

**MCHS Band Booster Meeting  
July 12, 2012**

**APPROVED MINUTES**

Meeting called to order by President at 6:27pm  
Outgoing Secretary, Lisa Mirassou, presented the minutes from the June 7, 2012 meeting.

**MOTION** was made by Dick Hutchinson to approve the minutes from last booster meeting.

Karen Helms amended with the following correction: With the addition of the position of MCHS Principal or designee to the Board of Directors, the total number of directors on the board should be noted as 10.

Motion was seconded and passed.

**Treasurer's Report**

Outgoing treasurer, Bonnie Bean, presented the Treasurer's Report.

Bank Balance: \$16,311.53

\$304.15 made from MSO bake sale

Profit and loss sheet was presented.

**MOTION** was made by Linda Niles-Sheetz to approve the Treasurer's Report.  
Motion was seconded and passed.

**Old Business**

- Announcement of newly elected booster officers for 2012/13:
  - Lisa Mirassou, President
  - Deb Genung, Executive VP and VP of Fundraising
  - Dick Hutchinson, Co-VP of Communications
  - Donna Wight, Co-VP of Communications
  - Karen Helms, Treasurer
  - Kristina Rylands, Secretary and webmaster
  
- **Chorus loan:** The loan extended to the MCHS chorus has been repaid. In future, ASB will be able to provide loans to student groups for these kinds of purposes.
- **Inventory plan for instruments:** There was a question about the definition of "inventory" requested by the school. Dr. Smith has a copy of the list from last school year, which is the most recent version. MCHS wants boosters to inventory what is present in the band room.
- **Shelf in back of room:** Ray will set it up when he returns from vacation. Thanks, Ray!
- **Band party:** The end-of-year band celebration was super fun! Thanks to Lisa Mirassou for her hospitality. School starts on Wed., August 22. Boosters will

host a party on last day of band camp at the school on Friday. Will kick off at noon.

- **MSO and music literacy:** Dick Hutchinson continues to lead this effort. He will look into potential support from Selmer or Conn instruments.
- **Grantsmanship Center membership:** As a result of training conducted last year (attended by Lisa and Karen) \$175/year allows us access to grant databases. The deadline to sign up for the service is coming up at the end of August. Marilyn Lidyoff has a membership and would be willing to allow us to use it for prospect research.

ACTION ITEM: Karen Helms will get additional information on renewal process and potential charges to join at a later date.

- **Pioneer Market Receipts:** Laurie is collecting Pioneer Market receipts, along with Box Tops. Box Tops alone can yield about \$800-1,000 per year!

ACTION ITEM: Kristina will put a post on Facebook reminding everyone to save Box Tops and receipts.

#### New Business

#### **Rummage Sale, July 21**

- Band will hold a rummage sale and bake sale at St. Joseph's church in Mariposa from 9am-3pm. Need rummage sale donations, baked goods, and volunteers to help.
- July 20: Drop off donations from 10am-4pm.
- Let friends and family know that we are accepting donations
- Boosters will also hold a bake sale, with kids playing music.

ACTION ITEM: Kristina will add the following additional events to the master band calendar on the website.

- September 11<sup>th</sup> for 9/11 Memorial at the Arts Park
- Home football games

#### **San Diego Trip: November 9-14, 2012**

**COST.** Total cost of the trip will be about \$600 per person. This includes,

- Round-trip Amtrak transportation from Merced
- 5 nights at the Hampton Inn, San Diego (quad occupancy)
- All breakfasts
- San Diego Symphony and dinner
- USS Midway tour and lunch
- Bay dinner cruise
- Motor coach transportation to parade

Parents will be asked to cover 1/3 of cost (approximately \$200 per student). All adults, including chaperones, will pay full cost. All band students are required to go. Package covers 2 directors; Boosters will cover costs for Robbie Fleener and Marni Kelsey.

## **SCHEDULE**

Friday, Nov. 9	Depart via train from Merced @ 8:30am, arrive San Diego by 6pm
Saturday, Nov. 10	Saturday afternoon at Balboa Park and evening San Diego Symphony with Marvin Hamlisch "Night at the Cotton Club" ( <a href="http://www.sandiegosymphony.org/musiciansconductors/marvinhamlisch.aspx">www.sandiegosymphony.org/musiciansconductors/marvinhamlisch.aspx</a> )
Sunday, Nov. 11	<i>Band of Pride</i> performance at USS Midway; dinner/bay cruise
Monday, Nov. 12	Veterans Day Parade
Tuesday, Nov. 13	San Diego Zoo (Tentative. Cost is <b>not covered</b> in the \$600 package price. Band of Pride organizers are trying to negotiate a large group rate.)
Wednesday, Nov. 14	Depart via Amtrak at 9:30am, return to Merced 6:30-7pm

**FUNDRAISING NEEDS.** Best case scenario, Band Boosters will need to raise \$14,000 by November.

**MORE INFO.** Band of Pride has a website with basic information.

[www.marching.com/events/san-diego-veterans-day-parade/](http://www.marching.com/events/san-diego-veterans-day-parade/)

ACTION ITEM: Kristina will post to Facebook and on website.

## **UPCOMING San Diego TIMELINE.**

- Lisa has paid a \$1,500 deposit to Band of Pride organizers. She also paid the first deposit installment to Amtrak.
- By end of August, need rooming list, so will need final deposit to Band of Pride due September 25.
- Will need to determine chaperone numbers by end of August. (All adults must be fingerprinted by LiveScan and have valid TB test.)
- By September 20, Amtrak needs firm list. Amtrak will cost \$80 per person round-trip.

ACTION ITEM: Lisa will prepare a basic fact sheet with details and deadlines for parents. To be posted on web and distributed via email.

**Parade Info.** As part of this San Diego parade, the SCSBOA (Southern California School Band & Orchestra Association) hosts a marching competition. ("It's the 'Selma' of Southern California.") Dr. Smith is trying to determine if the band will compete. High school bands typically compete; those participating as part of the Band of Pride can opt out. Melinda Marinoff is checking to see if there could be a separate category for Band of Pride schools that may not want to be judged.

To date, Dr. Smith cannot be sure of student numbers until first day of school. MCHS may have about 40 students in the marching band. The smallest competition

classification is for 75+ band members and percussion. Dr. Smith and Mr. Fiester will decide whether or not to compete.

## **DIRECTOR'S NOTES**

### Uniforms

- Dr. Smith wants to get away from band members performing in polos and t-shirts. He wants to come up with best option at most reasonable price.
- Proposed CLASS B alternate uniform: Short sleeved white collared shirt with band logo on pocket, black pants, black marching shoes. Need by first football game.
- CLASS A uniform is the full uniform.
- Will use formal uniforms with cummerbund from New York for San Diego.

### Tuesday Rehearsals

- There was a good showing of band representation at last Tuesday night's rehearsal. Need to get incoming freshmen to practices ASAP. Upper classmen need to be on top of it. There will be new music at almost every practice. Take it home and PRACTICE.

We have a different band every year, so there will be different expectations. Dr. Smith asked that parents help set the tone and be POSITIVE. "Our job is to build them up...you don't have success from the word, GO." Share any concerns with Dr. Smith or Mr. Fiester, NOT the kids.

**MOTION** was made by Ray Genung to re-schedule the next booster meeting August 7<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday from 6-8pm.

Motion was seconded and passed.

**MOTION** was made by Karen Helms to reimburse Ray for instrument repairs

Motion was seconded and passed.

**MOTION** was made by Linda Niles-Sheetz to adjourn the meeting at 7:56pm

Motion was seconded and passed.

Respectfully submitted by  
Kristina Rylands  
Secretary, MCHS Band Boosters