**Nominations for Vice President and accepted by:**

Jason Hibbard – Elected and replaces Chris Hacker  
Pam Ethridge  
Jamie Edmondson – Declined nomination  
Christina Broughton

**Nomination for Secretary and accepted by:**

Tina McKinney – Re-elected unopposed

**Nomination for Treasurer and accepted by:**

Teresa Schelly – Re-elected unopposed

**Nominations for Co Treasurer and accepted by:**

Stephanie Swope – Elected and replaces Stephanie Van Der Linden  
Darcy Ralyea  
Christy Renfrow

Question was raised about the qualifications and experience of the nominated Co Treasurers. Each nominee took the floor and stated their qualification for the position.

**(For banking purposes, the following outgoing executive officers are to be removed from the Munford Band Boosters First Citizens bank account ending in 5202. Larry Wildes and Stephanie Van Der Linden**

**The following newly elected officials are to be added to the Munford Band Boosters First Citizens bank account ending in 5202. Jason Hibbard and Stephanie Swope)**

Larry Wildes thanked everyone for the opportunity to serve and for the support of the booster membership and board during his terms in office. During his tenure he was able to purchase new tubas, new trucks and new uniforms all while keeping a good balance in the accounts and surpassing the amount of funds available when he took office. He stated it was a great experience and would not have traded it for anything. He will be available for collaboration with the boosters if needed to help achieve future goals. He also advised forming a committee specifically for Macy's fundraising due to the magnitude of the fundraising needing to take place this band year. A huge amount of commitment will be needed in order to succeed but he feels he leaves you in capable hands.

There were no furtherer questions and a motion was made to adjourn by many and seconded by all. All were in favor. None opposed. Meeting adjourned at 9:05 pm.

**Next Meeting June 9, 2014**