

**MCHS Band Booster Meeting  
December 6, 2012**

**APPROVED MINUTES**

Meeting called to order by President at 5:57pm  
Secretary, Kristina Rylands, presented the minutes from the November 1, 2012 meeting.

**MOTION** was made by Dick Hutchinson to approve the minutes from last booster meeting as presented. Motion was seconded and passed.

**Treasurer's Report**

Reconciled through Oct. to be submitted to secretary. Nov. bank statement just in.  
OCT: Income: Misc. donations \$700, net on gold coin was about \$2,300, Tomatofest \$525, appeal letters \$1,200, MSO bake sale \$200, \$100 from veterans groups, ~\$100 for program, Gross \$458, coffee \$150

Expense \$4,600 from parents for San Diego. Still have some outstanding invoices.

Estimated Balance: \$6,000

**MOTION** was made by Lori Norman to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Motion was seconded and passed.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**San Diego Debrief**

Had a lot of fun! Fabulous trip! Dick updated the brochure with what kids did on trip.

Need to get story out that band relies on fundraising for the Mariposa music programs to continue. We need to explain that the money we receive does not necessarily go to a discreet trip, but an entire program including performances, competition, instrument repair. We don't get a budget from MCUSD.

**Discuss fundraisers for remainder of the year**

**FUTURE FUNDRAISER POSSIBILITIES (All dates & proposals below tentative)**

**BAKE-O-RAMA!**

Bake sale items (in zip-lock bags and labeled what they are) needed for the following dates. Deliver to band room on day of band performance.

Monday, Dec. 10 Chorus

Sunday, Dec. 16 Mariposa theater (Christmacy cookies and cocoa)

Tuesday, Dec. 18 MCHS band concert

Thursday, Dec. 20 MES/WES combined concert

Saturday, Dec. 22 MSO

**MOTION** was made by Karen Bodfish to sell items at all of these bake sales. Motion was seconded and passed.

December 8 fundraiser at Castillo's, report time: 12:30pm. Band will get percentage of gross for the day.

NEW BUSINESS

### **IRS Filing**

SUCCESS! Karen Bodfish reported that we were successful in filing our final articles of incorporation. Worked on expedited processing. Incorporated language that was required by the IRS. We are waiting for some last pieces from the State of California.

### **Website ideas for future**

A Wish List could be populated on the website with lists of items needed for donation. Send Kristina ideas for items to include on a WISH LIST page.

Website not getting enough hits. Look into ideas for how to increase exposure on website and numbers of hits.

**MOTION** was made by Lena Mirassou for Kristina Rylands to research what it would take to change website domain name and report out at next meeting. The motion was seconded and passed.

Should we develop a page for middle school? Dr. Smith indicated that they need to get their own page to maintain their own information. It is possible that they will need to get their own webmaster OR a centralized individual who can provide content for current webmaster (Kristina). Our website can support or link to K-8 band. This represents a greater need for a K-8 school band booster program.

### **Dick's Communication Activities**

THANK YOU letters went to Hampton Inn for great service; Carrie's dad for all his help; Amtrak for great service; 9 certificates to Gold Coin for fundraiser; flier for concert approved by Rod. Castillo's fliers posted. Send photos to Theresa Munn for concert video.

### **Dr. Smith's Reminders & Reflections**

TREMENDOUS THANKS to all of the chaperones for remarkable effort during San Diego trip! "You guys could write the book on how to do it! I wish that as a military director trips could have gone as well." Need to keep institutional memory.

At upcoming holiday concert, the band will march in. Play pep band music first half. Second half will be music from events, like Band of Pride, Fresno State, etc. There will also be an award ceremony in middle of concert to recognize efforts in the community and band boosters to make a formal THANK YOU.

Request from Mariposa County Board of Supervisors want band to play “Stars & Stripes Forever” on January 8 as part of swearing-in ceremony.

Do we want to seriously pursue going to Judge’s Invitational Festival competition at Disneyland this spring? There are other options in San Francisco. Focus MUST be on the performance, with the amusement park as the “reward.” Need to make a decision by next meeting.

Need to look at getting windbreakers for band that could be suitable in a concert setting. Water resistant. Potential price, \$13.

Elementary school band concert will take place on Thursday, Dec. 20 @ 7pm in MCHS auditorium. Not mandatory, due to finals week. But Dr. Smith really wants students and boosters to turn out.

Outlook for future band numbers is not good. Next school year, the MCHS program may be in a situation where band is down to the mid 20s. Need to build the program. Marching, pep band emphasize brass, but not many brass coming in from lower grades in future. We will be dealing with this for future years until stability of program can be established. The kids have stepped up, regardless of their size. But it takes the relentless SUPPORT of parents to keep kids motivated and interested.

**MOTION** was made by Theresa Munn to move the January 3<sup>rd</sup> band booster meeting to January 10. The motion was seconded and passed.

**Next meeting will be January 10.**

**MOTION** was made by Karen Bodfish to adjourn the meeting at 7:25pm  
Motion was seconded and passed.

Respectfully submitted by  
Kristina Rylands  
Secretary, MCHS Band Boosters