

Midlothian Band Boosters  
General Meeting  
Nov. 4, 2008

President Tammy Hill called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m. Minutes from the October 7th meeting were approved as presented. The treasurer's report was approved as presented.

**Directors' reports:**

FSMS – Mr. Maxwell reported that All-Region tryouts will be this Friday and Saturday, Nov. 7-8. Morning sectionals will be rearranged starting next week. The band will lead in a Veterans' Day assembly on Nov. 11. The Christmas concert will be Dec. 18.

WGMS – Mr. Arroyo reported that his band will also participate in All-Region tryouts this weekend. Their Veterans' Day assembly will also be Nov. 11 and will commemorate the 60<sup>th</sup> birthday of the USO. The Christmas concert will be Dec. 9.

MHS – Mr. Doran announced these dates to remember:

- Nov. 6 – All-Region orchestra tryouts at Duncanville HS
- Nov. 7 – last football game in Waco
- Nov. 13 – WE concert at Irving Arts Center at 7:30 pm
- Nov. 17 – final Seattle trip meeting at 8:00 pm
- Dec. 1 – Christmas parade; rehearsal before school
- Dec, 5-6 – All-Region tryouts at Duncanville HS
- Dec. 8 – Pre-Area tryouts for students making All-Region
- Dec. 16 – Christmas concert; raffle ticket drawing
- Week of Dec. 15 – band auditions for students for spring semester
- Feb. 25-26 – Synergy Brass returns for master classes with HS/MS brass students and concert with band

Mr. Doran reminded parents that a video lesson of All-Region and All-State music can be found online at [www.icompeteintexas.com](http://www.icompeteintexas.com) . The login is [larry\\_doran@midlothian-isd.net](mailto:larry_doran@midlothian-isd.net) and the password is MHSBand. Mr. Doran also extended thanks to all Band Boosters who helped during marching season in all areas including concessions, chaperones, hospitality and pit crew. Ms. Gomez announced that the Symphonic and Honor bands are working on specific musical objectives in class and students will need show proficiency and pass these objectives. A handout was available for parents to take.

## **General Reports:**

Melanie Miller (Craft Fair) reported on the progress of the Nov. 16<sup>th</sup> Craft Fair. About 50 vendors have committed to come and different items will be offered this year. There is a need for extension cords, small moving dollies and 8 cakes. The shift signup is full but students can still work for community service hours. Walgreens will offer flu shots for \$30. There will be a kids' area sponsored by another school group for their fund raiser. There is still a need for Silent Auction items from businesses or individuals. Publicity for the Craft Fair includes newspaper items, banners, flyers distributed through most of the Midlothian neighborhoods.

Tammy Goldman (Scrip) reported that scrip orders are due this weekend to guarantee delivery by Christmas. The online booking system, [www.shopwithscrip.com](http://www.shopwithscrip.com) will streamline the ordering process. Handouts were available to explain the process.

Harry Walden (Concessions) reported that regular season concessions were over. There is a possibility of playoff games in the stadium but that will be determined after this weekend's games. He and Richard Kresse gave a big thanks to all Boosters who helped with concessions this season. Any suggestions for improvement or constructive comments will be welcomed.

## **Old Business:**

There was no old business.

## **New Business:**

Tammy Hill reported that a drum set was donated to the Band Booster be used for a raffle. The Executive Board recommended that \$1000 be taken from the General Fund to purchase two more items – flat-screen TV and iPod – for the raffle and to print 1000 tickets to be sold at \$10 each. Students will be assigned 5 tickets to sell and tickets will be sold at the Craft Fair. Winners will be announced at the Christmas concert. Money raised by this raffle will help defray baggage cost of instruments and equipment for the Seattle trip with the remainder going to the General Fund. A motion was made and seconded to accept this recommendation and was approved by the majority of members present.

Tammy Hill reported that the district is releasing all booster clubs from its financial control so there is a need to organize the Band Booster finances as a separate entity in order to apply for non-profit status (a process that will take between 4-6 months). A question was raised if Band Boosters will have to pay taxes on any purchases from now until we get the non-profit status. Treasurer Suzi Dorsett replied that the state will probably give us an exemption from taxes until we are approved for non-profit status. The Executive Board recommended that \$299 be taken from the General Fund to purchase QuickBook (accounting software) for the treasurer to use to manage Band Booster finances. A motion was made and seconded to accept this recommendation and was approved by the majority of members present.

The Executive Board recommended that \$450 be taken from the General Fund to purchase nine \$50 script cards for the directors' Christmas gifts. There was discussion from the floor and several Booster members indicated that the amount per director should be higher to reflect the long hours and hard work they have all given to their bands. An amount of \$100 per director was agreed upon and the recommendation was changed to the total amount of \$900. A motion was made and seconded to accept this revised recommendation and was approved by the majority of members present. Script cards will be purchased with this month's script order and will be presented at the Christmas concerts.

### **Announcements:**

Melanie Miller announced that pictures of the band can be viewed on Shutterfly. This can be accessed through the Band Booster website.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted Dec. 2, 2008.

Kathy Lynch, Secretary

Tammy Hill, President