

McKinney North High School Band Boosters

MINUTES

March 11, 2008

In Attendance Rebekah Crawley, President; Allison Wilson, Treasurer; Sheryl Koppa, Secretary; Becky Cory, Student Fundraising; Leah Boyer, Trip Coordinator; Suzi Manuel, Volunteer Coordinator; Steve Rand, VP Social & Hospitality; Pat Hull, Webmaster; Heidi Berdis, Publicist; Josh Kurzweil, Assistant Band Director; students & parents. Dave Allen was out of town.

Call to Order The meeting was called to order by Rebekah Crawley at 7:02 p.m.

Meeting Minutes - Sheryl Koppa presented the minutes from the February 19, 2008 parent meeting. Motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes as written.

DIRECTORS' REPORTS

Alan Harkey, Head Band Director, Josh reported on the following:

- ❖ The Wind Ensemble is continuing with regular sectionals, please check the weekly sheet. Symphonic band needs to work on their attendance of sectionals. There has not been one with 100% attendance. The sectionals are a big part of band.
- ❖ UIL Solo and Ensemble had an excellent showing from MNHS. They are broken down into Class I, II, and III for the difficulty of the music. There were 53 solo medals & 45 ensemble medals earned. MNHS also had 31 state solo and ensemble contest qualifiers. The District is paying for the entry fee to go, but not the Hotel or transport fees. You will need to sign a contract by the parent and student if you are going.
- ❖ Open House was March 10. Thank you to the parents for coming and being a part of the audience and supporting the performances. They received a lot of great feedback from teachers and parents that do not normally get to see them perform. There will be a new Band Clinic on March 25, from 4:30 – 8:00 with MNHS & SJMS. The students will break into their sections and get to know each other, then have a pizza party.
- ❖ Pre-UIL is April 3 from 3:00 – 9:00 pm at MNHS. The Judges are lined up, we will be using student help, but still need some parent help on some of the items. MNHS will also be hosting UIL on April 15, 16 & 17. We will need student volunteers (stage crew and guides) and parent help for that event as well. It is also important to have a lot of parent support in the audience to show the groups are supported with applause.

Josh Kurzweil, Assistant Band Director, reported on the following:

- ❖ Winter Guard won 2, 2nd place trophies in their Fri. and Sat. night performances in Arlington. Great JOB!! If you have not seen the show, it has changed a lot since the Austin trip. And continues to change each week. March 29, they perform at Colleyville Heritage HS and then the State championships are April 5 in So. Grand Prairie. Please come and cheer them on.
- ❖ Grades – Please watch the Parent Viewer closely to help monitor the grades of your student.

Mike Myers, Assistant Band Director, Josh reported on the following:

- ❖ Percussion ensembles are on Thurs afternoons.
- ❖ Mr. Myers is officially off chemo and things are looking up for him.

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 cash flow. She stated that we have a large trip payment due which will make our budget in the negative. We are going to need to continue with Pizza Hut Park as our current fundraiser to produce a source of income for the Band Budget.

OFFICERS' REPORTS

Band Banquet

Steve Rand reported on the following:

- ❖ Band Banquet: It is scheduled for May 17 at 7:00 pm at Rock Creek Ranch. He will be holding a meeting with the seniors and parents to discuss the menu and a theme. At that meeting, he will get committees together to help with the decorations and the video. We still need to have any pictures from the parents that they have taken throughout the year. These pictures can go on the video that will be shown at the banquet and you will have the opportunity to purchase one.
- ❖ Band Trip: New York City/ T-shirts - Leah Boyer, Trip Coordinator
 - The mandatory trip meeting is Tues, April 8. Every student going on the trip needs to be there with at least one parent. We will discuss the travel tips. There was a motion made and 2nd to have all the students purchase a T-shirt for the trip to wear to the musical so we look like a group and so the chaperones can easily keep up with their group. The t-shirts will cost between \$7.00 & \$8:00. These T-shirts will also double as their Pizza Hut Park uniform. A sign up sheet will be posted in the Band Hall for your student to sign up for their size.
 - The students will need to have 2 forms of ID (DL & school ID will work, or birth certificate, but one needs to be a picture ID) Leah will get the flight info posted on the website, and the trip itinerary is posted on the website also.

OLD BUSINESS

Spring Registration/Pizza Hut Park

Suzi Manuel reported for Dave Allen:

- ❖ We are moving Band registration from the Fall to this Spring. It will be Sat., May 31, 08. There will be some modifications of the Band Registration fees to accurately reflect the actual cost of the band program. MNHS will be adding a new way to help pay for the Band Registration fees. Pizza Hut Park will be an option to pay off your Band Registration fees. You can use cash, or work option. These funds will help the Band program budget get started at a much earlier date. This will be the primary fundraiser for the band, but each student and at least one parent can choose to work a date at PHP and apply the earnings to their band fees. From May 1, 08 to Sept/Oct there will be approx. 12 dates to work at PHP. We can establish 4 teams and each team work 4 dates through the summer to pay for the fees. If you work a little more, you can possibly roll over some funds into your trip fees. More info coming, we are psyched about the possibilities of PHP!!

NEW BUSINESS

Nominating 08/09 Board/Amendments to Bylaws:

Suzi Manuel reported:

- ❖ Suzi informed the parents that it is time to consider any nominations to the board for next year. These will be voted on in our May parent meeting. The board meets 2 times a month. Once for Board meeting and one for parent meeting. Please see Suzi Manuel, Becky Cory or Heidi Berdis if you would like to nominate someone or nominate yourself. Or if you have any questions regarding a certain position.
- ❖ In the Bylaws on Page 2, section 3 we would like to discuss the removal of the stipulation that a Board member can only hold a certain position for 2 years. A motion was made and 2nd and approved by all to remove this item from the Bylaws.

Scholarship information was presented by special guest, Gary Taylor:

He was approached by Darren McGrady, a chef for Princess Diana for 4 years to have a Memorial Scholarship in honor of Spencer Taylor. The response has really snowballed into what sounds like a GREAT event. It is scheduled for Sept. 7, 08. There will be a reception from 5:00-6:30, and the dinner from 6:30-8:00. The reception only tickets will be \$30.00. And the reception/gourmet dinner will be \$150.00. The dinner will only be for about 50 people and it will be prepared by 6 celebrity chefs. There will also be raffle tickets sold at each school MHS, MNHS & Boyd for \$1.00 each. The winner of the raffle will get a Prime front row seat at the dinner. There will also be a Silent Auction. This whole event will be held at Market Street. Gary Cogill, from Good Morning TX will be the MC for the evening. Gary Taylor's goal is to raise \$15,000.00 to help start an endowment for the Band scholarships each year. We look forward to hearing more about this special event.

ADDITIONAL DISCUSSION / Announcements - None

ADJOURNMENT Motion to adjourn was made at 8:09 pm and was passed unanimously.

Minutes submitted by: Sheryl Koppa, Board Secretary

Minutes approved by: All