

MCHS Band Booster Meeting
September 6, 2012
APPROVED MINUTES

Booster officers present: Lisa Mirassou, Karen Helms, Donna Wight, Dick Hutchinson, Deb & Ray Genung, Kristina Rylands

Meeting called to order by President at 6:00 pm

Secretary's Report

Kristina Rylands presented the minutes from the August 7, 2012 meeting.

MOTION was made by Lori Norman to approve the minutes from the last booster meeting as presented. Motion was seconded and passed.

Treasurer's Report

Balance sheet and reconciliation was submitted.

Profit/Loss statement submitted.

Gross profit as of today: \$2,185.26

Bank balance as of today: \$12,856.39

Made deposit for San Diego trip. Balance is due at end of September. Need to get money due ASAP.

List of people with outstanding balances from New York trip was submitted to president.

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

OLD BUSINESS

Outstanding New York funds

Music Literacy

Grantsmanship membership

Inventory

Due to importance of San Diego trip information dissemination, **MOTION** was made by Dick Hutchinson to table old business until the next meeting on October 4, 2012. Motion was seconded and passed.

NEW BUSINESS

Instrument Insurance. Due to damage to a drum at the Labor Day parade, the group discussed whether or not to consider insurance for instruments owned by the band boosters. School has an insurance policy to ensure district property.

ACTION ITEM: Rod Fiester will contact the district for more information.

Rental Scooter for Dr. Smith. Boosters discussed the possibility of purchasing or renting a motorized scooter for Dr. Smith. Initial research revealed they cost \$150/month rental or \$1,600 to purchase. Lisa Mirassou searched Craig's List and identified some from \$100-\$600. Might be worth a look for short-term needs.

Fundraisers! Owners of Gold Coin and Red Fox would like to have a fundraiser for the MCHS Grizzly Band. Would like to have kids play on the outside patio. Last year, Tracy Anthonijsz spear-headed a rock band jam fundraiser at the River Rock and made over \$1,000. She is offering to do this again and is interested in help.

ACTION ITEM: Dick Hutchinson will look into Gold Coin and Red Fox fundraisers.

Tomato Fest Sept. 29 & 30 @ Art Park. Boosters will be selling bread salad + chicken caesar salads for sale. Band will play on Saturday from 11:30am-1pm. Community loves to see band playing.

ACTION ITEM: Lisa Mirrasou will put a call for volunteers on Facebook or website.

Bounce House Oct. 6 Home & Garden Show. Need 4 band member volunteers for two 4-hour shifts to oversee the bounce house area. In turn they will give the band boosters a donation.

ACTION ITEM: Boosters/Dr. Smith will extend the offer for the kids to decide if they want to volunteer.

New Band Shirts & Hats. \$20 for shirt plus \$10 for fedora. All band members should be sure to pay. Check Facebook and band website uniform page for shoe order links. There are lots of extra blazers for new band members to use.

Don't forget to save box tops and Pioneer Market receipts. Lori Norman is collecting them.

San Diego Trip UPDATE.

- Friday November 9-14
- Itinerary is posted on band website: <http://mariposaband.weebly.com>
- \$200/student is the cost
- Payments can be made monthly, if necessary. Make checks out to: MCHS Grizzly Band Boosters

Information packet was handed out at the meeting and will also be handed out to students.

Info form

Medical release form

Photo permission form

Code of conduct form **MUST BE SIGNED BY ADULTS**

Band booster general release form (another one will go out from school)

Rooming release form

Luggage screening and check-in

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

- **Must begin enforcing:** To minimize distractions during rehearsals and performances (e.g., football games, parades, etc.) the only individuals who may interact with the band are Mr. Fiester, Dr. Smith, and Mrs. Kelsey. Even if it is your own child, please go through staff. Mr. Fiester expressed his deep appreciation for boosters. Need to be cognizant that kids listen to teachers and expect discipline to be handled by band director(s). In the classroom or on the field, let directors discipline and direct the kids.
- **WHAT'S GOING ON?** Dissemination of clear, precise, and timely information to parents and students is improving! Sending stuff home with the kids is futile. Dr. Smith posts nearly daily on Facebook, which then goes out via email. Much of the information is also posted on website. Parents and students should check it regularly.
- **DISTRICT POLICY:** All commitments, communication, public statements, and discussions relating to band performances **MUST** go through Mr. Fiester and Dr. Smith.
- **T-shirt and logo slogan:** Dr. Smith and band members are working to design a new t-shirt for this year with a new slogan. Will use it as a promotional item. Boosters will pay for them for the band members.
- **Commitment, spirit, practices:** Level of commitment is no less than any sports team, and the "band season" runs all 12 months. Need all parents to encourage kids and help reinforce that **band is a commitment and is a GRADED school activity**. Band needs to be a priority over community soccer or karate or club sport. Dr. Smith understands that there are limitations due to travel distances. Boosters: How can we help parents out to ensure that students will be at practices, performances, etc?
- **Transportation to Oakhurst & Fresno Fair.** Volunteer drivers are needed, however there is an approval process that involves obtaining a copy of your DMV driving record. Be sure to work with the MCHS main office to get necessary paperwork for clearance.
- **Paying for uniform items:** Dr. Smith emphasized that band members would **NOT** be asked to buy a uniform every year. A one-time purchase of blazer, shoes, shirt, & fedora are all that will be required. Will not be asked to buy anything else in future.

- **San Diego Costs (\$200).** Band is both a certified class and an extracurricular activity. Students have been told that they have to go to San Diego as a school function. HOWEVER, district cannot force payment. Boosters are paying for most of the trip. However, band participants are being asked to pay \$200. For those families in need, accommodations WILL be made so that every band member can participate.
- **Practice, practice, practice:** Dr. Smith was emphatic that the place where music is learned is NOT during rehearsal, but in daily home practice. Need parents/guardians to encourage students to practice.
- **MR FIESTER's REPORT.** He met with 47 potential beginner musicians at Woodland Elementary School and another 35 at Mariposa Elementary. Middle School: instrumentation is a little thin, but band is coming along. There is potential for El Portal and Don Pedro to get music programs. Superintendent Aaron Rosander is very supportive of maintaining and growing music programs in the district.

BOOSTER PARENT HANDBOOK. A fantastic suggestion was made that the boosters consider creating a collection of tips, notes, what to wear, marching competition rules and expectations, along with general information on how to make band life easier for those new to the band. In turn, this would help parents better prepare their students for events.

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, October 4 from 6-8pm

MOTION was made by Ray Genung to adjourn meeting. It was seconded and passed. Meeting was adjourned at 7:38pm.

Upcoming important dates: A complete list of dates can be found on the website <http://mariposaband.weebly.com/calendar.html>

- Weekly after-school rehearsals Thursdays @ 3-5pm
- September 11: Mariposa 9/11 Memorial dedication at Art Park
- September 15: Oakhurst Heritage Days Parade
- September 29 & 30: Mariposa Tomato Fest @ Art Park
- October 3: Big Fresno Fair Band Review (competition)
- October 5: Home football game vs. Denair
- October 26: Home football game vs. LeGrand
- October 27: Selma Band Review (competition)
- November 2: Home football game vs. Gustine
- November 3: Fresno State Band Day
- November 9-14: San Diego Trip

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