

Manchester Band Parents Association (MBPA) Meeting Minutes

November 4, 2013. 2013

Opening:

The regular meeting of the Manchester Band Parents Association was called to order at 7:00pm on 11/4/13 by Craig Johnson.

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

Approval of Previous Minutes: October Minutes approved

Director's Report:

- Recap of Marching Band season - The Marching Band capped off the season with a State Championship. Although there was some publicity related to this, there may have been some missed opportunities to promote the band itself and the music program as a whole.
- Winter IMS Concert is 12/11/13. Discussed possibility of the MBPA being a presence at the concert and possibly having a brochure to hand out to the parents.
- Boston Brass is still being worked on. The cost is \$8000 plus hotel expense to bring the group. Corporate sponsors are needed.

Treasurer's Report:

- Treasurer report reviewed. Current balance \$8972.26. An additional \$500 was left over from previous scholarships and added to the balance. .

Old Business:

- Ongoing effort to connect to IMS students – The video showcasing the band program will be made very shortly (hopefully by the next meeting). This video can be used by Mr. Giannios at IMS and possibly by MBPA volunteers at some of the magnet schools to promote the MHS band program and increase freshman participation.

Fundraising:

- Corporate sponsors – Craig contacted Walmart and it was determined that MBPA does not qualify for their corporate giving program. Goodwin College is considering sponsoring a concert. Craig will contact Lynch Toyota, where he has a connection, and ask about sponsorship.
- Jazz Fest Advertising – Letters have been sent out to previous advertisers. We will need more parents trying to sell the ads.

- Kristy will contact Music Makers Academy and Dynamic Percussion.
- Annete will contact CJ's.
- Ads have already been sold to Highland Park Market, Gerry's Music, Dr. Tris Carta, Bill Hoyt and Leo Diana.
- Taste Book fundraiser is ongoing
- Concession – No concession will be sold at the benefit concert but will be sold at the Winter Concert.

New Business

- **Upcoming Performances**
 - Need Ushers for Benefit Concert in 11/20. Craig will coordinate. Orchestra parents will be there too.
 - Need Ushers for holiday concert on 12/18. Craig will start with sign-ups from the first MBPA meeting.
- Santa Band – Parent Volunteers are needed.
 - 12/7 at Shop Rite
 - 12/14 at Stop & Shop
 - 12/20 at Stop & Shop
- MHS was approached about the possibility of hosting a Winter Guard/Percussion competition – no decision was made
- MHS was approached about being the snow date site of the CMEA all state and regional festival. Snow date would be 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. It is a pot luck dinner. Parents will be notified about how to contribute.

Next Meeting:

Monday 12/2/13 at 7:00 pm. All parents are encouraged to attend.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 8:50pm by Craig Johnson.

Minutes submitted by: Kristy Murphy