

Manchester Band Parents Association (MBPA) Meeting Minutes

Dec 2, 2013. 2013

Opening:

The regular meeting of the Manchester Band Parents Association was called to order at 7:00pm on 12/2/13 by Craig Johnson.

Present: Keith Berry, Craig Johnson, Ann Wendling, Annette Glahn, Kristy Murphy, Gary Robbins, Maggie Brewer

Approval of Previous Minutes: November Minutes approved

Director's Report:

- Winter IMS Concert is 12/11/13. MBPA will have a brochure to pass out at the concert. Craig, Ann and Annette will be there early to greet IMS parents. Kristy will make a flyer to pass out to the parents about choosing band/music classes for next year. Ann will make a trifold display about MHS music programs.
- Boston Brass concert is set for 4/30. There is high interest from area high schools. Mr. Berry is coordinating the cost for the concert. A portion will be paid from MHS funds. Additional money will be raised by selling tickets to area school students and parents, as well as the general public. MHS students will possibly have discounted prices, depending on tickets sales. We will poll the visiting school students and possibly sell dinner concessions for a fundraiser. We will also need to feed the Boston Brass dinner. Corporate sponsors are still being considered. Lynch Toyota and Goodwin College are possibilities.
- Benefit Concert – It was well received by the community and a very positive story was on the local news.
- Regionals – A good number of kids participated in the regional auditions. 24 kids made it into the festival. It was considered a positive experience for all, regardless of the student's individual performance.
- Possible New York City field trip may occur on 1/9/13. There is concern about stormy weather causing a cancellation of the trip without a refund of New York Philharmonic tickets.

Treasurer's Report:

- Treasurer report reviewed. Same balance as last meeting. Current balance \$8972.26.

Old Business:

- Jazz Fest Advertising –
 - Music Makers Academy has agreed to purchase an ad.
 - The Horn Shop has bought an ad.
 - Ads have already been sold to Highland Park Market, Gerry's Music, Dr. Tris Carta, Bill Hoyt and Leo Diana.
- Winter Concert - Ushers are signed up for the holiday concert on 12/18. MBPA will coordinate concession sales and proceeds will be split between orchestra/chorus/band.
- Santa Band – Parent Volunteers are needed. Need to pick up music and equipment from MHS the Friday night before. Gary Robbins will get equipment on Friday 12/6 at 2:30 and bring it to Shop Rite on Sat morning. Annette and Kristy will be there on Sat at 10:30 am to help set up and chaperone the event. Kristy will bring the equipment back to MHS on Monday.
 - 12/7 at Shop Rite – Kids to arrive at 10:30. Kids will play from 11 to 1
 - 12/14 at Stop & Shop - Music 11 to 1
 - 12/20 at Stop & Shop – Music 4 to 6.
- If the CMEA regional festival is postponed on 1/11 and 1/12 at UConn, MHS will host the snow dates on 1/17 and 1/18. This would be a large fundraiser due to the selling of concessions throughout the day. It was agreed it would be possible although very challenging, due to very short notice related to weather.
- Marching Band banquet will take place on Monday 12/9 at 6:30. It is a pot luck dinner. Parents will be called by Ann to ask for contributions to the meal. A few parent and students will come early to help out.
- Non-profit status – Craig researched this process. We would need an attorney and follow a certain procedure. We may have a volunteer attorney that is willing to help us with this. We would need by-laws to be created but they might be easily researched on-line/ Craig will contact an attorney with a goal of getting non-profit status completed by the end of the school year.
- Opportunity for community service for Marching Band members - Maggie would like to coordinate a men's coat drive. Additional information will be provided at the Marching Band banquet.

Next Meeting:

Monday 1/6/14 at 7:00 pm. All parents are encouraged to attend.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm by Craig Johnson.

Minutes submitted by: Kristy Murphy