

Manchester Band Parents Association (MBPA) Meeting Minutes

October 6, 2014

Opening:

The regular meeting of the Manchester Band Parents Association was called to order at 7:00 pm on 10/6/14 by Craig Johnson.

Present: Keith Berry, Ann Wendling, Annette Glahn, Kristy Murphy, Craig Johnson, Joyce Greenfield, Suzanne Kunz

Approval of Previous Minute: none

Director's Report: Mr. Berry reports that the school year is off to a good start. Smart Music software has been ordered now that each student's home computer availability has been determined. This program should help the entire band program by improving effectiveness and consistency of practice.

Treasurer's Report:

- Treasurer report reviewed. Current balance is 10,825.64. This includes deposits related to summer collection of ink cartridges and recent t-shirt sales. Recent expenses include those related to the senior dinner in the spring, the Memorial Day parade in the spring, the UConn field trip tailgate party and senior scholarships.

Fundraising:

- **Tastebooks:** Available to sell at a cost of \$25.00 The profit of \$12.50 per book goes to the student to offset the cost of that student's events for the year.
- **Potential opportunities on Main St:** Discussed the possibility of selling hot chocolate/water at events on Main St (such as the Road Race, Memorial Day Parade or the Antique Car show). A band member's parent has offered the space in front of John Boyle Decorating Center, permits and town permission pending. The parent will further investigate any needed permits and get back to MBPA.
- **Jazz Fest Advertisements:** As the main fundraiser for the MBPA, it is time to start selling ads for the program of the Jazz Fest in Feb and the Spring Concert. Craig Johnson and Kristy Murphy will take student volunteers to Main St businesses Sat morning to begin selling ads and making connections to those businesses.

Marching Band News/Schedule:

- The Marching had their first competition at Norwich Free Academy on Sat Oct 4th. They came in first place in their division.
- Home Football game 10/10
- Competition - Rockville HS 10/18 – performing at 6:50pm
- Homecoming – parade and football game 10/24
 - Need 3 parents to help out at the parade at 3:00pm and feed kids dinner between the parade and the game
- Competition - New Britain/State Championships 10/25
 - performing at 10:05am
- NYC Trip: Les Mis on Broadway 11/5
- Home Game 11/7
- Home Game 11/14

New Business:

- Santa Band – to perform 3-4 dates in December
 - Need volunteers to assist with equipment and supervision during the performance
 - Need a person with a large vehicle to collect the chairs/stairs on Friday and deliver them to the performance locations.
 - Need a person willing to be the point person for the Santa Band this season

Upcoming Events: All Ensembles

Holiday Concert 12/17

Berklee Jazz Fest 1/31

MHS Jazz Fest 2/11 (will need chairperson – will discussed next meeting)

Townwide Concert 4/08

Jazz & Percussion Concert 4/22

Spring Concert/Senior Night 5/28

Other Items:

Possibility of a future Benefit Concert similar to last year

Possibility of a professional concert – featuring the US Coast Guard band

Next Meeting:

November 3, 2014 at 7:00 pm. All parents are encouraged to attend.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm by Craig Johnson

Minutes submitted by: Kristy Murphy