



**Band Booster Meeting
October 18, 2007
Minutes**

The meeting was called to order at 8 PM by Booster President Buzz Collins. Also in attendance were Brian Morris, Marilyn Mutchler, Mary Santini, Marianne Ofsonka, Jay Brown, Gay Van Beek, Ron Wiersma, David Franklin, Deb Boullianne, Linda Visbeck, Mark Peterson, Kathy Weeks, Mercedes Baker and Liz Batchelder.

President's Report- Buzz Collins

1. **BCA UPDATE-** BCA has less money this year due to fewer memberships and less than anticipated revenue from last spring's golf tournament. They do have operating expenses, primarily the insurance payment. Band received about \$1000 from the golf tournament. Buzz recommended that band families join the BCA if they have not already done so. Cost is \$20.
2. **KUDOS-**
 - Gay, Marilyn and Deb- for a great Marching Band season so far and a successful Tag Day.
 - Cindy Cooper- for leading Tag Day.
 - David Franklin and Maureen Borek- for running the pie sale currently underway.
 - David Franklin and Beth Rockwell- for measuring, fitting, and assigning all MS and HS concert uniforms.
 - Jay- for putting together a group of administrative volunteers to help the directors.
 - Ron Wiersma and Jay- for manning the Band tables at the back to school nights.
 - Deedee- for advance work on Tiny Tots, planning the MB banquet, coordinating senior recognition for MB, the senior MB no-host dinner, and putting together the fall concert program.
 - Marianne- for volunteering to attend BCA meetings.
 - Liz- for timely, informative communication.

Vice President's Report- Jay Brown

1. **BAND HANDBOOK-** still being reviewed by directors. Will be posted on the website soon.
2. **LETTERING ON SCHOOL-** Contacted Bob McKeag regarding the Honor Band designation to go up on the outside of the building. Facilities has the request. Should go up soon.

Treasurer's Report- Marianne Ofsonka

1. **BCA AUDIT** -still underway, but finances are in good shape. Band carried over a balance from last year. Detailed accounting ensures that all expenses are charged to the appropriate account.
2. **MARCHING BAND-** also carried over a balance from last year. Reserve fund for MB uniform replacement has \$3500. MB has spent over \$21,000 to date, but many more expenses to come with the competitions in the next couple of weeks.
3. **Tag Day-** raised \$12,644 for band.

Secretary's Report- Liz Batchelder

1. **EMAIL DISTRIBUTION-** lists are in use for all band classes. We are lacking about 20 family email contacts out of over 200 kids.
2. **CALENDAR REVIEW-**upcoming events include:
 - Fall Concert on 11/13
 - All-District auditions on 12/8
 - Tiny Tots/Holiday performance on 12/20

Marching Band Report- Marilyn Mutchler and Gay Van Beek

1. **FINANCES** - almost all fees have been collected. A balance was carried over from last year and a reserve fund was set up for uniforms. We would like to purchase a banner to go in the band room if the budget allows.
2. **UNIFORMS** –
 - Coats-would like to purchase foul weather gear to go with MB uniforms. Expected cost is about \$7500. Will have to wait and see if it can fit into the budget before next fall.
 - Shoes and Gloves-suggested that we budget to replace shoes and gloves more often as they wear out.
 - Underarmour is provided once to each student. Can be purchased at a discount if they want to replace it.
3. **UPCOMING EVENTS** –
 - 2 big weekends of competitions, JMU, States, Denbigh
 - Halloween parades on 10/28- participants can earn community service credit
 - Practices cancelled for 10/30 and 10/31
 - MB Banquet on 11/7
 - Possible cosmic bowling outing being considered

Uniform Report- David Franklin

1. **HIGH SCHOOL** – All 117 students fitted for concert uniforms
 - 23 new uniform pieces needed. Order sent to Tracy 10/17
 - Dry cleaning and alterations being done
 - Cummerbund/bow ties/button studs packaged in sets by Jeanie Ervin and ready to be distributed.
2. **MIDDLE SCHOOL** – Beth Rockwell has fitted all 86 MS students.
 - Several shirts and pants need to be ordered.
 - Alterations are being done as needed.

Pie Sale Report- David Franklin

1. Sale is winding down. 782 pies ordered so far.

2. Volunteers will be needed to help with distribution. Contact David at drfranklin01@verizon.net

Announcements/New Business –

1. MB video (DVD) will be available for \$6.00, payable to Buzz at the banquet.
2. Volunteers will be needed at the concert on 11/13. Contact Jay or Kathy Brown at brownknj@msn.com
3. FOSCB letter campaign will not be held this year.
4. A volunteer is needed to collect donations at the Halloween Parades. Contact Gay Van Beek at gevb@cox.net or Marilyn Mutchler at vamutchler@aol.com
5. Possible fundraiser at Silver Diner will benefit DrumLine. Ron Wiersma will get more info. Thanks for the suggestion, Ron.
6. All band families are encouraged to check our website frequently for updates. http://www.southcountyarts.org/Band_home.htm

The meeting was adjourned at 9 PM. Dessert was enjoyed by all.