

Mount Dora Band Boosters
Minutes of the Meeting held on
October 3, 2016
6:00 PM

Location of Meeting:

MDHS Auditorium

Mount Dora, Florida

Board Members Present at Meeting:

Mr. Uhrich

Trista Spencer

Adam Ziniewicz

David White

Brian Schmidt

Amy Axon

The regular meeting of the Mount Dora Band Boosters was called to order at 6:00 p.m. on October 3, 2016, in the MDHS auditorium by Mr. Uhrich.

Consideration of New Business

1. Upcoming Events/Dates:

- a. October 9 – Drumline Only – Play for Cyclists - Mount Dora 6:00 a.m.
- b. October 10 – Football Game Lake Minneola Home Game – 4:00 p.m.
- c. October 14 –
 - i. Homecoming Parade Downtown Mount Dora – 1:00 p.m.
 - ii. Football Game Ridge Community Homecoming – 5:00 p.m.
- d. October 21 – Football Game Umatilla Away Game – 5:00 p.m.
- e. October 22 – Ocala Marching Band Festival – all day – arrival time TBA
- f. October 28 – Football Game South Sumter Home Game (Senior Night) – 5:00 p.m.
- g. November 3 – Football Game Tavares Home Game (Middles School Night) – 5:00 p.m.

- h. November 5 – Marching Band Performance Assessment (MPA)
 - i. Leesburg High all day
- 2. Middle School Night:
 - a. Trista will order some T-shirts for approximately 80 kids with A “Future Marching Cane” type slogan in 2-colors
 - b. Mr. Uhrich will send a sizing order form over to Mr. Porter so we know what sizes to order
- 3. Gloves:
 - a. We need to order black gloves for the band; Mrs. Ziniewicz will help measure band members sometime next week
- 4. Band Fees:
 - a. Mr. Uhrich has requested 4 scholarships that we might be able to get from school funds to help 4 of our band members based on need
 - b. Jazz Band Fees:
 - i. There are two band members that are only participating in jazz band and no other band activities. It was proposed and agreed to that these two students only pay \$100 in band fees this year to cover jazz band. This will not be the guideline next year. All students will pay the same basic band fee.
 - c. It was discussed that it is illegal per IRS tax code to compensate volunteers in a non-profit organization. Since the Band is a 501c3 non-profit, we can no longer credit a student’s band fee account if the parent(s) volunteer at a Band event.
 - d. It was discussed that Band Booster Board members do not have their band fees waived as compensation for serving on the Board for the same reason in paragraph 4.c. above.
- 5. Equipment Updates:
 - a. New drum battery arrived today! They are in great shape and very lightly used. Carriers and heads to come in a few days.
 - b. There is an immediate need for the purchase of tubas, bass clarinets, euphoniums, and a few more percussion instruments before concert season starts.
- 6. Other Budgetary Needs:
 - a. Mr. Uhrich will review transportation needs for events for the rest of the school year and give us a tally of how much it will cost.
 - b. We spent approximately \$500 last week on a new deep fryer for French fries and for a double door refrigerator to store drinks in for our concessions stand. We also bought a microwave. The new deep fryer needs a \$55 part to convert it to “small tank” propane gas – Trista knows someone who can help with this and she will get the contact information to Adam.

- c. We need to replace the smaller grill that smokes so excessively – Adam proposed purchasing a flat griddle instead of another grill; approximate price \$300? This was not decided on as of yet.

Fundraising Committee

6:30 p.m.

1. Several parents came to the meeting who had indicated interest in serving on our Fundraising Committee. Please welcome and give huge thanks to the following parents:
 - a. Stephanie Martin
 - b. Amy Krok
 - c. Kim Varnadore
 - d. Erika Royster
2. Current fundraising:
 - a. The students are selling Chik-Fil-A calendars – please send your child to school with the funds to pay for the calendars upfront....once they are sold, each one sold will apply a \$2 credit to outstanding band fees on your child's account.
3. Fundraising Ideas:
 - a. Corporate sponsorships – Amy Axon will create the sponsorship sign-up form and work with the fundraising committee to begin soliciting local businesses and individuals to help support the Band.
 - i. Sponsorship Perk ideas:
 1. Banner to march with during parades featuring sponsor
 2. Website banner and link to their website on Mountdorabands.com
 3. Sponsor shout outs during the football games
 4. Band members to make and sell paper flowers or other Valentines during Valentine's Day week
 5. Coordinate with Chamber of Commerce members and Downtown Mt. Dora Merchant's Association
 6. Suntrust may have a donation matching program – if someone knows anyone who works at Suntrust?
 7. Stephanie Martin will find out from Waterman Hospital what kind of programs they may have
 - b. Band Member Walk-a-thon – where students solicit donations in a flat dollar amount and then do a planned walk
 - c. Sectional Fundraisers – where the fundraiser benefits a specific section of the Band; like a woodwind fundraiser, percussion fundraiser, etc.

- d. Rummage Sale – Erika Royster proposed a rummage sale that could also be combined with a bake sale. We need to determine where and when such an event could occur logically.
- e. Mr. Uhrich proposed a 1940s style swing jazz band concert – kids could wear period clothes and play music from that era. We could charge \$10 or so a ticket; perhaps February timeframe?
- f. Could different sections play downtown for donations? Like small ensembles of woodwinds, brass, or percussion.....
- g. Could we use Go Fund Me for specific events or field trips?
- h. Any and all ideas please email myself or any member of the fundraising committee:
 - i. Amy Axon – bandsecretarymd@gmail.com
 - ii. Amy Krok – amykrok@comcast.net
 - iii. Erika Royster – erickar12@icloud.com
 - iv. Kim Varnadore - kim.varnadore.pbc7@statefarm.com

Parent Meeting

7:00 p.m.

- 7. Reviewed upcoming dates and events – see page 1 of these minutes.
- 8. Items for consideration:
 - a. Smart Music.com – the band may want to purchase. It is an interactive, music learning and assessment software. Cost estimate \$1700/year.
 - b. Considering having a smaller wind ensemble that band members can audition for; this is like a higher level concert band.
 - c. Requesting parent feedback on rehearsal times during concert band season (starting mid-November). Does directly after school work better than 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. time slot? Proposed frequency of rehearsals concert band on Tuesday and wind ensemble on Thursday. So basically if your child is in both they will have practice both days.
 - d. Attendance at rehearsals is so very important! 10% of our band did not march Friday night because they had missed band rehearsals for other extra-curricular activities. Marching band is a very short season – it will be over within 60 days and we really need all members of the group to be there so that the ones who do attend can succeed and compete. If we do not have 100% attendance at rehearsals we may not be able to compete or participate in marching band performance assessments or other events like the marching festival in Ocala on 10/22. Since marching band is an activity that you will see “holes” in the show if members are

missing, please endeavor to help your children get to rehearsals for the rest of the season!

9. Treasurer's Report:

- a. Current balance in the band's account is \$22,897 as of 9/30/16. We just purchased new, used, drums for the drumline at a cost of roughly \$16,000 – this included new carriers and drum heads and should last the band 15 years.
- b. Outstanding band fees: current outstanding student accounts total \$24,630. School administration will not allow students to attend events such as Homecoming, Prom, and even Graduation with outstanding balances for any extracurricular activities.
- c. Although volunteer hours can no longer be used to credit a student's account, Fundraising Activities can!!! If you would like to work towards paying off your child's account, please contact the fundraising committee with any ideas and be open to emails that will go out regarding the band's upcoming fundraising activities.
 - i. Right now as stated earlier in the minutes, we are selling Chik Fil A calendars. Example: calendars cost \$8 each and must be prepaid by the student to pick up calendars to sell. The student sells the calendar and can keep those funds. Of the initial money paid by the student to pick up the calendars, \$2 for each one picked up goes directly against the student's account.

10. Next Band Booster/Parent meeting to be held on November 7, 2016, at 7:00 p.m. in the auditorium.

There being no further business, the motion to Adjourn the Meeting was made by Amy Axon, seconded by Adam Ziniewicz.