

August 27, 2009 All Bands Parent Meeting

1) Welcome and Meeting Called to Order 7:05 p.m.

Helen Weary called meeting to order and welcomed everyone to first All Bands Parent Meeting of the new school year.

2) Approval of Minutes

Helen called for Approval of Minutes from June 15, 2009 Band Parent Meeting. All minutes are posted on the website and emailed to the group prior to each meeting. Motion was made, first Laura Park; second, Debbie Arveson; vote was taken and unanimously approved.

Calendar on Website:

<http://www.samohiband.org/newhomepage/calendar.html>

3) Vote on Samohi Bands Steering Committee 2009-10

The Samohi Bands parent leadership group was reorganized based on model of Choir's Steering Committee. The new Samohi Bands Steering Committee roster for 2009-10 was emailed to the entire Bands group August 26, 2009 in preparation for the vote at tonight's meeting. All the committee members names were listed. Only top four officers need to be approved and elected. The Treasurer, Chuck Dobeck, and Secretary, Martha Herrera, were already voted in 06/15/09 meeting, so only remaining two elected officers needed approval: Helen Weary as Chairperson and Leah Moore as Communications. Helen asked if there were any nominations from the floor to help lead the Bands. None were nominated. Helen called for vote on Samohi Bands Steering Committee 2009-10. Motion was made, first, Elizabeth Stearns; second, Lynn Leavitt; vote was taken and slate of officers was unanimously approved.

4) Greetings and Overview from the Band Directors – Mike Corrigan & Terry Sakow

-Introduction of new lead Band Director Mike Corrigan.

Helen read note from Mr. Mike Corrigan, new lead Band Director. Mr. Corrigan apologized for not being able to attend this evening's meeting. He had emergency eye surgery. He suffered from retinal tears in right eye that required surgery and his doctor recommended he stay home to avoid more serious consequences.

Mr. Terry Sakow, Band Director, greeted everyone and reiterated Mr. Corrigan's apology for not being able to attend this meeting. Mr. Sakow announced that he would be starting his 20th year as band director and Mr. Corrigan is starting his 40th year working with several schools and bands in his career. Mr. Sakow stated that both Tournament and Band Concert schedules are still pending. Once Mr. Corrigan returns they will continue their decision making and scheduling of events. Marching Band parade/tournament schedule will most likely include Bakersfield, Chino, and possibly Arcadia. Marching Band practice is ahead of schedule. Working on drill of show and will start to set to music.

Attendance is good and kids are focused.

Friday's game (Sept. 4, 2009) is just a scrimmage so M.B. will not have to play.

First Home Football game is Friday, Sept. 11, 2009 at SMC football field.

Kids want to have an end of band camp party, Friday, Sept. 4, 2009. Mr. Sakow will make band room available and may be able to get movie to be played at Barnum Hall.

Also mentioned installation of new pipe organ in Barnum Hall, it is being tuned and Mr. Sakow hopes to feature it in a band performance.

5) Concert Band Business

Helen Weary stated we need a volunteer to coordinate concerts during season, and anyone interested can call or e-mail Helen Weary. We are trying to reach out for help from

band parents who are not necessarily Marching Band. This is for concert band events, including helping with concert ticket sales, collections, etc.

6) Fundraising

Genevieve's Wrapping Paper, Candy, and Gifts Ellen Rennell was not available; **Jan Kravets** advised parents that marching band kids should have already taken home Genevieve's fundraising packet. The orders are due back by September 29, 2009; remember there is no school on the Monday before, September 28, 2009. It was recommended that we send out reminder the week before.

Concert band kids will receive packet when school starts, due date the same.

Pajama Pants, sweatshirts, beanies, coolers Pat Mahler presented sale items, Pajama pants (\$20); Sweat Shirts (\$25); Beanies (\$12); Buttons (\$1/each or \$5 for 6 pins) and Coolers (\$5). Send kids with money to camp.

eScrip

Amy Kivnick: Please register your grocery store Rewards Cards!

Band can make anywhere from \$2000-\$5000 per year, just by shopping at your local market. Forms available for family and friends to sign up.

Reminder: Sign up for Band E-mails and sign up for fundraising help.

7) District Volunteer Clearance: Tb tests, background checks, DMV check for drivers

Rachel Deese, District Nurse, has been helping with District's compliance for Volunteers. Rachel has successfully cleared 25 volunteers and those volunteers will be cleared for four years and the clearance can be used to volunteer at other schools within the district. Rachel will be finishing up TB

testing, but will not do any more next week. If anyone else needs or wants clearance, you can go to the High School Nurse, or any district school nurse. Rachel will also be providing the nurse with a list and copy of the volunteers she has already cleared.

Marching Band uses very few drivers, but if anyone needs clearance for driving (including for other bands programs), there is another step, which includes presenting insurance information and having Department of Motor Vehicle report of driving history. Rachel would need to check with District to verify who does the checking, but if anyone is interested you can also contact the District. If anyone is interested in Level II clearance for overnight volunteer/chaperone, this requires fingerprinting, but is available free of charge.

8) Treasurer's Report – Chuck Dobeck

Chuck Dobeck presented his accounts report, this is a transitional period and the report was pieced together using information and paperwork from two different people. The account report does not include London or Fresno trips and also does not include Equity Fund payment of approximately \$48,000. Estimates are based on last year, but Terry Sakow believes will be lower this year. Response to questions: funds are allocated as needed, different bands may participate in different events that may require travel, rehearsal rooms, sheet music, etc. The Marching Band fee brings in \$30,000 which is used to pay for meals, shoes, transportation, uniform upkeep, etc. Instruction includes music coaches and clinicians for all Bands, including Concert winds, percussion, marching bands, etc.

9) Marching Band Business – Leah Moore

Leah Moore – Introduced **Susie Gunter, Coordinator, Marching Band Parades and Competitions**, noted that there will be a special meeting Thursday, October 8, 2009 all about Parades/Competitions.

Susie Gunter and Bob Gunter are coordinators, can contact them with questions.

Susie gave brief synopsis, referred to website information for details and future meeting for more fun details and call out for volunteers to help feed, doctor and cheer the kids. Sign up for jobs in October! There are usually 4 events which include Field Show and some with Parades on the same day and usually at the same location, but sometimes we do need to move from one event to another in a different location. Do not make other plans during Marching band season; it is mandatory for students to attend. There is Disneyland parade in January, which includes a day at Disneyland for the kids at no cost to them.

Home Football Games – Mike Smith

Mike Smith - there are usually five to six home games, Mike is looking for parent volunteer to help with feeding about 7 kids that are part of the Pack Crew that usually goes straight to SMC the day of the game and helps set up and pack up. These kids do not get a chance to go home and have dinner before the game. Can also use help from parents during game to pass out water to the kids in the band.

Kyle Miller - Color Guard Instructor

There are 17 members who perform with band at football games and competitions.

After marching band season, the color guard continues competitions as Winter Guard, whose season goes from late January into April. Guard would also appreciate help from any parents.

Keiko Kuyama - Uniforms

Keiko showed blue Football Uniform, shoes, gauntlet and hat, and also showed

White Competition Uniform. Keiko reminded everyone that kids are not to eat when wearing uniforms, only water. Do not cut the fabric when hemming pants.

The pant hems are uneven because the back is supposed to be longer than the front. The black shoes require black socks, long socks, not anklets please. Try and keep the uniform clean and neat. Anyone interested in volunteering to

help do fitting or hemming contact Keiko. "Executive Drycleaners" hem pants and offer discounts to Samohi Bands.

Keiko is a Guard Parent and her daughter will be graduating, anyone interested in helping next season, please contact Keiko.

10) Potluck Dinner and Performance for Parents - Jennifer Hammer

Thursday, September 3 at 6 pm: Bring a dish to share that feeds at least 10. See flyer, servers come at least half hour before.

Minutes submitted by Secretary, Martha Herrera