

MVHS Band and Orchestra Parents Association

General Meeting of the Board of Directors
December 7, 2016
7pm MVHS Band Room

John Barry	Marla Cook	Leah Rushall
Jeff Bergstrom	Kelli Kolar	Ellen Sanders
Bryant Bonds	Wendy Laurent	Marcy Stuhlsatz
Jeanne Bonds	Tina Rogers	Cathleen Zietz

Meeting Called to Order

The meeting was called to order by president, Jeff Bergstrom.

Director's Report (sent via email)

A huge shout out to all parents that helped at Parade of Lights! These events would not go smoothly without your support! An extra shout out to Ellen and Leah for lighting up the kids, and Kelli Kolar for her warm accessories.

EVENTS

-Final events of the semester 12/8 Winter Concert, 12/15 Chamber performs in collaboration with Boulder Philharmonic at St. Luke's Performing Arts Academy for their Holiday Festival.
-Next semester: 1/23 Continental League Honor Orchestra; 2/1 Orchestra Feeder festival at MVHS, 2/2 Band Feeder Festival at MVHS; 2/9-2/11 All State Orchestra, 2/17-2/21 Disney Trip(rehearsal schedule will be set after break); 2/28 CBA Regional Concert Band Festival; 3/3, 3/4, 3/10, 3/11 Musical Production; 3/15 Collage Concert; 3/30 and 3/31 CHSAA Orchestra Festival at MVHS(we are hosting); 4/5 and 4/6 Mark Wood from Trans Siberian Orchestra will be at MVHS to work with the orchestra students and perform a concert; All State Band 3/30-4/1, Spring Concert 5/9, Instrumental Music Banquet 5/10. there may be others to be announced... more details on events to come.

DISNEY

-Rehearsals for marching band will be held after break-TBA
-There are not enough strings to feature an additional concert, but those string players signed up will be in the recording studio clinic and are welcome to be a part of the marching band.

-NOT EVERYONE WHO INITIALLY SIGNED UP HAS COMPLETED THE AIRLINE MANIFEST or MADE THE 3RD PAYMENT

-I am not keeping track of who has worked any other fundraiser besides Snap Raise. I need help with this so that I know who intends to use raised funds as credit. I must have those funds in my account to make the payment to AdvantEdge Tours.

-Below is a list of those who signed up to be a chaperone. I do believe it may be 3 to a room for chaperones (except the Bergstroms' and Sanders'). Based on the number of chaperons, it will probably be 2 in most cases. Every room is a suite (two beds and pull-out couch) I will double check on this. We can manipulate the rooming list at a later date, but for now, let's go ahead and plan the either/or scenario.

Those who have been paying are marked with a star. **I need help in finding out if those who signed up intend to go.**

Cook	Marla*		Sanders	Ellen*
Mcleran	Tracy*		Tejera	Brad
Bergstrom	Jeff*		Powell	William
Bergstrom	Jennette*		Cantrell	Judy
Sanders	Steve*			

Whoever is on the Airline manifest and paid by Friday 12/9, are the ones who are going. This is the ABSOLUTE deadline.

The administrative work is extremely challenging for me to keep up with on top of everything else when I have to seek out so many uncertainties. So if anyone could help on the chaperon end, it would be much appreciated.

Officer Reports

President's report and update on MVBC

Boosters Club:

The booster club has charged \$800 for band based upon how the new structure is being interpreted. Jeff informed the group that half of the boosters club interpreted the new structure like himself, while the other half interpreted it in the way that the band was billed.

The previous membership fee structure contained a three tier system and was very complicated which is why a new system was developed. Previously, there was a certain percentage of each group's membership dues. Then if additional money was earned, the club didn't pay anything additional to the booster club.

The new structure states that 2% of every dollar that comes in will be billed with a cap at \$800. The structure also outlines that groups with more than 60 members (band, choir, NHS, etc) At the July booster club meeting there was a lengthy discussion however no vote was taken to approve the new structure. Additionally, some decisions have been made as an executive council without the appropriate vote. One decision that was made was for NHS to be exempt from the \$800 fee since they do not put any money into the booster club.

Based upon the band being larger than 60, the \$800 that was billed comes to a 23% charge, not the 2%. The band would need to take in \$40,000 each year in order for the \$800 charge to be considered "fair".

Jeff has spoken to the booster club and has laid out the details of how much of the band's money has gone into the booster club. It is his hope that amount charged to the band will be altered and that there will be refund coming soon.

Regardless of booster club structure, BOPA will continue to keep and use the BOPA checking account. It will be utilized to pay for many of the expenses that occur during the year. It was recommended that BOPA reevaluate at the end of the academic year if staying in the booster club is proving beneficial.

Treasurer's report

The figures below contains two month's worth of financials.

Balance Sheet (as of November 9, 2016)

BOPA Checking

Beginning Balance (10/5/16)	\$4,450.97
Marching Band	\$(980.46)
Merchandise Sales	\$585.00
Concessions	\$308.00
Misc Fees	\$(50.68)
BOPA Checking	\$4,312.83
Petty Cash	\$106.00

MVBC Account

Beginning Balance (10/5/16)	\$6,370.59
Membership	\$125.00
Misc fees & adjustments	\$(3.87)
Administrative Fee	\$(800.00)
Merchandise (Purchase Blankets)	\$(1,188.75)
MVBC Account	\$4,502.97
Ending Balance	\$8,921.80

Balance Sheet (as of December 7, 2016)

BOPA Checking

Beginning Balance (11/9/16)	\$4,312.83
Marching Band	\$(50.00)
Fundraising	\$(332.57)
Misc Fees & Adjustments	\$4.81
BOPA Checking	\$3,935.07

Petty Cash

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MVBC Account

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Ending Balance **\$8,544.04**

Blanket inventory showed that there were only 12-13 blankets left, so an additional batch of 75 blankets have been ordered. Each blanket costs BOPA \$15.83 per blanket, however, \$30 is charged for purchase to the public. Membership donation of \$125.

Marching band budget:

Spring 2016's budget was created based upon bare necessities. The budget accounted for 2-3 uniform cleanings. Currently the financials look as though they are under budget, however, it isn't. The overages for Brunswick Zone, xylophone stand, pro services for drums, Mariah (Color Guard), Zia and Friendship Cup fees were all paid for however were never put into the budget. There was a donation that helped to cover those cost, but the budget was over by \$1450. Looking ahead it will be important to make line items for festivals, events, instructors, as well as a flat fee per student for bowling during band camp week. During her transition with Tina, Marla will go over things to accurately prepare her.

For 2016 each student was charged \$75 for marching band, a uniform, equipment, event fees (not trips) and if they attended \$20 for Brunswick Zone. That made for

a total of \$95 per student. The actual cost came out to be \$103 per student. This also did not cover for Parade of Lights supplies (lights and batteries, etc.). For the 2017-2018 budget, it is suggested that a small cushion be built in to make things easier. There were six students that didn't pay the fees, possibly due to hardships. Darren has said that he can scholarship the funds, but not necessarily for BOPA fees.

Appointed Committee Reports

Uniforms

Jamie was just fitted for a uniform. All uniforms are now fitted.

Fundraising

King Soopers update:

This fundraiser started in October. At this time, only 2 cards have been reloaded. Ellen is still waiting to see November results. For the initial payout to occur, \$5000 must be accrued. After the first \$5000 is met, monthly payouts then being regardless of reload totals. Ellen will bring the King Soopers cards to the 12/8 concert and make a poster to help with advertising the fundraiser. A previous student who graduated in 2013 who now lives in Boulder and is taking a card - his funds will go towards scholarship, funds for Darren, needs, etc.

Merchandise:

New blankets ordered. See Financial report for further details.

Possible Fundraiser Idea:

Leah informed the group of a fundraiser that was done by the band at Rock Canyon during their Rock Canyon Feeder festival. There were Christmas trees decorated with ornaments for the students to sell for \$5.00. Legend also does this for a fundraiser. One way this fundraiser has been done is to have journalism students take pictures of students with Santa. There are two sizes of photos that can be purchased. The journalism students had their own printer and pictures are printed right then and there. Discussed possibility doing pictures Santa at the December concert next year. Could possibly invite the middle school band and orchestra to do their concert ahead of the high schoolers. If the middle school parents helped out concessions with the middle school.

Website: –

The website still needs a coordinator. John will put a notice up on the website and has updated all dates.

Old Business

Marching Band:

A lot has been learned over the last few years of BOPA's existence. One of the biggest lessons is if possible, spend some money to purchase things that will help make everyone's life easier for band events. A suggestion from Marla is to build some extra funds in the fees charged, getting a build up of extra KS funds that can be used for various areas and start looking ahead of time for the costs of items that wished to be purchased.

Recap and discussions of final events (Friendship Cup, Zia, BOPA Happy Hour, Parade of Lights): There is the need to have a 3rd orange jug for water. Having a cart verses a wagon would be nice for transporting the jugs. Overall the orange jugs are cheaper than

the cases of water bottles. There is less trash and students tend to drink the entire cup of water versus just taking a small drink from the bottles and leaving it somewhere. Cases of water bottles will still be needed for when students are in the stands and trips back.

At the band parent/student dinner in August, have Darren speak to what is considered appropriate cheer and where to cheer during performances from the parents. Also at the August meeting, find a way to get a stronger showing of band parents at the football games.

Friendship Cup:

Students needed water between leaving the lunch area, getting into uniforms, rehearsing and finally performing.

Zia:

The three day trip didn't seem impact life too much. Students definitely had band envy when watching other bands. Some even figured out that they needed to work harder. Lesson learned for the pumpkin patch. The food that was ordered was fantastic, but the amount was way over. Also need to consider adding into the cost of the trip a lunch on Saturday. There were not very many options for lunches at the stadium and concessions had very long lines and were very pricy. A comment from Darren was that parents didn't do bed checks on one of the nights. This will be looked into. It was also discussed on how to possibly get other band parents to come on band trips to support Vista.

Suggestion:

Get the band together and go to see Drum Corp Int'l: Drums Along the Rockies on July 15, 2017. Look into possibly getting group tickets. More information can be found at http://www.dci.org/ViewArticle.dbml?&DB_OEM_ID=33500&ATCLID=211300171

BOPA "Happy Hour":

Recommended to find another venue for next year, possibly Blue Spruce Brewery. It was nice to be able to bring our own food in.

Parade of Lights:

Mountain Vista may not get another chance for a few years due to the interest of bands and how the bands are rotated for who gets invited. One comment was regarding the bands marching style; it was much too rigid for this event. Other bands were much more relaxed. There was a significant increase in the crowds for the Saturday parade. The route went to Colfax and the band played and marched for a longer period of time.

Disney:

Disney will be on January agenda, as well as, one more meeting in February. Currently there are 6 chaperones, plus Doug and Darren (see Director's report for full list). While the ratio is not confirmed for adult:student ratio, there should be more than 2 males as chaperones. The manifest will be set on December 9th and no more additions or changes will be able to be made. Final payment of \$410 will need to be collected by 1/13/2017. Parents should plan on this amount, however, it may go down due to SnapRaise.

New Business

Concerts -12/8

Sign-up genius update: Everything is signed up for except for wind ensemble, but it will be covered. Setup and cleanup are also filled.

Professional Photos at Concert: Everything is all set for the photographer. The \$20 raffle for an arm's length tickets will happen again.

Discussion: Does BOPA want to buy a photo of each ensemble (7 including the marching band at Zia put into a collage) to give to Darren. Leah will discuss with the photographer to see if there is a way to create a collage versus the 7 individual pictures. If there are the 7 pictures, consider the possibility of using a 2ftx3ft poster to mount them on.

Extra band t-shirts -

Looking into the possibility of putting past band t-shirts into frames and hanging them around the band room.

Legacy High School Death:

There was a Legacy saxophone player that was killed over the past weekend. MVHS band will send cards to the band and family.

Trans Siberian Orchestra Workshop/Concert:

This event will be held April 5th & 6th. Mark Wood will work with students and perform a concert. Raffle tickets will be sold for a violin that is being donated. Admissions will be used to cover Mark's stipend. To fill the event, BOPA will look to reach out to the area senior centers to buy tickets. The event will be free to band students, but could be opened up for a fee to the middle school. More details to follow.

Officer Elections:

Announcement of new officers: John Hollandsworth, president, Jeanne Bonds, VP, Tina Rogers, Treasurer.

Next Meeting Date:

The next BOPA meeting will be on Wednesday, January 4, 2017 at 7pm. The new officers will be running the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 by Jeff Bergstrom.