

HASTINGS BAND BOOSTERS

MEETING MINUTES

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2009

7:00 Meeting called to order by Jim Weinzettel. In attendance were Michael Buck, Duane Oldham, Heidi Bohlken, Denise Brockman, and Connie Kolodziej.

Treasurers Report was given by Heidi. Current balance is \$6980.47, which includes a deposit of \$230.00, which is the Boosters portion from the mum sales. The sale was successful, with a smaller number of kids participating, probably due to the number of trip participants compared to other years.

Band Director Reports:

Emily Chandler: absent

Duane Oldham: Advised that Marching Band is providing music at the banquet hall above Anytime Fitness on Wed.10/14 at the request of Tim O'Brien. The band will perform there, and then be provided a dinner before going to Todd Field for the football game. This event is to mark the 75th anniversary of Todd Field. (Jim Weinzettel also provided details on this event).

Michael Buck: Update on Lake City Jazz event. Both jazz bands will be attending, leaving after school, and returning around 10:30 pm on Friday, Nov. 20. The first band concert is Nov. 19. Pictures will be taken that night, and the Jazz band will perform at reception in the Commons afterwards. Mr. Buck will obtain parent volunteers for ticket sales, programs and workers for the reception.

Old business: Applebees pancake breakfast.

Tickets will be ordered asap for the 11/7 breakfast from 8-10 a.m. 400 tickets will be ordered, at a cost of \$33.00. When ready they will be given to Connie for her to number and put into packs of 10 tickets for distribution in the band classes.

It was agreed by all that the price will be \$6.00, The kids will get \$3 per ticket sold, and \$2.00 will go to the Band Boosters account. Applebees receives \$1 per plate. The money for walk-ins will go to Band Boosters, but a certain percentage **may** be given to those kids that also work the breakfast, but they will be unaware of this when signing up. Unsold tickets and money are due back 10/28 in order to get an approximate number to Applebees for their ordering. Workers for the breakfast will be asked for via email and in class. Both adults and youth are needed. A table will be set up at the indoor marching band concert on Oct. 25 for presales to the public. Denise will contact KDWA about publicity, Mr. Oldham contacted the Hastings paper already. He will also contact the District office about getting the information on the sign at Todd Field. Jim will look into the cost of printing on the large banner that Denise obtained from her work, that could be placed on the grass along the street near Applebees possibly.

New Orleans Trip: The first payment to travel agent is due 11/19. Mr. Buck has received the contract and will review. Total number is about 49, including 40 students, 2 directors and 7 chaperones. The flight is now direct, instead of through Denver. Thanks to Mr. Buck for getting that changed. The cost of pullovers and trip insurance are included in the cost of \$1600. Additional trip insurance covering family emergency, sickness etc can be purchased individually for additional fee. Sam Radford will be pulling the trailer to New Orleans, leaving early to allow for drive and rest time.

New business: Pep Band Motivators

Mr. Oldham advised that it is a struggle to get winter pep band members for the winter sports, and is looking for ways to get the kids to participate. Suggestions were having a pizza party at the end as a motivator, or the possibility of them getting a patch of some kind for their letter jackets for participation.

Middle Level Band Festival: Hastings will be hosting, sometime mid-April. This is a 6-8th grade event. More information will be coming on this event.

Fund raising idea: Mr. Buck brought a sample of the Tire Air Jumper as a possible fundraising item for band. After discussion, it was decided to pass on this item at

this time. Thanks to Mr. Buck for pursuing this potential opportunity. Heidi advised that poinsettia sales are currently going on. Cub food bagging will take place in December, with sign ups via the website prior.

Leadership Presentation: On 10/27, a well known speaker, will be coming to Hastings to present a leadership/motivational presentation to music students. Other schools in the SEC have been invited as well. Registration is from 4-4:30, with the seminar running from 4:30-7:00 PM. The cost is \$30.00. Discussion took place and it was decided that the Band Boosters would fund up to \$300.00 (\$15 x 20 kids) of the price. The first 20 to sign up and pay the \$15.00 would receive this credit. Mr. Oldham will talk to Emily as this is the same night as the senior awards for Marching Band, to see if her date can be changed.

Denise Brochman brought up several ideas for further discussion: She mentioned the possibility of Hastings band students attending the U of M Marching Band indoor concert. Mr. Oldham noted that students had done this in previous years, and it is a good event. She also brought up the need to evaluate the condition of the marching band trailer, and the possibility of needing a replacement soon. The trailer is going to New Orleans in the spring, and on the Marching Band trip next summer, and it needs to be determined whether or not it is in condition to do these trips. Mr. Oldham believes the trailer was purchased new in 1993, mostly from donations. More discussion is needed on this topic, and determination as to whether it is a band trailer or Hastings High School trailer, to determine whether the HS could possibly contribute to costs.

Approval of Last months Minutes: The minutes from the September meeting were approved.

Next meeting: November 10th, 2009.

Submitted by Connie Kolodziej

