

Millard West Band Boosters
Meeting Minutes
April 21, 2008

Attendance: Jackie Thornhill, John Keith, Pam West, Patty Corey, Mike Mohr, Lorrie Kurfman, Carla Farley, Jim Farley, Kevin McAcy, Teresa McAcy, Jeri Engen, Mike Gruttemeyer, Micki Zoucha, Naomi Hodgson, Jeri Gill, Melissa Massey and Rita Pfingsten.

Call to Order: 7:05 p.m. by Jackie Thornhill

Secretary's Report: Minutes were reviewed, no changes needed, no questions. Motion to approve minutes of March 17, 2008, was made by Kevin McAcy, 2nd by Melissa Massey, minutes approved as written. A thank you note was received from The Welu Family thanking the MW Band Boosters for a gift to Hospice where Bev Welu's father-in-law received care.

Treasurer's Report: Pam West presented the treasurer's report which was discussed. An amount of \$192.02 from Hy-Vee receipts was put into the activity account in March. Cans for the band check for March has not been received yet. Motion to accept treasurer's report was made by Naomi Hodgson, 2nd by Teresa McAcy, report was approved.

Committees

Volunteers: Teresa McAcy reported that volunteers will be needed for the following events:
April 26-Millard Solo and Ensemble
May 3-Car Wash
May 9-Swing Night

Band Fun Night: Lorrie Kurfman reported that the band fun night is still being worked on.

Millard Solo and Ensemble: Lorrie Kurfman reported that the menu is set and includes juice donuts, pizza, marching taco, snacks and drinks. Sub sandwiches will be available for the judges and directors. Volunteers are still needed.

College World Series: Carla Farley and Naomi Hodgson put up sign-up sheets for the kids in the band room. An e-mail also went out with information about sign-up. Confirmation letters will go out after someone signs up, with a reminder sent later.

Car Wash: Kevin McAcy reported that the car wash will be held on Saturday, May 3, at the Wal-mart on 128th & L. Tickets will go out on Friday and will need to be back in one week. Will send out an e-mail for donation of items including hot dogs, hoses, towels, etc. and volunteers to work shifts of 10-1 and 1-4.

Old Business

Committee Openings for 2008-2009: The following have volunteered for these committee openings:

Uniforms: Terri Aldridge

Winter Formal Co-Coordinators: Micki Zoucha and Brooke Erickson

Cans for the Band: Jeri Engen

Assistant for Varsity Band: Jeri Gill

Family Picnic: Rita Pfingsten

End of Season Celebration: Pam West

Pictures: No new information.

Donation of Old Uniforms: New options being looked into are: (1) There is a possibility that the band director in Tennessee who bought some of the uniforms on Ebay may be interested in buying more; (2) Ralston Costume would pick up the uniforms as a donation; or (3) Consider parents purchasing, if interested. A discussion was held about extending the deadline set at the last meeting. A motion was made by Micki Zoucha to extend the deadline for one month until May 30, then notice will be given to the storage company that we will take them out of storage at the end of June, 2nd by Jim Farley, motion was approved.

New Business

Award Sponsored by Band Boosters: A discussion was held about a new award being given by the Band Boosters to recognize an individual student who goes beyond expectations to assist the band directors, students, and volunteers in any band set up, loading of instruments, preparation of band activities. The student should be considered to be dependable, loyal and cooperative. The student will take pride in the band program and be a role model for others. Any student can be nominated by a member of the staff or parent volunteer. Nominations will be made by the April Band Booster meeting and submitted to the directors and executive board for consideration. A decision regarding the award will be made prior to the Music Awards in May and be announced at the award ceremony. Each recipient will receive a trophy and have his or her name placed on a wall plaque. The award would be named The Michael Bebout Spirit of Band Award. A motion was made by Rita Pfingsten to implement this award, 2nd by Lorrie Kurfman, motion was approved.

Fundraising for next year: Jackie Thornhill presented a letter that was received from a Chairperson of Junior Olympics on Behalf of the Cornhusker Flyers Track Club. An event will take place July 22-July 27 at Burke High School. MW Band Boosters could receive \$5,000 for working. Times are approximately 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Jackie will get more information such as number of volunteers needed, can kids work and number of days needed to work.

Presentation of Slate of Officer Candidates: Jackie Thornhill presented the new slate of officers nominated for 2008-2009:

President: Kevin McAcy and Teresa McAcy

Vice President: Harry Platte

Treasurer: Pam West

Secretary: Micki Zoucha

A vote was held of those in attendance and the slate as presented was approved.

Director's Report: John Keith reported the following:

The Concert and Symphonic Bands played well at the Bellevue West Festival. The directors were very pleased.

The Wind Ensemble had a wonderful performance at District Music Contest. Mr. Keith received positive comments including "fantastic" and "phenomenal".

Those students receiving superior ratings at District Music Contest in solos and ensembles will be listed in the May/June Millard newsletter.

The following are upcoming events:

April 26 - Millard Solo and Ensemble

May 8 - Spring Band Concert

May 9 - Swing Night with dance lessons prior to music by Beadle Middle School, Russell Middle School, MW Jazz Band and MW Orchestra

May 12 – Music Awards Night

The second show tune for marching band has arrived and the closer should be here soon.

The Varsity Band will practice on Monday, June 2 or Monday, June 9

Band camp – July 21 – Freshman

July 21 – Leadership

July 22, 23, 24 – Freshman

July 25 – Mass Band

July 28 – August 1 – Varsity

Still working on a showing from "Fromthe50YardLine".

8:30 p.m. – Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Naomi Hodgson, 2nd by Pam West, meeting adjourned.

Submitted by Patty Corey

Next meeting – May 19, 2008