

Millard West Band Boosters
Meeting Minutes
August 20, 2007

Attendance: Jackie Thornhill, John Keith, Sherry Thompson, Pam West, Patty Corey, Mike Mohr, Sue Mohr, Kevin McAcy, Teresa McAcy, Lorrie Kurfman, Mike Gruttemeyer, Chris Gruttemeyer, David Holt, Lynne Holt, Rita Pfingsten, Kathleen Forsgren, Stacy Van Blair, James Addison, Doug Markin, Kathy Markin, Tracy Wajda, Christy Hall, Henry Carnaby, and Cathy Carnaby

Call to Order: 7:00 p.m.

Secretary's Report: Minutes were reviewed, no changes needed, no questions. Motion to approve minutes of May 21, 2007, was made by Pam West, 2nd by Sue Mohr, minutes approved as written.

Treasurer's Report: 40 cents added because of an error, everything was posted and paid out, balance of \$18,324.83. Motion to accept treasurer's report was made by Sherry Thompson, 2nd by David Holt, report was approved.

Committees

New Parent Meeting: Jackie Thornhill reported that 30 new parents came to the meeting on July 23, 2007.

Band Camp: Cathy Carnaby reported that everything went well. She suggested purchasing small coolers for ice next year and prepared information for next year's band camp chairperson.

Buddy Lunch: Jackie Thornhill reported that the lunch went great. The kids ate a lot of hot dogs and some staff and custodians also ate. It was a great group of kids and they had a good time.

Family Picnic: Patty Corey reported that the picnic went well. 165 adults, 107 students, and 59 children for a total of 331 ate. Thank you to all who volunteered to help and hope the new menu was enjoyed by all. Prizes were awarded to the following students for winning the march off after the picnic: Danielle Forsgren, Sean Kurfman and Sarah Farley.

Band Camp Celebration: Jackie Thornhill reported that 106 students attended the activities at the YMCA. A special thank you to Christy Hall for getting the YMCA for the band to use and also for her and her husband's time spent volunteering while the students were there.

Spirit Wear: Sherry Thompson reported that \$842 in spirit wear was sold at the picnic. The new denim shirt is \$30, t-shirt is \$13, polo is \$28, and jacket is \$40. All items will be for sale at all home football games and the information is also on the band website.

Band-Aid: Mike Mohr reported that at the time of the meeting 50 people had committed or paid. The next step is an e-mail to remind others about band-aid and what it is used for. Receipts and thank yous will be sent out to those who paid.

Volunteers: Teresa McAcy reported that volunteers are needed for the Millard Days Parade to hand out water bottles after the parade. John Keith asked for volunteers to help with water before – at Millard Central, during – to walk along with the band, and after – at the parking lot. Also need a truck driver for the parade to get the truck, take to MW to load, drive to Millard Central, unload and then park in lot across from Dairy Queen. After the parade to drive back to MW to unload.

At 7:25 p.m., we were informed that we were in a tornado warning. We all went to the locker room for shelter.

The meeting was resumed at 8:01 p.m.

Volunteers: Carla and Jim Farley have volunteered to be in charge of the pit crew. At the first football game, 5 or 6 people will be needed. Pit crew shirts may be made available for \$7.50. Volunteers could also still wear the green polo or t-shirt. Not sure at this time whether freshman would wear polo or pit crew shirt.

College World Series: John Keith reported that \$10,500 was made, \$9,000 was budgeted. The July 4th game was big and we also worked extra games. It was well organized and went well. Changes for next year include opening on Friday and it is possible that not as many games will be on the weekend. Carla Farley and Naomi Hodgson have volunteered to coordinate the games again next year.

Unfilled Committee Chairs: Jackie Thornhill reported that these activities need chairs:

Tailgate fundraiser – Tracy Wajda and Pam West volunteered
Millard Solo and Ensemble – David and Lynne Holt volunteered
End of season celebration – Pam West asked for a co-chair - Lynne Holt volunteered
NSBA decorating – Rita Pfingsten volunteered

Budget: The budget was reviewed. The budget is done in June and approved in August. A question was asked about getting shelves for the truck. John Keith stated that we do not have storage for shelves so we will continue to rent those. Motion to approve the budget made by Lorrie Kurfman, 2nd by Rita Pfingsten, budget approved.

Old Business

We are still looking for a new President. Jackie Thornhill is the Interim President. If you would be interested, please call Jackie Thornhill or John Keith.

New Business

Jackie Thornhill discussed a possible memorial to Nikki Ely (the daughter of the color guard director, Dee Ely) who died unexpectedly in an accident. Jackie asked that a donation on behalf of the band boosters be considered to be used for a scholarship from the Phantom Regiment in which Nikki was a member. The amount of the donation was discussed and a motion was made by David Holt that \$350 be sent for the scholarship, 2nd by Lorrie Kurfman, motion was passed.

Jackie Thornhill stated that in July at an Executive Board Meeting, there was discussion about changing the meeting dates. The third Monday occasionally falls on a holiday or a day that there is no school. The by-laws would need to be changed or could change to say monthly meeting as determined by the board. This was discussed and it was decided to leave it on the 3rd Monday of the month unless changed and put on the website. Next meeting will be Sept. 17.

Wristbands for pride and spirit were discussed. They would be black with a green stripe. Could order 200 for about \$400. A motion was made by Cathy Carnaby to spend the money for wristbands, 2nd by Lorrie Kurfman, motion approved to purchase wristbands.

Nylon drawstring bags for transporting shoes/socks/gloves, etc. were discussed. They would cost about \$2.00 each for 150. Questions about Paybac Partners being asked to help out with this. A motion was made by Lorrie Kurfman to check with Paybac Partners, if unable to help, go ahead and order, 2nd by David Holt, motion was passed.

Director's Report: John Keith reported that band camp went very well and the work ethic of the students for practices has stepped up.

Students are taking care of the new band room and Dr. Kolowski has given tours through the new room.

Itinerary for Millard Days Parade was given to the students along with a new form for transportation from Millard Public Schools that needs to be filled out by every student and turned in by Friday. He suggested parents check all options on the form.

Students also need to turn in the health forms or they will not be allowed to perform and will get a zero.

Working on updating the website. E-mail Mr. Keith with ideas of changes.

Working on pairing freshman parent with veteran parent for questions.

Uniform update: Received an e-mail that the jackets and pants should be here by Wed. or Th., hats and gauntlets are on the production line and will ship by the end of the week, plumes are here. Will send information when everything is in and when measuring will take place. New uniforms will not be worn until Sept. football game.

NSBA update: Mr. Keith met with Millard North and Millard South band directors. They would like the booster presidents to be the contact person who will get information. A total of 100-150 volunteers will be needed to sell tickets, programs, concessions, etc. Ads will be sold prior to the event. All 3 schools will share responsibilities and split money 3 ways. They are excited to host this event and hope to host it for several years in a row.

Construction update: Original plans were changed and stairs instead of a ramp were put in outside at the end of the concrete off of the band room. Working on getting this changed to a ramp.

Dr. Kolowski would like to try to get field turf on all District fields (MN and the middle level field at MW) He would like to raise support and awareness about this.

The gold card activity account was much lower this year because no door-to-door sales can be done because of a new District policy. Normal is about \$5,000-\$6,000 and this year it was closer to \$2,500-\$3,000. Other band fundraisers will be more important now that gold card totals are down. Equipment and supplies come out of activity account.

Band handbook will be done soon. A few changes are being made which include uniform information and daily participation.

Flip folders were bought for band members. Students were informed to buy a music lyre for their instruments.

Meeting was adjourned by Jackie Thornhill at 9:13 pm.

Submitted by Patty Corey