

## **11/16/09 All Bands Parent Meeting**

- 1) Helen Weary called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm and welcomed everyone.
- 2) Helen Weary called for Approval of Minutes from October 19, 2009 Band Parent Meeting. All minutes are posted on the band website and emailed to the group prior to each meeting. Motion was made, first Lace Bencivengo, second, Ellen Rennell, vote was taken and unanimously approved.
- 3) Greetings and Overview from the Band Directors - Mike Corrigan and Terry Sakow

Mike Corrigan greeted everyone. He was advised that there is approximately \$96,000 in rainy day fund, which is different from the \$40,000 stated in the October meeting.

He indicates that there is a \$15,000 to \$17,000 deficit this year. Chuck Dobeck interjected; we have \$15,000 in account, with \$10,000 to go to the district for instruction costs. At this point there are minimal funds being deposited pending concert in January.

Where do we go from here? The Directors want to purchase new instruments, specifically French Horns that would enhance the band program, at a cost of about \$2,500 a piece. The orchestra has agreed to support this effort and contribute \$7,000. Mr. Corrigan is asking that the band program match the contribution of \$7,000 from the rainy day fund and he wants to ask that Dr. Pedroza contribute some funds. Six flute students have already switched to the French Horn and there is one more interested. (all Freshman). They are also looking at a repair bill for the existing instruments. May be able to have some instruments reconditioned for Middle Schools. The goal is to have 16 horns spread throughout the program, at all levels.

There was a motion to approve the \$7,000, pending the availability of the rainy day funds to the band program, anticipated within a month's time. Three bids would have to be gotten for pricing as a requirement by SMAPA. First, to approve motion, by Chuck Dobeck, with second by Leah Moore: Vote was taken and unanimously approved.

Mr. Corrigan announced that he was asked by Dr. Pedroza to step the band program up a notch. He suggested that we initiate a Winter Drumline program in the second semester. The cost would be about \$4,000 for staffing, plus another \$4,000 covered by student fees. Staff would be Jeremy Miller for Music and Drill, and Andy Bill for Pit. Need active parent organization and fundraising from Drumline parents. The fees would be \$200 per student, with approximately 20 students that would cover half the cost of the program.

The four month program would include four competitions in the novice category. This is comparable to Winter Guard program, and the students would receive P.E. credit. The students already know about it and are anxious to participate. Both Mr. Corrigan and Mr. Sakow believe that this is another step in the advancement of

the drumline and the overall percussion section of the band program. It would both boost morale of the students and raise the standards of their playing, and the drumline can perform at basketball games and pep rallies.

The motion was made by Lace Bencivengo, with second by Alisa Facchini, to initiate a Winter Drumline Program. The Vote was taken and unanimously approved.

Mr. Corrigan indicates that we need to look at a five year plan regarding the band program, which will include both raising the marching band fees (to about \$400-\$500) and stepping up recruitment. This will also raise participation in concert bands program. There was discussion about fundraising and added costs. We need to establish fundraising committees that would go into future. We need to determine the cost of the Marching Band program and look at the future regarding the fees. It was agreed that the fees would definitely need to go up because of the deficit costs so far. Best source of income for the whole bands program is Marching Band fees.

Once Marching Band season is over, Mr. Corrigan wants to prepare for next year, including recruitment at the middle schools, which would include taking drumline with him and students who can speak to the classes. The Directors will prepare next season's program early and use the existing Wind Ensemble to work out the music. We would like to have the music ready so that it is available to the incoming marching band students before the start of band camp. Plan to play arrangement at Pops Concert.

- 4) Concert Band Business: Lace Bencivengo: No new business
- 5) Fundraising:

Barnes & Noble, December 13, 2009 – Mimi Winship

There are posters that will go up around campus. The flyer will be attached to email. Please print out and shop on that date. Need students to perform and volunteers to pass out flyers on 3<sup>rd</sup> Street Promenade. Community Service credit will be given to students to qualify for Delians.

Landmark Theatre tickets – Leah Moore

Tickets are available at \$10, with no restrictions. The full amount goes toward band.

[www.milquarious.com](http://www.milquarious.com) – Martha Herrera

This is a high school student contest to recreate rock opera commercial segments on YouTube. If any students are interested they can submit a clip. They are voted on by the public on YouTube and there are eight finalists who may win prizes, the top prize being \$20,000 for the school's arts program. There was a discussion about some students who were interested, however due to the deadline of December 20, 2009 there was so much going on it may not be feasible.

Concert Program Ads – Ellen Rennell

Alisa Facchini volunteered to put together Concert Programs and Ellen and Jan Kravets will contact businesses for ads. Some vendors may have special thanks for giving the band program special consideration and discounts, such as PIO Pico, Avon Rental Van, and Albertsons.

Band Merchandise Sales: Pajama pants, sweatshirts, etc. – Pat Mahler  
Pat has requested okay to sell on Wednesdays and Fridays, between 3 – 4:30 p.m., at school.

e-scrip – Amy Kivnick: Please register your grocery store cards

6) Treasurers' Report – Chuck Dobeck

Jazz Band is still waiting for \$2000 from the Ella Fitzgerald Foundation.  
A copy of the current accounting report was available.  
We received okay to order checks.  
Helen will check on when rainy day funds will be released and available for use.  
It was suggested by the band directors that \$50,000 should remain in the fund.  
We need to form committees for future fundraising.

7) Marching Band Business – Leah Moore

Parades and Competitions: Leah read letter from Susie Gunter  
November 21, 2009 - Moorpark Competition: We need a volunteer for one of the buses.

Color Guard – Kyle Miller – not in attendance, no new business

Uniforms – Keiko Kuyama  
Football Uniforms – keep until directors decide it is okay to turn in.  
There was some discussion about asking seniors to donate their Dinkles and extra band shirts. Keiko usually keeps two pairs of shoes in each size for students who may not be able to afford to buy or emergencies. If we have extras at the end, we may consider selling as used, if in good shape.

8) Other business

Leah Moore is asking for committee to plan and prepare for Marching Band closing dinner scheduled for Friday, January 29, 2010. Need decorating, set up, clean up, food quotes, and tickets, cost for parents and siblings discussed.  
Contact Leah Moore to help with Marching Band closing dinner.

Sharon Dobeck indicates that her chiropractor, Brendon Murray, is interested in coming to speak to band classes. Mr. Corrigan indicates that it would need to be okayed by administration first.