

MCHS Band Booster Meeting
August 7, 2012
APPROVED MINUTES

Booster officers present: Lisa Mirassou, Karen Helms, Donna Wight, Kristina Rylands

Meeting called to order by President at 6:30 pm

Secretary's Report

Kristina Rylands presented the minutes from the July 12, 2012 meeting.

MOTION was made by Karen Helms to approve the minutes from the last booster meeting. Motion was seconded and passed.

Treasurer's Report

July Fundraising: Made \$1219.00 at July 21st rummage sale, \$100 bake sale; approx. \$625 at Peter Pan bake sale
Bank Balance: \$20,266.40

MOTION was made by Bonnie Bean to approve the Treasurer's Report. Motion was seconded and passed.

OLD BUSINESS

Outstanding New York funds. There is money still owed by some who attended the New York trip.

MOTION was made by Darcy Thompson for Karen Helms to write a reminder letter to these people. Motion was seconded and passed.

Music literacy. Dick is leading this initiative to promote music literacy at schools with younger students, as young as kindergarten. Many possible ideas were discussed. The overall objective is to inspire youngsters through music and continue to promote musical opportunities within the community.

ACTION ITEM: Dick will form a committee to help brainstorm ideas to move this initiative forward.

Grantsmanship membership. Karen noted that we have an extension through the end of September to decide. Normally it goes up to \$300 when account expires. We have until end of September to decide. Susie Purmort volunteered to help with grant writing and prospecting.

Rummage sale. Sale at St. Joseph's church was very successful. Maybe look into a 2-day sale next time. ALSO, there is a year-round community yard sale at Seventh Day

Adventist play yard first Sunday of every month. This might be another possible fundraising opportunity.

Peter Pan concessions. THANKS to everyone who helped! Kids did a great job. Kate Cannon is working with Mariposa County supervisors to create an arts consortium where arts groups in the community can all contribute to collective insurance rider so that we can better work together and benefit from events like these.

Inventory. Karen Helms researched a system online to help with inventory management. It consists of adhesive inventory tags with bar codes to put on instrument cases to build inventory program that is trackable through QuickBooks. (Reminder: Chairs in band room are owned by band boosters. This needs to be included in the inventory.) Karen will speak with Deb and Ray Genung about this as a potential system. ACTION ITEM: Kristina will add this to agenda for next meeting.

New alternate uniform. Karen has been investigating prices for short sleeve white shirts to be used as a "Class B" uniform, per Dr. Smith's request. (See meeting minutes 7/12/12.) "French Toast" Oxford shirts and logo cotton/poly no wrinkle, short sleeve, left front pocket, with embroidery is about \$20 per shirt. Marni Kelsey will also check with her brother who runs an embroidery business in southern California.

NEW BUSINESS

Seeking support from boosters. The band is lucky to have the help of a volunteer who graduated in 2010 and is currently with Fresno State Band. She is currently working with Dr. Smith to chart and perform field shows. It is complicated for this band, something brand new. What helps is memorizing the music. Please encourage students to memorize music and focus attention on marching. Rehearsals will include more field time, so memorizing will be important. She and Dr. Smith could use support from parents, encourage students to with listen to directions, focus, memorize music. This is a tremendous opportunity for the band to grow and WOW the crowd at halftime!

Brochure. Dick created DRAFT tri-fold of San Diego brochure that is chock full of information for parents. He is in the process of drafting and editing.

Discussion of minutes posting. Karen indicated that posting is a service to the community. It is also a condition of our non-profit status. Minutes contain basic topics as noted in the agenda along with action items and decisions made. They will NOT represent a transcript of the meeting or contain names of students.

San Diego Trip UPDATE. Dick is in San Diego right now on a fact finding mission to check out hotel, Balboa Park, museums, parking, etc. If there are questions or if we need info, let Lisa know and she can email him.

Lisa read a list of the adults who intend to participate in the trip. Karen reiterated that unless you buy the package, you will not participate in the activities that the kids are doing.

A mandatory parents meeting will be scheduled once there is a class roster. All parents will be encouraged to attend to discuss the itinerary and details of the trip.

ACTION ITEM: It was suggested that we draft an article to spread the word about the San Diego trip, including the music composed by Dr. Smith especially for the occasion.

Director's Update. Dr. Smith's reminders and reflections.

Gary Gilroy from Fresno State will be the director on the Midway for the Band of Pride. SCSBOA has to approve all music in the parade. Midway March HAS been approved. Dr. Smith is working with organizers, as they may decide to have the entire Band of Pride play it at the Midway performance.

Monday, November 12. We are taking part in the competition parade (8:30-9am), which is right before the Veterans Day parade, which begins around noon.

SEPTEMBER IS GOING TO BE BUSY, with activities happening every weekend. October will have football game every weekend. We need another BIG corporate donor to help. Need to raise approx. \$12,000.

When school begins, there will be marching rehearsals every Thursday afternoon after school until 5pm.

Band will have about 32-36 band members plus color guard. Dr. Smith needs to focus on students and the hard work ahead of us. He needs parents to be supportive and positive, both inside and outside of the school. "As long as the kids can be the best that they can be, that's what's important to me."

Band Camp will take place August 13-21, 9am-noon every day.

Other. Perhaps speak with the Grizzly Boosters about bake sale at football games. Lisa will speak to Dina about the possibility of this. Perhaps use snow cone machine from Girl Scouts to make snow cones at the Labor Day parade; Marni will check with Girl Scouts.

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, September 6 from 6-8pm

MOTION was made by Bonnie Bean to adjourn meeting. It was seconded and passed. Meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm.

**Upcoming important dates: A complete list of dates can be found on our :
<http://mariposaband.weebly.com>**

- August 13-21: BAND CAMP
- September 1: Labor Day Parade
- Home football games posted on [calendar](#)
- September 15: Oakhurst Heritage Days Parade
- September 29: Mariposa Tomato Fest
- October 3: Big Fresno Fair Band Review (competition)
- October 27: Selma Band Review (competition)
- November 9-14: San Diego Trip--November 11: San Diego Veteran's Day Parade

**Respectfully submitted by
Kristina Rylands
Secretary, MCHS Band Boosters**