

Midlothian Band Boosters
General Meeting
March 10, 2010

President Tammy Hill called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m. Secretary Angie Repka was absent and Tammy Hill presented the minutes from the last meeting in her place. They were approved as presented.

Treasurer Suzi Dorsett presented treasurer's report. She explained that we have to pay \$51,000 for the remainder of the Disney Trip, but have only received \$31,000. Final payments are due by April 1. The report was approved as presented.

Director's reports:

FSMS – Mr. Maxwell stated that Midlothian just hosted the Middle School UIL competition. Groups did very well. Mr. Hodge's group received 2 and Maxwell's got sweepstakes—straight 1's. FSMS next competition is in early May and spring concert and Six Flags trip is in May as well.

WGMS – Mr. Maxwell stated that Mr. Wood was in Houston for band-related activity and that Mr. Arroyo was with his Jazz Band. Both WGMS bands received all 1's and got Sweepstakes at the UIL competition.

MHS – Mr. Doran reported that the Synergy Brass group who visited last month was a success. They were here four days, performed concerts for 5th graders and the middle schools, which helps with recruiting, and performed with the high school and for the public.

Solo and Ensemble contests were held over two weekends 2-26 & 3-5 and 65 students received 1's. 46 qualified for State, which will be held 5-28 at UT in Austin. We'll leave on 5-27 and kids will enjoy Schlitterbahn water park, perform on Saturday and return Saturday evening.

Disney Trip final itinerary and information will be presented at the next Booster Meeting on 4-5, so it's important to attend if your student is going on the trip. There are forms on the regiment website that need to be filled out and returned ASAP. Charges for luggage and size info will be available at the next meeting. Smaller instruments will be carried on and larger instruments will be checked, except those instruments that cannot be checked. These specifics and fees will be discussed at the 4-5 meeting.

Mrs. Downs stated that she is posting the Solo and Ensemble accompaniment fees to the students' Charms accounts, if they have not been paid. These fees can be paid by money that is in the student's account, if available.

Also, Mrs. Downs reported that the Honor Band will have a clinic on 3-30 (day after Pre-UIL) with Mr. Coulson, director from Poteet High School. Correction to the time: it is 4:00 – 5:30. An email will go out after spring break regarding objectives and individual pass-off times.

General reports:

Karen Severt who is helping Mr. Livar organize the Winter Guard competition on 3-12 at the MHS arena gave the following information:

There are now 3 shifts from 9 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Still have open slots and students can help. Set up starts Friday afternoon—meet in the band hall. Volunteers should wear Booster shirts if they have them or a blue polo. Someone will be here at 7 a.m. on Saturday if you want to come early to help. Volunteer table will be in cafeteria to check in or just show up and we'll use you. Band kids sign in at volunteer table – time in & time out. Jennifer Daniel will be at volunteer table all day. Kids have to work or pay to watch—wear show shirt or PR shirt.

Shelley Stifle reported that there are Winter Guard pictures on the booster website from recent JV & Varsity competitions.

Tammy Hill reported that we plan to sell water at graduation on 6-3, as we have in the past and that Boosters could donate up to \$1,500 to the Dolores McClatchey Scholarship Fund. We need Booster volunteers to help—Senior parents can't help. Water will be set up and ready to go.

Football programs – 2011 schedule is already out! Think about the games you want to work in the concession stands. Advertising is ready for programs, if you want to buy.

Cash for Karats fund raiser was in February. Only had 5 people participate, which was disappointing, but made \$600 for Band. Tammy Hill recommends we do this again in the fall or at the big meetings we have in August. It does take them time to look at the jewelry and get back to you about the quote. Valerie Hindman spoke about her positive experience with the fund raiser and answered questions about how it works. You have the option to decline their offer and they are only interested in the metal—not jewels, so you can have them remove stones and you can keep those. A woman brought a set of silver ware and received \$700. They were very professional and will give us a \$100 food allowance for snacks.

Tammy Hill also reported that in January the board met to design and work on handbooks for various volunteer Booster positions. Previously, it has only been oral tradition.

New business:

The Executive Board proposes adding new positions to the Band Booster Board. Currently, we have 1 VP Concessions and 1 Treasurer. These positions are too big for one person, so we want to:

Add 2 additional VP Concessions for a total of 3: 1-Operations/1-Scheduling/1-Purchasing

Add 1 Treasurer and they would be Co-Treasurers (this would be good for checks and balances)

We need NEW BOARD VOLUNTEERS for next year. It's a lot of fun. See Tammy Hill or one of the other board members if you're interested.

We also need 2-3 people for a scholarship committee for band scholarships. Mr. Doran handles the applications and paperwork, but the committee decides. These scholarships are announced at the Band Banquet.

Band Banquet is 5-30 at the Waxahachie Conference Center. Tickets go on sale next month.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The motion was passed and the meeting was adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted March 10, 2010.

Valerie Hindman, on behalf of
Angie Repka, Secretary

Tammy Hill, President