

Manchester Band Parents Association (MBPA) Meeting Minutes

Jan 13, 2014

Opening:

The regular meeting of the Manchester Band Parents Association was called to order at 7:00pm on 1/13/14 by Annette Glahn.

Present: Keith Berry, Ann Wendling, Annette Glahn, Kristy Murphy, Annette Peck, Colleen Reyes

Approval of Previous Minutes: December minutes approved

Director's Report:

Recap of holiday performances – All went well. Santa bands were well received. The MHS and IMS holiday concerts were also enjoyable and went well.

Upcoming Mid-Winter Concert is on 1/29/14. This concert is jazz band, jazz combo and both percussion ensembles.

Jazz Fest is on 2/12/14. Area schools are getting there assigned times. Snow date is 2/13. We will need daytime and nighttime volunteers.

Berkley Jazz Festival in Boston on 2/8/14 for the MHS Jazz band. We will need chaperones.

Spring musical will take place in March

United States Army Field Band and Soldiers Chorus are scheduled to come here on April 7th. The military bands are now back to touring and they asked to come to Manchester to give a concert. We will be taking advantage of this unique opportunity even though that is the week of Manchester School's townwide concerts. (Band, orchestra and chorus).

Jazz and Percussion Concert will take place on 4/23/14.

Boston Brass Concert is on 4/30/14. The expenses are \$10,000. \$8,000 plus hotel room needs to be covered by MHS and MBPA. Mr. Berry is waiting to determine how much money MHS will cover. Mr. Berry will create a Boston Brass honor band from MHS and area towns. This will increase tickets sold given that the students are in the concert. MHS kids and visitors will be on stage with the Boston Brass.

Pratt and Whitney Screaming Eagles are interested in having a spring concert here at MHS and they may be willing to donate some money. It be more appropriate to the concert at a smaller venue. This concert may be March or late May.

Treasurer's Report:

- Treasurer report reviewed. Same balance as last meeting. Current balance \$11,083.26. Santa band raised \$465 in donation from Shop Rite and customer donations. \$930 in Jazz Fest advertising and registration fees have been deposited.
- Holiday concert concessions raised \$109. That was divided by Band, Orchestra and Chorus. Each organization received \$36.

Old Business:

- Illing Holiday Concert MBPA info table – Ann reports it went well. Ann and Craig stood at a table that had a tri-fold board about MBPA and a brochure about picking HS music classes for next year. This is an endeavor that should most likely be repeated next year and maybe at the townwide concert as well.

New Business:

- Toilet Paper Fund Raiser – This is fundraiser that has the kids selling toilet paper for a significant profit. The MBPA will get more information at the next meeting.

Next Meeting:

Monday 2/3/14 at 7:00 pm. All parents are encouraged to attend.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 7:56 pm by Annette Glahn.

Minutes submitted by: Kristy Murphy