

# Hastings Band Boosters

## Meeting Notes

Thursday, April 2, 2009

The meeting was called to order by President Jim Weinzettel at 7:05 pm. In attendance were Heidi Bohlken, Niecy Brockman, Lisa Poncelet, Paula Weinzettel, Michael Buck, Duane Oldham and Emily Chandler.

**Treasurer's Report** was given by Heidi Bohlken. The organization has a current balance of \$4,550.60. The band booster checking account has been transferred from TCF to Premier Bank. Heidi and Jim will have a 2009-2010 budget plan prepared for the May meeting.

The Gerten's Bedding Plant Sale was very successful bringing in sales of more than \$31,000. There were only a couple band booster orders so the May 17<sup>th</sup> delivery date was cancelled. Delivery arrangement for the orders will be set up with the customer. Special home delivery has been arranged with a few other customers at a \$30.00 charge.

**Band Director's Report** -Mr. Oldham: The middle school band festival on May 1<sup>st</sup> is all set to go. The 6<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade bands have been working very hard in preparation and the students are excited about the event.

Emily Chandler discussed marching band camp details. The cost for camp went down because transportation is covered by the district. Cost is \$320 for kids and \$280 for chaperones. Section leaders will have their first meeting on Monday, April 13<sup>th</sup>. Rookie night will be Thursday, May 28<sup>th</sup> and the first full rehearsal will be Monday, June 1<sup>st</sup>.

Mr. Johnson will cover the cost of purchasing 4 new marching baritones. Drum line will be 16 members strong. All percussion instruments are being used in addition to a couple sets of cymbals from the middle school. Color guard has also seen an increase in numbers.

**New Business.** Band accounts will now be kept separate from marching band accounts. This eliminates the transfer of funds for trip expenses between these two accounts. People will be able to specify which account they would like the money to go into. The policy is clearly outlined on the booster website.

Mr. Buck explained that the procedures for working at the Xcel and Dome have been updated and are now available on the website. The impetus was to clarify the procedures, especially as it pertains to last minute cancellations, because we now get charged for them. The new policy packet will be handed out to the workers so they can read and sign it.

Jazz night will be Thursday, April 16<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm in the high school commons. It will again be an informal setting with cookies and punch being served. The cost of the cookies will be taken out of the gate receipts.

The Instrument Fair will be held on Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup> from 9 am until noon. All fourth grade students attended a demo concert at the high school on Monday, March 30<sup>th</sup> which included performances by the wind ensemble and the orchestra. Dr. Buck and Dr. Scheuzger gave presentations on the various instruments of their ensembles. Mrs. Linne will be going around to each of the 4<sup>th</sup> grade classrooms to encourage the students to attend the instrument fair and ultimately join band. Some of our high school students will also help at the fair. A suggestion was made to check in with some of the other private schools to make sure they received the fair information.

There was a discussion about whose insurance would cover hauling the marching band trailer. The concern was who would be responsible for coverage when a volunteer used their personal vehicle to haul the small trailer. Who would pay if something happened while in transport? After some discussion, it was thought that it would probably be a joint effort between the school's insurance and the personal insurance of the volunteer driver. Since Minnesota is a "no fault" state, it would fall on the shoulders of the person who owns the equipment. Michael will check into this to confirm.

The band trip proposal is waiting final approval. A parent meeting to get the information out will be set once the trip proposal is accepted by the board of education.

The instrumental music department received a \$1,000 donation from the Hertogs Foundation. Mr. Buck stated that the money will probably be used for trip cost and equipment.

The next band booster meeting will be on Thursday, June 4<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm in the high school band room.

Meeting adjourned at 8:09 pm.