

Midlothian Band Boosters
General Meeting
Sept. 4, 2007

President Mike Donahoo called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. Secretary Kathy Lynch presented the minutes from the August 7th meeting. They were approved as presented with no corrections. Susie Branam presented the treasurer's report.

Directors' reports:

WGMS/FSMS – Mr. Maxwell reported that the once a week, 7:15 a.m. sectionals have been used to work on all-region music. Listening examples for all-region can be found online at “My Homework”. An email chain for parents has been set up. If you are not receiving emails, give your correct email address to the director. A trip to Ellen's Fairway is planned in the coming weeks. Ms. Stitzel reported on morning sectionals, too. WGMS began its fund raiser that will supplement private lessons. Students are encourage to sell 15 items each. Middle school band events are listed in the Band Handbook and not on the Charms calendar. All middle school directors stress the importance of private lessons.

MHS – Mr. Doran also stressed private lessons. Private instructors are setting their schedules now for before, during and after school. The first football game was last Thursday. Panther Regiment will play at halftime during the Navarro football game on Sept. 10. The high school band fund raiser has ended. Proceeds will go to fund private lessons and master classes. The first master class is scheduled for Feb. 12 with Brian Bowman, who will also play with the Wind Ensemble at their concert that same evening. The emphasis during the next few months is on the halftime show with all extra practices devoted to that. A few upcoming events are:

- Sept. 22 – Bands of America Preview at the stadium
- Oct. 6 – Midlothian Marching Showcase (2nd year) at the stadium
- Oct. 10 – UIL Marching contest at the stadium
- Oct. 27 – Area Marching contest at Mesquite Memorial Stadium

General Reports:

Mike Donahoo asked for a volunteer to coordinate the Wal-Mart outside sales since Elaine Lemmer stepped down. Aprons have been purchased and are in use at the concession stands. Ice machine in Stand A is working to capacity. A volunteer is needed to fill and transport ice chests from the high school to the stadium. These will be used to cool water for band students at home games.

Saralyn Shone (Membership) reported that forms for membership and background checks are still available. The Band Booster website is shaping up. Concession signups will be available by tomorrow. The next focus is to get documents, PDF files and pictures online. The web address is midlothianbandboosters.org.

Diana Bales (Concessions) reported that more workers are needed for all games, all shifts. You must be a Band Booster member with a background check to work concessions. Middle school parents are encouraged to start working concessions for their child's account. Cashier training and food preparation will be offered as needed. When working at games, part on the visitors' side and check in with Paula Doskopil at Stand D.

Tammy Goldman (Script) reported that script order forms are available tonight. Forms will be posted on the website soon. A question was raised about whether a middle school parent can sell for a specific high school student. Question will be researched before next meeting.

Tammy Hill (Marching Contest) reported that many more volunteers are needed for the three marching contests that Midlothian will host. Signups will be posted on the website soon.

Melanie Miller (Craft Fair) reported that the Craft Fair will be Nov. 17 in the high school cafeteria. She already has payment from some vendors. Volunteer signup will be at the Oct. meeting.

Old Business:

The Glenn Miller Band program that was scheduled for Feb. has been cancelled. Their band spokesman set a possible date to reschedule in 2009. Gary Shone, coordinator of this event, will continue to search for a replacement band.

New Business:

Elect Ways and Means VP – Mike Donahoo presented the Executive Board’s recommendation that Shena Motes be elected as 4th Vice President of Ways and Means. A motion was made and seconded to accept this recommendation. The motion passed with a majority of votes.

Scholarship Money – Mike Donahoo reported that the annual Band Booster Scholarship was issued in two payments this year instead of a lump sum of \$500 or \$1000. This was at the discretion of MISD financial director, Mr. Kizer. The floor was opened to discussion on this matter. Before anything can be decided, a recommendation was made to draft a letter to Mr. Kizer asking for lump sum payment for the Band Booster Scholarship. A motion was made and seconded to accept this recommendation. The motion was passed with a majority of votes. Discussion on this matter will be tabled until a letter can be sent and a reply received from Mr. Kizer.

Additional New Business:

Ms. Stitzel and the other middle school band directors made a request to the Executive Board that Band Booster meetings be held at the high school each month instead of rotating among the campuses. Upon referring to the bylaws, Article VII, Section 1 states that “meetings will be held in the high school band hall, unless otherwise specified by the President or the Band Director”. President Mike Donahoo and Mr. Doran both agreed to honor this request. All scheduled meetings of the 2007/08 Band Boosters will be held in the Midlothian High School Band Hall.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted Oct. 2, 2007

Kathy Lynch, Secretary

Mike Donahoo, Preisident