

Millard West Band Boosters
Minutes: November 18, 2019

1. Call to order:
 - a. The meeting was called to order at 7:02pm by Brad Durbin, in the band room.
 - b. All parents of 9-12th grade band members are automatically part of the Millard West Band Boosters group, and are encouraged to attend meetings to keep up to date on band activities. Adults in attendance at this meeting included: Andy & Jenny Schlosser, Erin Ward, Brad & Trish Durbin, Jeremy Langer, Debbie Hart, Katie Rupe, Brianna Lyness, Eric Grelson, Yim Graner, Tanya Schula, Chris & Teri Cain, John Keith, and Byron Braasch.
2. Secretary's Report: Jenny Schlosser
 - a. The minutes from the September meeting were shared via email with the membership.
 - b. The October meeting was cancelled due to scheduling conflicts with other band activities.
 - c. Debbie Hart moved that we accept the Secretary's Report, and Katie Rupe seconded. The minutes were approved by the membership.
3. Treasurer's Report: Debbie Hart
 - a. Debbie reviewed current expenses and income, and everything is on track and as expected.
 - b. Currently the expenses from the Hawaii trip are \$1724 over. Mr. Keith and John Skrabal are looking into different options to cover the cost, and will present at a future booster meeting.
 - c. Taxes were filed and accepted by the November deadline.
 - d. Eric Grelson moved to accept the Treasurer's Report, and Erin Ward seconded. The Treasurer's Report was approved by the membership.
4. Committee Reports:
 - a. Fundraising: Brad Durbin
 - i. Band Aid: continuing to come in. Might bring a credit card reader to the December concert if anyone would like to contribute that night.
 - ii. The flower fundraiser will be held once again this spring. Looking at making some changes after our first experience with it last year.
 - iii. Any new fundraising ideas need to be presented to Brad Durbin before proceeding. Fundraisers often require school administration approval, and need to be discussed with the Band Boosters before committing.
 - b. CWS: Teri Cain
 - i. Creighton Baseball has posted their schedule, so Teri will look over the schedule and will list the games with band conflicts for Levy to do their scheduling.
 - c. Restaurants:
 - i. Pizza Hut: Lora Thompson- \$52.22 received from last quarter
 - ii. 1000 Degrees: Yim Graner- not many people came, looking into doing it again or not.
 - iii. Freddy's: Yim Graner- Gave \$100 donation to the band as not many customers said they were with the band.
 - iv. Brad Dubin will work with Lora & Yim on how to make restaurant fundraisers easier.
 - d. Baker's Plus: Debbie Hart- \$84.89 received from last quarter
 - i. Debbie also added that a recent donation to Omaha Gives was received for \$97
 - e. TAGG: Kendra Grelson- \$78 received from last quarter.
 - i. HyVee is on TAGG now, and they are also still accepting receipts.
 - f. HyVee Coupon Books: position open.
 - g. Jr Wildcat Band: Jenny Schlosser & Erin Ward
 - i. Looking into the basketball season and how to make the basketball pep band night a better experience for the middle schoolers. Dates to be determined.

- ii. A spring middle school color guard clinic is in the works.
 - h. Marketing/donations: Elissa Hamill- no report.
 - i. Travel: John Skrabal- no report
5. New Business
- a. Discussion was held about an increase in adjunct staff costs. Upon recommendations from the Executive Board, Jeremy Langer made a motion, seconded by Eric Grelson, to contribute an additional \$2000 towards adjunct staff to help reduce the amount contributed from Mr. Keith's activity fund. The membership voted to approve.
 - b. Erin Ward is organizing poinsettia sales to help decorate the stage for the December concert. This is not a fundraiser, and information will come out this week.
 - c. Jenny Schlosser mentioned we still need a volunteer to set up cookies before concerts. Katie Rupe agreed to take on this position beginning with the December concert.
6. Director's Report: John Keith
- a. All State is this week beginning on Thursday in Lincoln. 6 students were selected.
 - b. All 3 concert groups will perform at the Holiday Concert on Thursday, Dec 12.
 - c. Basketball pepbands:
 - i. 1st game is Dec 14.
 - ii. The green & black pep band lists were posted last week. Students should know which band they are assigned to.
 - iii. Look at the schedule in advance and look for subs early. Need to find a sub that plays the same instrument and part as you.
 - iv. Dec 21 game: may not perform due to Winter Break, decision has not been made yet.
 - v. Jan 21 game: will NOT perform this night due to the 8th grade recruiting concert
 - d. No Winter Winds or Winter Percussion this year. Will have 2 Winter Guard groups.
 - e. No jazz band this year due to lack of interest. Will meet with those students who are interested to discuss options.
 - f. Need to schedule one more Pit Crew Work day to: change out some wheels, fix the chimes, clean out storage room, fix generator that is leaking oil, and take the extra DM podium to storage. Chris Cain will coordinate.
 - g. Upcoming fundraisers: HyVee Coupon books in April/May, The Mattress Fundraiser possibly April 19, Popcorn fundraiser (instead of cookie dough) in February. Not doing the wreath fundraiser.
 - h. Mr Keith and Mr Braasch will once again be attending the Midwest International Clinic in December. Thank you to the Band Boosters for supporting them with this professional development opportunity.
7. Key Upcoming Dates:
- a. Nov 21-23: NMEA All State
 - b. Dec 12: Holiday Concert
 - c. Dec 14: Home BB game
 - d. Dec 21: Home BB game

The meeting was adjourned at 7:58pm with a motion by Yim Graner, and seconded by Jeremy Langer. The next meeting is Monday, December 16, 2019 in either the band, orchestra or choir room.