

MMS Band Booster Meeting

Tuesday, September, 9th 2014

1. Meeting called 7:00 – Introduction of board

2. Treasurer's report- Elaine Groninger

General Fund total: \$2,936.66

Student accounts: \$2,779.33

(875.00 is profit from the carwash, some is tee shirt money, money currently going out to pay music helpers, who stepped in for band camp before Mr. Gass was hired; Mrs. Hanson, Joel Casky, and Carl Alexander. Will probably end up around \$1,500-\$1,800 after all)

3. Mr Gass's report:

* Goals – “don't change what works”wants to continue the history of excellence, still getting a feel for things, will move forward as he sees fit. Is jumping right into things, getting to know the kids slowly...he will get there! Despite challenges with the daily schedule and practicing for the parades during the heat of the day, the kids are working very hard and doing well.

* Forms - recently sent out e-mail with several documents included. Itinerary for Apple Festival, the medical form, student info. sheet etc. **All forms need to be signed and turned into Mr. Gass ASAP!**

* Communication – communication is key! He tends to e-mail information for the upcoming week on Sundays. Please feel free to e-mail him with any question you might have! Families, if you have heard of a family who is not receiving information from Mr. Gass, please forward their e-mail to him and he will make sure to add them to the list. There will eventually be 3 different ways families should be able to receive communication about their student and the band program; hard copies the students should bring home, e-mails, and the band website which will be updated very soon.

* Jazz Ensemble tryouts – Monday Sept. 15th 3:20-4:00. Tryout music was handed out 2 weeks ago. **Sectional** and **lesson** plans are being ironed out. A musician and close family friend of Mr. Gass has volunteered to give lessons to students at school. More info. to come.

* Fundraising – We will be starting out in October with a Larry's House of Cakes fundraiser. We are in the midst of coordinating several other fundraisers, potentially some new

and exciting additions/replacements; Kroger cards, Script cards, McCallisters Deli,..... We will definitely be doing a Thanksgiving time fundraiser. We will send details soon. Mr. Gass is interested in upgrading several instruments that may be well past the repairable stage in their life. This will prove to be a bit on the costly side but seems necessary. It is a long term goal and will be addressed financially with some innovative fundraising ideas. Families, **get involved with fundraising!** Several students have funded their whole spring trip through fundraising! Remember, the money a student has in their account, if not spent, will travel with them to high school band.

* Holiday concert – tentative date will be Sunday, December 7th

4. Peggy Reiman remarks:

* Apple Festival/ Drums at Appletime – We need water donations..Please drop off “squirt bottle” type bottled water in the band room. **Parent volunteers** needed to walk, particularly on Saturday with the band to make sure band is well hydrated or watch for any other issues that may come up. Parent volunteers are still needed for several spots at the Drums at Appletime event in the areas of concessions, parking, ticket sales, donations for the hospitality room, relief runners to allow other people to take bathroom rest breaks. Other volunteers are needed to assist the parade lineup early Saturday morning at Longfellow Park. Middle school kids are encouraged to volunteer with their parents!

Mr. Gass will serve as the liason between all the bands. 14 bands will be marching in the Parade. Mayor Will Stephens will serve as the M.C.

5. Michelle Powell:

* Concessions: dates for basketball and a few other events should be available on the website soon. The kinks with our concession experience have been largely worked out and are running much more smoothly. Working concessions at an SIU sporting event is a great way to earn money for your student’s personal account particularly if you are not as comfortable with selling things.

Next meeting will be Tuesday, October 14th, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

