

casMVHS Band and Orchestra Parents Association

General Meeting of the Board of Directors
February 8, 2017
7pm MVHS Band Room

Attendance

Jeff Bergstrom	Darren DeLaup	Jennifer Lang	Ellen Sanders
Jeanne Bonds	John Hollandsworth	Tina Rogers	Marcy Stuhlsatz
Marla Cook	Kelli Kolar	Leah Rushall	Cathleen Zietz

Meeting Called to Order

The meeting was called to order by president, John Hollandsworth at 7:00pm.

Director's Report

Feeder Festivals Wrap Up: Darren thanked all those that helped out with the feeder festivals. It was great to have BOPA present to help answer questions from parents. As far as numbers from last year to this year: they are slightly higher. Through the groups run by the Colorado Chamber there are a total of 143 in band, 149 in orchestra. Dawn McGonagall at Northridge Elementary runs her own program with about 34 students. It gives the band a total of 177 students. Also, there are tons of feeder festival t-shirts left, if interested the cost is \$5/shirt.

Orchestra/Mark Wood Event: Darren is working to try to make the orchestra more active within MVHS. One issue is that these students are very active outside the orchestra. One event specifically for them this year is the Mark Wood workshop and concert. The clinic will be held on April 5 and another clinic and concert (open to the public) on April 6. There will be specific parent responsibilities for this event; and is a great fundraising opportunity for BOPA. Darren would like more help from orchestra parents to really make this to work. Discussion was briefly held regarding ticket prices: possibly \$10/ticket, or having a price reduction if tickets are bought early. Mark's flight has been taken care of, however, his hotel still needs to be booked. The cost of this event is running at about \$5000. Darren would like to recoup some of the money he's putting into this event.

CHSAA Festival: The festival will be hosted by MVHS, has been condensed into a one day festival, March 30, instead of two. There were not as many entries as in previous years, which may be due to several schools being on Spring Break during this week. Darren will need parent helpers for concessions, which mainly involves overseeing the students and helping to problem solve when situations arise, as well as to help tear down as a few kids need to get to All State Bands that evening.

Collage Concert: The Collage Concert is scheduled for March 15. Darren decided to move this date from the 16th to the 15th, due to Spring Break beginning on the 17th. For this concert, students do mixed group performances along with each large group doing a performance as well.

Solo Ensemble Festival: Darren is not sure if there will be a solo ensemble festival this year. Students have to take initiative to talk with Darren to do this concert. To date, no students have approached Darren.

Beauty & the Beast Musical: The musical performances will be held March 2, 3, 4, and 9,10,11. Darren has suggested BOPA consider holding their silent auction during the intermissions.

Disney: There are still delinquent payments. Earlier today there was over \$5000 in red, however, by the afternoon it had decreased to about \$2450 in the red. For those students who have delinquent accounts, Darren has contacted all families through email as well as he has attempted to contact the parents by phone. At this time, only one family has worked with him to create a payment plan. There will be no consequence for these students concerning attending the Disney trip, however, once Darren hands over the balances to Trudy, it will be placed in their fees in Infinite Campus. If this fee is not paid this year, students will not receive their yearbooks and if a senior, cannot graduate until it is taken care of. If the account is still delinquent come marching band time, the student will not be able to march.

A parent/student meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 15 at 6:30pm. This meeting will go over the do's/don't's and expectations of students and chaperones for the trip as well as go over the final itinerary and answer any questions.. The representative from the travel agency will be present for this meeting. Darren has some information regarding the flights. Departure from DIA will be at 7:15am, students arriving no later than 5am. Arrival back to Denver is approximately 8pm. With regards to food, the only scheduled food is breakfast at the hotel as the BBQ at the beach. In the final itinerary, Disney will not be letting parents backstage during the clinic like they were when marching at Disneyland. On Monday, the parade is 20 minutes long. There will need to be one or two parents to help get everyone dressed and staged. Disney has informed Darren that the band has the option to wear the music Mickey Mouse ears that each student will be given or the shakos. Darren will ask the band what their preference is.

Officer Reports

President's report and update on MVBC:

Booster club: Jeff Bergstrom reported that the BC has given the band a \$635 refund. After much discussion, the booster club decided that going forward, exemptions for each group will be discussed and decided on a year by year basis. Jeff encouraged the group restructure the fee schedule so that exemptions would not need to be done yearly, however, the group decided otherwise. For next year the fee for the BC will be 2% of money coming in. The BC does agree that there should be a cap.

Jeff has a form to fill out at the March BOPA meeting that will contain the names of who will be authorized to pull out money from the BC account. Finances come out on the 10th of the month which will reflect the refund.

There is still a call for someone to serve on the BC board to represent the band. This truly does help all to know what is going on. The requirements would involve one meeting per month. Some background information regarding BC: it is strongly focused towards the athletic programs and currently, there are no other teachers or club sponsors present at meetings.

Treasurer's report:

Tina Rogers reported that the band received \$550 from Sooper cards. Additionally, funds from the stadium cleanings have been deposited. Tina will write checks to Darren once she receives the final numbers. Tina thanked Marla Cook for a super smooth and seamlessly organized transition over the last month. Jeff Bergstrom handed over the credit card reader for iphone/ipad. To use the cube, the volume on the device being used needs to be turned up in order for the cube to work. Notices are set up to come to the band gmail account. There is a 3.75% fee for each transaction. For previous transactions, the total amount was deposited into the account and then the funds for the fees withdrawn.

Balance Sheet (as of February 8, 2017)

BOPA Checking

Beginning Balance (1/4/17)	\$ 4,503.07
King Soopers Cards	\$ 554.75
BOPA Checking	\$ 5,057.82

Petty Cash

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MVBC Account

Beginning Balance (1/4/17)	\$ 4,040.76
Stadium Cleaning	\$ 300.00
MVBC Account	\$ 4,340.76
Ending Balance	\$ 9,398.58

Appointed Committee Reports

Uniforms: Ellen Sanders reported that the pants have been delivered to houses for cleaning. She will have the jackets back and packing will happen on Monday, February 12.

Fundraising:

King Soopers Cards: Ellen has just received a check for January and has given it to Tina. Three KS cards were sold at the feeder festivals. Currently there are 6 or 7 left. For those who have purchased cards and will not have students in the bands at MVHS next year, the intent for any funds collected will be to put the money towards scholarships and those with financial hardships. Any funds left over will be transferred to next marching season.

Merchandise: Jeff Bergstrom has a garage full of blankets; they will be transferred to John Hollandsworth who will be taking them. Jeff will bring them at the collage concert to hand off.

A suggestion was made to fundraise with die cut bumper stickers with the band logo. Additionally, at football games, many people have been asking for ballcaps and knit pom-pom hats. Currently, BOPA is not sure which organization is selling these, but football does have the market on clothing. A cursory review of the fundraising page on the BC website noted that no one was currently selling the knit hats. Kim Hildebrand is who the band needs to speak with to verify if these items are being sold and if the band can possibly sell one or two of these items. .

Website: BOPA still needs a new website person. In the interim, someone needs sit down with John Barry and learn the basics of how the website is run. This will ensure that there is a transfer of knowledge. Discussion was held to maybe a student from Tri-M take over the website: someone who wants that wants the responsibility and has the knowledge of how to take care of the site. .

Photos: Marla sent out emails last month informing parents that pictures from the December concert were ready to pick up. Ellen will be present for SOAR on Thursday, February 9 and will try and catch the students who have pictures left to pick up to take them home.

Old Business

NO additional old business to discuss. All information was given during director and officer reports.

New Business

Disney:

Disney trip update - see information in Director's report

Final payments - see information in Director's report

Chaperone/room lists complete - Marla will be meeting with chaperones at the conclusion of the BOPA meeting to go over responsibilities and rooming lists.

Uniforms - Ellen will distribute uniform luggage to students who do not have instruments at the information meeting on 2/15.

Silent Auction: Discussion regarding the yearly silent auction. Last year it took 3-4 months in order to adequately prepare for this event. It was decided that the auction would not be in March during the intermissions of Beauty and the Beast, but in May at the Instrumental Music Banquet.

Beauty & the Beast Concessions: Discussion was held to check into the possibility to run concessions with theatre and earn some funds during intermissions of the musical.

Next Meeting Date: The next BOPA meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 1, 2017 at 7pm in the band room. There is a MRMS band concert that evening as well. Marcy will not be present at this meeting and will need someone to cover taking minutes.

The meeting was adjourned by president, Jeff Hollandsworth, at 8:10pm. Disney chaperones met with Marla Cook to go over responsibilities. Officers met to finalize a date for their board meeting.

Officers: The new officers held discussion after adjournment. A board meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday, February 22 at 6pm at Starbucks on Red Cedar Drive.