

Muskie Band Booster Meeting -August 27, 2007 Called to order 7:00

Present: T. & K. Bower, Cooper, Heid, Banko, Ward, Cali, Hubbell.
Kelly Workman, 14 parents, and 1 student.

Dates to remember:

- **Friday, August 31** - 1st Muskie Home Football Game –
- *Need for parents to move the water coolers and Front Ensemble unit from the practice field to the stadium, assist with Half time and the bring equipment back to the band room*
- *Students to band room by 6:15! Parents were informed that the band will clean the stadium after the game. The band is paid for this. Heid to request half the band, alphabetically by last name? (not all of the students are needed). The other half can be assigned the task next scheduled cleaning. Bring brooms; gas powered leaf-blowers and gloves.*

T. Bower – Introduction of the new Band Board members and all attending parents.

Social Committee – Cali reported
SC meeting September 10, 7:00 a.m.
3 new freshmen to SC
Cali informed attending new band parents about the function of the Social Committee and the types of fun and supportive activities they offer.

Treasurer's Report –Submitted by C. Ward, with brief explanation of how the Booster budget operates, what it does/does not cover, supported by Nut Sales, how advance expenditures are dealt with (show/music), etc.
Motion to accept Treas. Report – Escalante / 2nd-Krueger

Nut House – Steve Hubbell, Nut House Coordinator, announced that Calvary Church has donated a 2400 sq. ft. (w. 1500 sq. ft. storefront) space for use as the 'nuthouse'. Begin nut sales after the state competition (mid October) and hopefully will remain open through mid to late December. Update to new band parents about basic nut house operation, importance of sales (Koeze marketing pitch), etc. T. Bower explained the basics of the band incentive accounts and how they grow with individual nut sales.

Director's Report – Heid introduced and welcomed Ms. Kelly Workman as new assistant to the program.

Discussion by Heid of plans for the Oct. 27th Metro dome / Minnesota trip not coming together as he had planned. This trip is tentatively off the schedule.

Heid - discussion of upcoming performances/competitions and requested feedback from the attending parents on the Homecoming date conflict.
This year there is a lack of IHSMA sanctioned competitions for the MHS band to attend. Most are too far to travel to. Heid would like to have the experience of several competitions before they present at State (held at Davenport Central, Oct. 13th). Currently

the venues available are: Downer's Grove, Mt. Pleasant, and possibly Cedar Rapids (that event has not yet materialized) and State Competition (possibly Geneseo, IL – with school board approval). Heid stressed the importance of the Mt. Pleasant (Sat. Sept. 22nd) event but noted that this event falls on 'Homecoming Dance' night (Thursday, Sept. 20th is the Homecoming parade, Friday, Sept. 21st – is the football game).

Options presented to the parents by T. Bower:

1) The band can perform at 6:00 for judge comments and feedback only (not written scores or points) – received 7 parent votes

2) The band can perform at 7:00 for full scores (*parents understanding that students who would be wanting to attend the dance will not be returning until around 9:30 (could be later, time is not guaranteed), with parents driving them home from the event, and still having to dress for the dance upon return*) – received 15 parent votes

3) The band can choose not to attend the event– received 0 parent votes

Parents suggested that Heid let the students vote about the issue. Heid has concerns that full band participation will present a 'less than 100%' performance.

Heid reported that the marching season ends with the Oct. 19th football game. State Jazz competition is in January.

New Business – New Parent 'Class Representatives' were announced by Banko - noting that the Junior class currently does not have a rep. Class reps communicate to the board and make sure all updated information is getting to the students – they also need to attend the regular Band Board meetings. Ms. Meerdink noted that there is a need for a Color Guard Co-Chair to ensure that they are getting the updated information as well

Next meeting September 10th, and the following meeting on October 1st - will put the Board back on track with their monthly meetings.

Motion to adjourn – J. Reid, / 2nd – M. Ward. Meeting adjourned – 8:05 p.m.