

## MVHS Band and Orchestra Parents Association

General Meeting of the Board of Directors  
October 5, 2016  
7pm MVHS Band Room

### **In Attendance**

Deb Barry	Paul Farina	Wendy Laurent	Ellen Sanders
John Barry	John Hollandsworth	Odes Mullins	Marcy Stuhlsatz
Jeff Bergstrom	Linda Jacobs	Andrea Neil	Jenny Titus
Marla Cook	Kelli Kolar	Sylvia Rivera	Jennifer Veigel
Darren DeLaup	Jennifer Lang	Tina Rogers	Cathleen Zietz

### **Call to Order**

The October BOPA meeting was called to order at 7:07pm by President, Jeff Bergstrom.

### **Director's Report**

- Band and Orchestra Concert - Thursday, October 6 is the first concert of the season. Start time is 6:30. Call Times: Orchestras and Jazz ensembles @ 6pm, 6:30 all percussion and wind ensemble, 7:00 symphonic band. No instrumentalist should be roaming the halls. Students need to be fully dressed in concert attire, adults please check that shoes are appropriate. Concert is a marathon with 19 pieces to perform. Darren will keep the performance moving and it will go fast.
- Rehearsals after fall break: Monday and Wednesday will be regular schedule from 3:00-5:30. The sectional scheduled for Tuesday, Oct 18 will be extended till 4:30pm. Friendship cup currently has no schedule. The judge has stated a possible 2-3pm performance time. As of now, the departure time for day will not be early. There will be a schedule as it gets closer. More details will go out. No breakfast needed for the band, possibly no lunch depending upon performance time(s).
- Friendship Cup award: No senior will be left behind to receive awards, possibly a junior. There are still several details that need to work out.
- Football playoffs: It is still up in the air as to whether the football team will make it to playoffs with a home game. Therefore, the 22nd may be the last game that the marching band plays at for the year. .
- Important Dates: Jazz Concert - Nov 2nd. Nov 3-5 is the Western States Orchestra event. In previous years there have been a student or two who have made it into this performance.

### **Officer Reports**

#### **President's report and update on MVBC**

- Blankets, cookies & coffee will be provided by BOPA. Set up for the food will be at 5:45 at the top of the stairs by teacher lounge. There are no prices for the cookies or cookie, everything is done on donations - you put in what you think is reasonable and take what you want. The cube will be available for credit card purchases. A 50/50 raffle will be running as well. Tickets are 3 tickets for \$5, or \$2 a piece. Half of the money brought in is

raffled away, with only one ticket winning the money. The holder of the ticket must be present to win. In previous years, raffles have brought in \$120-150. Winning ticket holder may decide to keep or donate back the money.

- Currently, no one is signed up to cover the table during symphonic and wind ensemble performances - looking for 2 volunteers. There is not a lot of activity during the concerts, but money and food need to be monitored with kids walking by. Remind attendees that the funds go straight back to the band. After all performances are done, band members may help themselves to a cookie or two. A jug of water will be provided. Additional help is needed to tear down. Lastly, feel free to just stop by the table if you have a moment to see if any help is needed.
- **Booster Club:** The booster club’s plan to charge organizations does not really work for the band and how money comes in throughout the year. Currently, there is a tier system that even booster club officers cannot entirely explain. As it stands, the fee for band is choir is \$800 upon transactions. Jeff is confident that the fee structure can be changed. The matter will be discussed at the next meeting. Jeff will also raise the issue of boosters website and how it is focused on athletics. Upon visiting the site, the individual must first go through the athletic tab before getting to the boosters page.
- **Football Games:** Jeff plans to speak with Shawn Terry, Athletic Director to discuss the issue of band parents/students at Shea stadium who are helping and being able to move within the stadium as needed.
  - Discussion: It was asked if Mike Weaver, principal was aware of boosters issue and the issue at Shea?

**Treasurer’s report and update on fundraising**

**Balance Sheet (as of October 5, 2016)**

<b>BOPA Checking</b>	
<b>Beginning Balance (9/7/16)</b> .....	<b>\$3,883.02</b>
Marching Band.....	(\$206.43)
Merchandise Sales.....	\$605.00
Football Game Concessions.....	\$189.09
Misc Fees.....	\$(19.71)
BOPA Checking.....	\$4,450.97
<b>MVBC Account</b>	
<b>Beginning Balance (9/7/16)</b> .....	<b>\$6,297.21</b>
Membership.....	\$75.00
Misc fees & adjustments.....	(\$1.62)
MVBC Account.....	\$6,370.59
<b>Ending Balance</b> .....	<b>\$10,821.56</b>

**Merchandise**

9/22 game: 6 blankets sold,  
 9/29 (homecoming) 15 blankets  
 The makes over \$600 on merchandise sales.

**Concessions @ Frosh/JV Football Game:**

The amount of money made during this game is still be calculated (cost of what was purchased versus money earned that day) For the next fundraising game on 11/5, the majority of the food is already purchased. Mary Hoffman has put

together a spreadsheet detailing unit cost for all items, what was charge during the event, and tracked the time for each person who worked.

**Concessions @ Douglas County Showcase:**

The funds that Mountain Vista raised during concessions at the showcase will probably not be seen until December.

**Miscellaneous:**

A few more membership dues have been received. The cost for Zia is \$200. This is covering a majority of the trip: The two dinners will be covered by BOPA from the \$75 mandatory fee from the beginning of the year.

**King Soopers card:**

Ellen Sanders brought up the idea of the band utilizing reloadable King Soopers gift cards. They are 5% cash back. The program is fairly easy to run in that King Soopers will send a monthly Excel spreadsheet detailing the amounts that each individual has earned. For families with multiple kids in band, they will be tracked together. A parent is needed to track this program. It takes approximately 30-45 minutes per month. A \$200 minimum purchase is needed to begin. Any initial value can be placed on the cards. It was discussed that BOPA will start with 40 cards @ \$5/card. After the initial \$200 of cards, any amount of cards can be purchased. A few important notes regarding the cards: They can hold up to \$500. Owners of the cards should keep track of the card number(s). If it is ever lost, King Soopers will give a new card and give credit for the amount purchased on the card. The fees will go to student while they are in band at MVHS. After they leave band or graduate, the funds go Darren for use as he sees fit for the band. One thought for excess funds would be to use it as a scholarship fund (trips, concert attire, etc) Ellen will send out an email once the cards are purchased and when she is available.

**Appointed Committee Reports**

**Food:**

Mod Market was excellent both the food and working with this vendor. Currently, there are not many expenses. For Friendship Cup a boxed dinner from Subway will be provided. It will be handed to each marcher as they get off the bus upon arriving at Shea Stadium.

**Uniforms:**

Uniform pants have been divided out and are going home tonight. There are 9 moms that are going to wash the pants during Fall Break.. Jackets will be dropped off at the dry cleaners on October 6th. The plan is to have them back in the bags on Monday Oct 17th.

**Website:**

BOPA is still in need for someone to take it over the BOPA website. The primary responsibility is keeping it up to date and uploading photos.

**Facebook:**

A MVHS Band Parents Facebook account has been created. It does require authorization. There have been a few students who have requested access, and they have been denied as this site is solely for the parents. Any band parents that are interested should visit the page and send a request to join. This is just an additional way to get information out to everyone. There will be pictures on the Facebook page.

## **Old Business**

### **Happy Hour:**

The Happy Hour scheduled for September 15th was cancelled due to insufficient rsvp's. Discussion was had to see if the event should be rescheduled this year. It was agreed that it had become too far into the school year to hold this event. The event will be attempted again next school year.

### **Professional Photos: (Ellen Sanders for Leah Rushall)**

The photographer was not available to take pictures on during Friendship Cup on 10/22. With this being the last "in state"/home performance, the marching band will not have individual photos taken this year.

### **December Concert:**

For the December 8 concert, Leah will confirm the date with the photographer and has also requested that the photographer not schedule anyone else that evening. The plan is to have a portrait background and at some point during the concert, students will get their photo taken. The photos are just for band and orchestra students. Discussion took place for the best location to set up the backdrop. Possibilities are in the choir room or in front of the library. A decision for the final spot will be discussed at a later time. An email containing a flyer with the pricing will be sent out ahead of time. Marla will send out an email to come early for the concert, approximately 5:45 for a group photo in the auditorium.

## **New Business**

### **Marching Band**

#### **Friendship Cup 10/22**

Darren and BOPA is currently waiting for the final schedule of performance times in order to determine when the truck needs to be loaded, students arriving at MVHS and what meal(s) are needed for the day.

#### **Football game 10/22**

Senior recognition for the band will happen for pregame. Darren has been asked by Ric Cash to coordinate the details with him prior to the 22nd. There will be 17 seniors recognized that evening. The gifts for parents from their students/BOPA will be a small arrangement of flowers and a personal card from students. This will be given to their parents as a thank you and recognition for all that they've done to help out over the last 4 years. Last year's theme for senior recognition was red, white and blue. The flowers were carnations and cards premade from stock with a handwritten note from their student. Overall, this is not a very expensive. Ellen Sanders will take lead on getting the cards and flowers. Additionally, watch your email for any assistance she may need.

### **Thank You's:**

Blank thank you cards with the band logo on the front of the card will be available for the kids to sign to say thank you for the venues that have donated food this season.

### **Zia:**

Darren will be scanning the student information documents and forwarding to each chaperone. Parents can also directly email the band's gmail account with the specific food. BOPA would like to try and find meal(s) in which all students can eat regardless of

allergy. Kelli Kolar will be happy to help students with food allergies in finding food for them.

Chaperones for the trip will be the Sanders, the Berrys, Peter Farina, Jeff Bergstrom, Cathleen Zietz, Tracy McLeran, Kelli Kolar and Marla Cook.  
Concerts

**Booster Club:**

The question was asked if the MVHS Booster Club needs to have representation from BOPA for their meetings? Currently there are 13 board members representing from all over the school. There is no requirement for their to be a BOPA representative sitting on the board. Anyone can attend the meetings, the only requirement to be able to attend is to have a registered student at MVHS. However, it would be beneficial to have a Booster Club liaison that would attend meetings.

January timeline for new officers. Make announcement in December.

**BOPA Officer Elections:**

Currently, there is only one person per position that has expressed interest. Following discussion, the group felt that it was not necessary to have a slate. An election/acceptance of assignment will take place at the December meeting. The new officers will take over in January therefore allowing a formal transition period with the appropriate outgoing officers and other people for guidance during the spring semester. A few items that will happen this spring will be signing over bank accounts and electronic accounts. The parents that have expressed interest are John Hollandsworth - president, Jeanne Bonds - vice president and Tina Rogers - treasurer.

**Disney:**

Darren has received a formal acceptance for the band to perform at Disney World in February 2017. The itinerary has been altered. There needs to be a final county of those attending the trip for the Cirque de Soleil show. The band will be leaving Friday, February 17, 2017 and returning Tuesday, February 21, 2017.

**Next Meeting date:**

The next regularly scheduled meeting is for Wednesday, November 2, 2016. However, it was proposed that the November meeting be a parent volunteer appreciation event in lieu of the regular meeting. marching band volunteer appreciation in lieu of regular meeting. It was decided that the November Marching Band Volunteer Appreciation will take place on Wednesday, November 9th at the Lone Tree Brewing Company (8200 Park Meadows Dr #8222, Lone Tree, CO 80124). Everyone attending will be asked to bring an appetizer or dessert. There will be a short wrap up of the season during the event.

A regular meeting will be held, Wednesday, December 7, 2017 at 7pm in the band room.

**Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned by Jeff Bergstrom at 8:12pm.