

MCHS Band Booster Meeting January 8, 2016

DRAFT MINUTES

Meeting was called to order by the president at 6:04pm.

MOTION was made by Darcy Thompson to accept minutes from the December 3, 2015 meeting as presented. The motion was seconded and passed.

Treasurer Report:

Lisa advised that the current balance is \$5,400.

Approximately 85% of participants in the Pearl Harbor trip are tracking with payments. Fundraising remains a key focus of the boosters. Current projections show the need to raise between \$35K-\$40K for the trip.

MOTION was made by Rod Fiester to accept the treasurer's report. The motion was seconded and passed.

Communications Report: Madelyn McGrath-

The Woodland Flea Market has resulted in \$1,400 in proceeds. It will be up and running the first and third weekends of the month. Boosters are encouraged to bring items to sell, including used items (no junk), and baked goods. The people who come to the flea market love seeing the band there.

THANKS to a group of booster volunteers, we stuffed and mailed 350 appeal letters to members of the community and people on our mailing list. Last year, this effort resulted in \$11K in proceeds. Madelyn will follow up at the next meeting with the proceeds to date.

We are trying to create a comprehensive calendar of town mini-concert fundraisers. So far Castillos and Gold Coin are willing to help. The hope is to post a calendar of these events so that band parents can volunteer to help—we need MORE PARTICIPATION.

Director's Report: Rod Fiester

The fall concert in December was a great success. The band made \$2,400 that night in attendance. Rod would like to do another invitation-only concert for members of the community.

Rod is hoping to take the band to a spring music festival in the bay area. There are many seniors who won't be going to Pearl Harbor, and this would be an opportunity for them to participate in a band "away" event. He intends to pay with school funds, and the choir will also participate in the festival.

Rod will be directing the spring musical. The band will get half of the ticket proceeds.

The scam involving a fake band fundraiser was indeed unfortunate. We are grateful to the Mariposa County Sheriff's Office for responding quickly.

Celeste Acevedo has approved the use of the old computer lab for use as a band storage room. The District is not in favor of the school adding more facilities until other issues are addressed. The boosters will go for a walk-through of the space after the meeting tonight adjourns.

OLD BUSINESS:

Donation jars. We need a volunteer to create, place, and collect funds.

NEW BUSINESS:

Marcella. Ten girls are currently signed up for color guard. They will be competing in a series of events between January and March. The winter guard uniforms are in and look great!

Thursday afternoon concerts will begin in the next 2-3 weeks. If you have ideas for businesses, please let Rod know.

Kristina submitted an application for a grant to the Mariposa Community Foundation for support for the band's marketing efforts related to our upcoming slate of fundraisers, including the Music Marathon in April and Town Party in July.

Calendar Updates:

- Band Booster Meetings the first Thursday of every month, 6-8pm in the MCHS Band Room. All welcome!
- April 16: Music Marathon at Mariposa History Center
- July 16: Town Party Luau and Poker Tournament

Next meeting will be February 4th at 6pm in the band room.

MOTION was made by Marcella to adjourn meeting at 6:57 pm. The motion was seconded and passed.

Minutes submitted by Kristina Rylands, sitting in for Tina Dearing, Secretary, MCHS Band Boosters