

# McKinney North High School Band Boosters

## MINUTES

September 23, 2008

**In Attendance** Dave Allen, President; Allison Wilson, Treasurer; Sheryl Koppa, Secretary; Suzi Manuel, General Fundraising; Blake Lanagan, Student Fundraising; Gary Taylor (for Rhonda), VP Social; Lisa Robbins, Hospitality; Randy Dempsey, Webmaster; Heidi Berdis, Publicist; Josh Kurzweil, Assistant Band Director; Mike Myers, Assistant Band Director, students & parents.

**Call to Order** The meeting was called to order by Dave Allen at 7:03 p.m.

**Meeting Minutes** - Sheryl Koppa presented the minutes from the August 22, 2008 parent meeting. Motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes.

Presidents Notes - Dave thanked the parents for the water donations, but stated that we are still in need of more. It was announced that it was on sale for 3 cases for \$10.00 (\$3.33/case) and if each student donated 2-3 cases we would be set for the year. We decided not to renew with the BAC this year, that saves about \$360.00. And he is still pursuing the process of the 501c3 and will be starting it soon.

### DIRECTORS' REPORTS

**Alan Harkey**, Head Band Director:

- ❖ The band is doing great. Grade check is now and some students have a lot to make up in a short time. Josh and Alan have been communicating with the kids to go to tutoring if their grades are low. There are even band students that are tutors of certain subjects; they just need to ask for the help.
- ❖ Practices are going well and the kids are very near 100% attendance for all practices. Oct 4<sup>th</sup> is the 1<sup>st</sup> Marching competition in Denton; we perform at 9:30 am. We will have granola bars and juice for kids in the morning since they need to arrive at band hall at 6:30 am. Finals will be announced at 5:00 pm.
- ❖ If your child rents a school instrument, the instrument fee is now due.
- ❖ Mr. Harkey handed out a copy of the trip letter. It is still planned for Houston/Galveston as of now. The Wind Ensemble will be doing an Honor Band recording, so it is very important they all go on the trip. The trip payment schedule is listed. Blake is getting together a student fundraiser to help the students earn money towards their own trip payment. The trip is scheduled for May 15 – 18.

**Josh Kurzweil**, Assistant Band Director,

- ❖ Grades!! We are only 8 days away from deadline and currently have 18 students on the fence of failing. Some need some papers turned in and graded, but there is work to be done. Josh sent out the 1<sup>st</sup> waive of parent/teacher emails letting them know he needs help to stay on top of kids grades. Parents, please use the parent viewer system to check the student's grades at home.
- ❖ The tutoring list is now posted on the board for all the students to use. Just ask the band director or the student to help schedule your time with them.
- ❖ Symphonic band members are highly encouraged to come to sectionals.
- ❖ The Wizard of Oz musical rehearsals are going very well. The music is difficult, but the kids are getting it!
- ❖ The Winterguard (registered through NTCA) will host a field day event on Jan. 10, 09 at MNHS. And pending Board approval, the Winterguard has been approved to perform in Dayton, OH next April.
- ❖ The 1<sup>st</sup> Lonestar Concert will be in early November, more info to come.

**Mike Myers**, Assistant Band Director,

- ❖ In the Percussion world – they have NEW Drums! Mr. Myers and the students are very excited about this!
- ❖ This Saturday is the Plano Drumline competition - They perform at 12:45 pm.
- ❖ Mr. Myers continues to teach percussion at Cockrill M.S., and Johnson M.S. developing the middle school students' skills to come to North in the future.

### FINANCIAL REPORT

Allison Wilson, Treasurer, reported on the following:

Cash Flow Report –

- Allison handed out the report and went over main items to show the inflow and outflows of the budget. She stated that we have about \$5,000.00 still due from student registration fees. It was noted that any fees that are paid will go to band registration before they are applied to trip payments. This outstanding \$5,000.00 is crucial to our budget and these fees need to be paid as soon as possible.

## **OFFICERS' REPORTS**

Trip Fundraiser                      Blake Lanagan reported on the following:

- ❖ The kids will be selling Pizza Kits to earn money towards their trip. This fundraiser also has cookie dough and some pies. Out of the \$12.00 kit price, each student will receive \$5.00 of each item they sell.
- ❖ We will possibly have a Pizza Patron night, where you can go to the Pizza place (on 380/Hwy 5) and eat there or order to go. If you say you are with the MNHS Band, \$1.00 of each pizza price goes to the Band. An ex-large pizza is only \$5.99 so spread the word. Suzi will put together a flyer so the kids will know about it and we will send out an email reminder the day it happens.

Scholarship Endowment Update      Gary Taylor reported for Rhonda Taylor:

- ❖ The night was a huge success; Gary thanked everyone for their support. The Silent Auction items earned \$8,000.00 and so far there was \$19,400.00 raised for the scholarship endowment with some checks still coming in. The Bands, Good Morning Texas performance is now posted on their site and also on Spencer's webpage. Gary Cogill was the emcee and did a great job! Craig Ranch wants to host and sponsor it next year if we want to do an annual event. This endowment was created to finance the MNHS Band scholarship each year. The board suggested calling the scholarship, The Spencer Taylor Band Scholarship in his memory.

Band Banquet:

- ❖ The Banquet date will be May 9, 2009 at 7:00 pm. The Eldorado Country Club has been reserved. Rhonda will need a lot of help with this item when it gets closer. She is in the process of trying to find a good D.J.

## **OLD BUSINESS - None**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- ❖ Uniform Care - Instructions were sent home with the kids regarding how to wash the uniforms. If you have not seen those instructions, they were also emailed out or there is a copy at the parent meeting tonight to pick up. Please follow the instructions so the uniform stays nice looking.
- ❖ We still need some more parent volunteers for some of the games and festivals. Please sign up on the sign up lists posted on the tables.

## **ADDITIONAL DISCUSSION / Announcements –**

Zach Bitting and Nikki Cassidy are 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> in the 2009 Graduating Class. Zach received the National Merit Scholarship and Nikki received Commended! Congratulations to both of these well deserving students on their accomplishments!!

**ADJOURNMENT** Motion to adjourn was made at 7:49 pm and was passed unanimously.

**Minutes submitted by:** Sheryl Koppa, Board Secretary

**Minutes approved by:**