

KMS Band Boosters General Meeting

September 7, 2011 KMS Band Room

Clara Sheridan motions for meeting to begin, Dorothy Thomas seconds

Meeting called to order at 7:02

Board members present: newly elected President Nick Fitsimmons, Secretary Karmenn Hanson, former president filling in for Treasurer Jenn Miller- Lynn Gowenlock, Uniform Coordinator Kelly Raber

Lynn introduces new President Nick and explains she is helping with the presidential transition, as well as filling in for the treasurer tonight.

Minutes from previous meeting: Meeting minutes can be found online at the band booster site. Last meeting was held in June, and comprised of electing this year's booster board.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer's position is transitioning from Sue Kessler to newly elected Jenn Miller. Lynn gives the report created by Jenn: bank statement currently reads \$22,140, with one outstanding check to pay for last year's transportation from the school district, making the true balance \$18660.35.

Question: (Kelly Raber) Is the balance reported only booster funds, or does it include student funds?

Answer: (Lynn) The balance reflects the student funds. Separate banking accounts are not set up for students, but are recorded in a ledger. At this time, the treasurer has not provided the breakdown of booster funds and student funds.

Vice President: No Vice Presidents to report. The VP of Trips, Shawna Reiman, will be stepping down due to her daughter discontinuing in the band program. She is willing to help advise a new Vice President of Trips on how to set up the Disneyland trip. A general Vice President is also needed. Kelly Raber nominates Karyn Crawford for the position of VP of Trips, and is seconded by Dorothy

Thomas. Clara Sheridan nominates Kim Jones for general VP, seconded by Lisa Ryder. Both positions elected with unanimous support and no dissent.

Fundraising: Need to create a fundraising committee. Clara volunteers to be involved.

McTakeover at McDonalds on November 9th.

Nick offers the Pizza Factory for takeovers up to once a month- where there is an all you can eat buffet for \$15-20. Pizza Factory would recoup actual product cost and donate the profit. Details on how to award proceeds is forthcoming- potential to have student log of hours? Pizza Factory also offers coupon cards for fundraisers.

Car Wash at RiteAid- Rite Aid is legal for car washes per Kitsap Co. code by having a water reclamation system installed- a car wash had been proposed for the location.

Sees Candy: Site sales would be good to have at Walmart starting now through April. Especially good sale times are Friday nights and payday weekends. There is still candy available and within pull date from last year. Last year's treasurer, Sue Kessler, is willing to pick up candy since it is not too far from where she works. A volunteer is needed to coordinate candy sales- help store candy, check out candy. Sheridans volunteer, but are concerned by logistics concerning table transportation. Logistics discussion is tabled until the fundraiser specific meeting to be held at the Pizza Factory on Thursday Sept. 15 at 7:30.

Espresso Cart: Jeff and Dorothy Thomas own an espresso cart and are willing to use it to fundraise.

Kettle Corn: Lesley and James Weiler own a kettle corn machine and are willing to use it for fundraising.

It Is not too early for 6th graders to start fundraising. If they do not make the marching band squad this year, the account balance of funds earned this year will carry over to next year to fund next year's trip.

Gift Certificate Question: Would it be possible to make up a gift certificate that could be purchased by relatives to help support a student's trip fund? Could payment be made with credit cards, say through a company such as PayPal?

Answer: Great idea! We will look into both the gift certificate idea and PayPal.

Back to School BBQ: Next Tuesday night

Need volunteers!!

Lesley and James Weiler volunteer to help!

Event is to welcome band students back to school, specifically the new 6th grade students. Ted Brown will be available to rent instruments and maybe size and order shoes.

The band will not play- there simply has not been enough time for the kids to practice.

Short (15-20 min.) meeting will precede Booster sponsored BBQ.

Disneyland Trip:

Rumors that the trip is cancelled are unfounded, the trip is a GO!

Disneyland has already extended official invitation for May 27 performance.

No payment price has been set yet; the trip planning has just begun.

Nick has contacts with a couple airlines and will research airline ticket prices.

Trip will be over Memorial Day weekend- depart May 25, return May 28

Question: (Dorothy) Will there be a discount for full early payment for trip?

Answer: (Lynn) Not likely. The price asked to be paid is the actual price of trip and the number of participants is not variable, although this idea has never been discussed.

Director of Bands Report- Mr. Haag:

Welcome. This is a year of changes with furlough and early dismissal days. Let's take a look down memory lane and view last year's Viking Fest parade. This tape was used as a sample of the marching band in action, as was footage from Victoria, for the audition tape for Disneyland.

Letter from Disneyland approving KMS performance has been received and announced to the classes, to the jubilation of the students.

Disneyland trip first started in 1997, with an overnight school bus trip down to Anaheim. In 2000 it was decided to fly. KMS is the only middle school in the area to go on trips of this magnitude and this has been made possible by the reputation for a quality program and responsible behavior of the band students.

Mrs. Winstrand approves of the Disneyland trip and personally would like to attend. At the district level, Aaron Lavelle has given verbal approval.

The Disneyland trip is made possible through the hard work of volunteers, and volunteers are needed for this year's trip. Our band is the largest sport team in the county. The fundraiser committee is a great idea and we also need volunteers for the BBQ.

The application to Disneyland was for 140 students, and Disney requires a new application if the number increases or decreases by more than 10-15 %. One of the reasons for being strict on the band's uniform code is it is a requirement to perform in Disneyland.

The Student Band Handbook should be handed out on Friday, and will also be posted on the Booster website. Students will begin to play instruments next week.

Question: When are booster meetings normally held?

Answer: The first Wednesday of the month when practical.

Question: As a 6th grade parent, especially if you yourself was never in band, it is difficult to know how best to support your student and get an understanding of

how the class actually functions. Is there a way to explain options better to new parents, where to go for information, how to help a frustrated student?

Answer: Best resource for understanding the flow of the band classroom is experienced parents- which you will connect with at booster meetings. A list of private instructors is also provided on the booster website for students to seek extra instruction if they are feeling frustrated. The classroom also supports an environment of peer teaching, with experienced students helping the new. It is expected that both the parent and student will be proactive in finding the information and resources they feel they need. The booster organization is not only for financial support of the band, but also to help support the experience of the families in band.

Question: Does the band boosters have a Facebook account?

Answer: No, the Boosters haven't really thought about it. At the district level, there is now more caution in using such internet sites and determining what is permitted to post to protect privacy. This year is the first year that a video and photo request not to publish has been included in the student band handbook.

As the meeting has run over time, Jeff Thomas motions to adjourn, is seconded by Dave Sheridan and the meeting is adjourned at 8: 12.