

Marysville Band Boosters

President: Patti Straney 364-2953
Treasurer: Nora Paonessa 364-1050

Vice President: Stephanie Wassom 987-2290
Secretary: Amy Philp 364-4138

February 4, 2013

Call to Order – President Patti Straney called the meeting to order on February 4, 2013 at 7:02.

Secretary Report – Amy Philp presented the January 2013 booster minutes to the boosters. Without any questions regarding the January minutes, a motion was made to accept the minutes as presented by Ruth Rose and seconded by Michelle Hoffman. Motion carried. The band boosters' minutes are available on the band web site of www.marysvillebands.org. If you are interested in receiving the minutes in your email please contact the booster secretary at philpamy@gmail.com.

Treasurer's Report – Nora Paonessa presented the January saving account, general account, and the student accounts. Motion was made to accept the reports as presented by Mark Armstead and seconded by Jim Hude. Motion carried.

Thank you to the band boosters from Chase Bank. The donations from Chase Bank, in the treasurer's report, are a result of Ann, Lisa, and Cathy volunteering, and Chase donating to the band for their efforts. Thank you.

Old Business

1. **Scrip** – Charleen Lutz presented the scrip report for January. Char informed us that the library will be closed Monday February 18, but scrip will be available on Tuesday February 19 instead. Consider purchasing scrip for a Valentine gift or for the upcoming Disney tour. Scrip is available every week. Ordering and delivery of scrip takes place at the Marysville Library between 5:30 and 6:30 on Mondays. For a complete listing of scrip cards visit the website of www.glscrip.com or scrip orders may also be emailed to MARYSVILLEBANDSCRIP@YAHOO.COM.
2. **Bingo Report**- Steve Wassom presented the Bingo report for January. No questions.
3. **Bingo Concession Report**- Charleen Lutz presented the bingo concession report for January. She told us that soon the concession report will only be for Sundays only. The Knights of Columbus, that host Wednesday bingo, has decided to start taking care of their concessions and will no longer need us. The Wednesday concessions have been very helpful in raising money for the general fund.
4. **Bingo Update** – Patti Straney told the boosters that bingo brings in a lot of money for the general fund. Many bingo workers are aging out and new workers are not stepping up. What will we do? Stephanie Wassom said if we have approximately 400 kids in band from 5 – 12, if every parent volunteer once we would have enough volunteers for all of our activities. Stephanie said that she and Steve believe in the program and that is why they work bingo. We don't work bingo for the \$10 for their child's account but for all the kids in the band. Patti then asked for suggestions as to how we get more people involved. Question - How long is the bingo commitment? Steve Wassom told her it was ongoing. Mr. Duso then told the boosters that the school district gives the middle school band and the high school band each \$500 for music. We raise funds for many of the band's needs. He told us we have reached a serious point if bingo can't continue, cuts will have to be made. He will start by cutting winter guard, instructors, and etc. How can we get more involved? Question – Have you talked to the kids and asked them for help with getting the parents involved? Mr. Duso said he has mentioned it to the students but he doesn't know if the message gets carried home. Suggestion – The statements were just sent home, could we

highlight the bingo line given for credit. Suggestion – Could we have a parent call system to ask/encourage people to help? Suggestion – How do we help the junior high parents feel more comfortable and interested in finding out what is going on in boosters? Suggestion – Send a letter home with a list of what we need volunteers for and let them know it will be followed up with a phone call. People don't read the website. Suggestion – Send out an email asking for help. The email system worked well to get volunteers for the picnic for the all-day band practice. Patti concluded the brainstorming session by thanking everyone for the suggestions. She said that a plan will be made at our next meeting.

5. **Meijer Community Fundraiser-** Kris Moses explained the Meijer Community Fundraiser a silent fundraiser for just shopping at Meijer. If you use a Meijer credit card 1% of the sale goes to the band. If you purchase with cash and show your card ½% of the sale goes to the band. When you fill out a Meijer credit card application, use the Regiment code of **456638** when filling out the application. Kris Moses had fliers available on the program. She has received two checks from Meijer since our last booster meeting.
6. **Gordon Food Service Fun Funds** – Kris Moses explained this fundraiser. Sign up and use the Marysville Band Booster code of **2135893** and the band will receive credit for the sale. Depending on the amount of credit the Boosters receives for the quarter, will decide the amount of profit given back to the band. Purchase scrip for further benefits. Kris had fliers available explaining the program. Kris said she did receive a check this month from Gordon's. Easy money for just shopping and showing your Gordon's card.
7. **Goodsearch.com-** Nora Paonessa explained the program for www.goodsearch.com and www.goodshop.com . Use www.goodsearch.com for your search engine and the band receives a penny for every search. Use www.goodshop.com for your shopping and the band will receive a percentage of your purchases. Use Marysville Viking Regiment on the tool bar.
8. **Disney Tour payments** – Bruce Patchel said that he is still collecting Disney payments. The last statement for Disney payments have gone out. By Monday Bruce will give a list of students that have not completely paid for their Disney Tour. It is too late to back out of the Disney Tour at this time. The student is responsible for the full payment amount even if he/she does not plan on attending.
9. **Marysville Band Merchandise** – Amy Philp told the boosters that band merchandise is available for sale. Feel free to contact her if you are interested in purchasing for the upcoming Disney Tour.
10. **Trash Bags** – Amy Philp told the boosters that we have decided to go ahead with a trash bag sale. Bear Claw Bags out of Mt. Pleasant will supply the bags. The bags are a "Made in Michigan" product. The sale will be January 30th thru February 13th. The bags will be delivered February 28th. The student account will be credited five dollars for every box sold of the kitchen and the 30 gallon size. The 33 gallon sized bag will credit the student's account seven dollars. The bags will not have a slogan on them and we do not have a choice of colors. Volunteers will be needed on the delivery day. The NHS has posted a request of help on delivery day. Amy told the boosters that she challenged the senior students to pay it forward. She reminded the seniors the band program was paved by students before them and now it is their turn. Sell some bags and place a name of a younger student to receive the credit. The senior student might know of someone in junior high, ninth, tenth, or eleven grades. Think of a student that they have tutored or given lessons to too or someone that they know that could use some help with their account.
11. **Discount Card Fundraiser** – Patti Straney thanked Kim Kernohan for running the discount card fundraiser for the past few years. Cards are still available if anyone has further sales. Eight hundred cards were ordered and approximately 200 are left to sell.

New Business

1. Geranium Sale – Michelle Hoffman told the boosters that the geranium sale will be March 13 – April 10 with May 9th as the delivery day. These dates are basically the same as last year. Michelle will be contacting Thiesen's for current prices and selection for the upcoming sale.
2. Bowling Fundraiser – Stephanie Wassom announced that the bowling fundraiser will be Friday May 17 at Port Huron Lanes. Doors open at 6 p.m. with games beginning at 6:30. The bowling will be \$20 per person open to both adults and students. We hope to conduct a 50/50 raffle and have baskets for raffle. More information to follow. Donations of raffle baskets are appreciated.
3. Disney Update – Mr. Duso updated us on the upcoming Disney Tour. We have 198 people going on the buses to Disney and that we are being charged for 200 seats on the buses. We have one change in the itinerary. Upon arrival to the hotel the students will have approximately one hour to relax. The students will then leave for City Walk in Universal Studios with their choice of five restaurants for dinner. After dinner the students will go see the Blue Man Group instead of the Medieval Theater.

Band Director's Report

1. The March 4th band booster meeting will be a short condensed meeting followed by the Disney chaperone required meeting. This will give the general membership time to ask Disney related questions. The remainder of the meeting will cover chaperone duties along with covering details of the new hotel and new tour company. We have the 10 a.m. Disney parade, a first and Mr. Duso believes it should work out well for the band.
2. MSBOA Concert Festival – **High School Band at Anchor Bay High School on March 16.**
Concert Band @ 10:15 a.m. Symphonic Band @ 3:05 p.m.
Junior High School at Algonquin Middle School in Algonac March 9.
7th Grade Band @ 9:50 a.m. 8th Grade Band @ 11:40 a.m.
Chaperone sign-up sheets are posted, we need two chaperones per bus each band will have two buses.
3. Junior High Band Clinic/Concert will be February 22, 2013. The sixth grade band will have a regular concert. The 7th and 8th grade bands will play their music and then have clinics with a visiting band director.
4. Mr. Duso then went to the band website and showed the picture from the Thanksgiving Day parade. Last week The Parade Company brought up the trophy for the winning band. He then reviewed the Band Director's Notes on the website.
5. Solo Ensemble update. Every 8th grader that went to Solo Ensemble medaled! For the high school Solo Ensemble 85 students participated with 78 students medaling. Great job.
6. Soon the boys will be measured for tuxedo shirts and the girls will be measured for skirts/dresses. Volunteers would be helpful to get that job done.

Reminder the next meeting will be condensed for the Disney Tour chaperone meeting. The next regular meeting will be April 8, 2013.

Meeting Adjourned
Members attended: 30
Next Band Booster Meeting:
March 4, 2013
7:00 p.m. Middle School Band Room