

MCHS Band Booster Annual Board of Directors Meeting July 12, 2013

ATTENDEES: Lisa Mirassou, Donna Wight, Karen Helms, Dick Hutchinson, Kristina Rylands, Rod Fiester

Meeting was called to order by the president at 7:25pm

Lisa provided an overview of strategic plan for the year.

Finance Report: New Procedure. When there are concerts at the school, Boosters will collect funds and provide a donation to the school.

Uniforms: There was agreement that that the priority for uniform replacement was 1) jackets, 2) bibbers, and 3) hats. Class B uniforms should have a uniform band tie, including girls. Perhaps green or black tie. Lena Mirassou will word to design a new band t-shirt, to be used as official shirt.

Banner: We may want to consider getting a parade banner or a shield that spells out MCHS or MARIPOSA.

Drum major stand: This piece of equipment will be required if we are going to do field show competitions. We looked at photos. Will investigate the possibility of finding a local fabricator.

\$3,000 is being set aside for maintenance of instruments; need to conduct an inventory in advance of Charlotte Kelsey coming to September band booster meeting. This will be needed for insurance.

INSURANCE: There was a discussion of insurance and coverage of Symphony in the months when school policy is not covering instruments. Policy runs September to May 6. If Arts Council uses instruments and they are lost or damaged, the school insurance policy will not cover. A \$700 drum was damaged by symphony last year; it is still awaiting repair. How are our instruments covered? Need to pull together a written inventory of band instruments, condition, photos.

ACTION ITEM: Dick will approach Cara Goger to discuss Arts Council insurance and what it covers for Mariposa Symphony Orchestra. If they have a rider, it needs to be attached to school insurance.

CLEANING CLINIC: A recommendation was made to provide an opportunity for elementary students (and MCHS students) to learn how to clean and care for instruments. Perhaps have MCHS students could conduct a cleaning clinic. Rod discussed starting the year with instrument maintenance.

MARCHING or MOVING: At Sierra Foothill Charter School meeting, it was noted that one of the hindrances to students moving forward with band is a “fear” of

marching. A recommendation was made that a part of music instruction would involve a kinesthetic component to band class. Even inviting 7th/8th graders into some of the marching activities.

ACTION ITEM: Perhaps approach David @ Woodland about possibility of having a dedicated music room. Consider moving MES to MCHS band room so that band can have its own place.

BACK-TO-SCHOOL NIGHT: A recommendation was made to have boosters come to “Back to School Night” at Woodland & MES to promote music program. There is legal precedent in Tuolumne Unified School District was successfully litigated over not allowing a musical instrument to every child who wanted one. Having boosters and Gottschalks at same meeting poses a conflict.

ACTION ITEM: Rod will have conversation with new curriculum director to discuss legal implications of instrument rental vs. distribution.

CLEAN UP: Conduct a clean up of items in shed that are no longer on inventory, including garbage, old sheet music, partitions, etc.

TRIPS: Assuming Heritage or Forum concert festival (Easter April 20) in 2013-2014. The group also discussed the possibility of a multi-day out-of-town trip. **MOTION** was made by Rod Fiester to plan for multi-day trip every other year. Motion was seconded and passed.

FUNDRAISING: There was a recommendation to consider adult fundraisers, i.e., golf tournament, poker tournament, wine/beer tasting, bingo. Also there was a suggestion to consider instituting a point system around fundraising.

TRAILER: Boosters discussed potential to reconfigure the inside of the band trailer to maximize storage and make it easier to organize and load/off load instruments so that nothing is damaged or lost. Consider trolleys that could roll in and out with ease.

BAND BOOSTER SCHOLARSHIP: Boosters discussed the possibility of establishing a music scholarship. Create an objective selection committee to review applications and award music scholarship at achievement night.

STUDENT BOOSTER LEADERSHIP TEAM: Consider establishing a series of student-directed leadership positions within the band to assist with various tasks, i.e., student librarian, equipment manager, quarter master, uniform manager, “band student store.”

Slate of officers for the band boosters: elected by unanimous vote.

Suggest Doug Jensen as potential board member.

Treasurer Report

INCOME

\$3,900

\$1,200

\$2,000 in kind

\$5,900 individuals

\$3,800 induced donation

\$1,000 clubs

\$1,000 program

\$2,200 taxable income

\$20,000 directed use donation

EXPENSES

\$31,000 Food, lodging

\$6,100 competitions, etc

\$1,300 instrument related costs

\$5,000 transportation

\$1,300 uniforms

TOTAL \$48,000

Taxes \$500

Admin expenses

Deficit \$10,000

Bank balance of \$6,500

MOTION was made by Rod Fiester to adjourn meeting at 8:48pm. The motion was seconded and passed.

Respectfully submitted by
Kristina Rylands
Secretary, MCHS Band Boosters