

12/14/09 All Bands Parent Meeting

- 1) Helen Weary called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm and welcomed everyone.
- 2) Helen Weary called for approval of the minutes from the 11/16/2009 Band Parent Meeting. All minutes are posted on the band website and emailed to the group prior to each meeting. Motion was made, first by Ellen Rennell, seconded by Pat Mahler, vote was taken and unanimously approved.
- 3) Report from Band Directors - Mike Corrigan and Terry Sakow

Mr. Corrigan congratulated the Marching Band for victorious season. He mentioned that the Santa Monica Mirror had contacted him regarding an upcoming article. Mr. Corrigan mentioned that this was a transition year and the Marching Band had gotten a late start. We want to try and get an earlier start for next year's season. There are financial concerns with the pending budget cutbacks and threats of cutting music program in the elementary schools. This would in turn directly impact the high school program, since Mr. Corrigan was the last hired; he would be the first to be let go. However, this should not stop the planning for next year. Mr. Corrigan explained that we need funds in early January to pay for the music arrangement and design of drill. The Drill should be ready in May. Goal is to transition new students in Band Camp and be ready in early October for tournament in a local circuit. The goal would be to compete in four to five events, but have one week on/one week off ending by Thanksgiving. We would like to enter into the next higher level of competition and the kids are aware and willing to take on the challenge. There was some discussion regarding attending Bands of America competition in Las Vegas, but we are not sure if it will take place this coming year. Mr. Corrigan indicated that he and a group of students have already visited John Adams and will be going to Lincoln Middle School. A visit to Smash will also be arranged. Mr. Corrigan's plan is to visit the middle schools about once a month to recruit, later including the Jazz Band and Drumline. The bidding process for new instruments has been completed and pending the release of funds as voted on at the last meeting. Mr. Corrigan is concerned that we need to specify what the Marching Band fee will be for next year so that he can be more specific when speaking to the middle school students. We had previously discussed and agreed to raise the fees for next year to \$400 to \$500. There was some discussion and it was agreed that it would have to be at least an \$100 increase. It was suggested that Chuck Dobeck get together with Mr. Corrigan and Mr. Sakow to put together a budget of the Marching Band costs to get a better idea of the increase needed. The cost for drill, arrangements and percussion would be approximately \$10,000. Leah Moore also mentioned that the Marching Band packet would also need to be updated to include the additional costs and fee.

There was a vote to release rainy day funds for next year's music, arrangement, drill and percussion program. The recruitment and collection of marching band fees for next season would recoup some of the cost. The motion was made and first by Alisa Facchini and seconded by Leah Moore. The motion was unanimously approved.

There was discussion about fundraising. The kids want to put together a Bowl-a-thon, possibly in the second week of February. Students have already visited bowling alley and spoken with the manager.

Mr. Corrigan suggested we look at possibly hosting a Band Festival; fee can be per student or group. We can get together with Hotels in the area, use Barnum Hall, Broad Stage and possibly set up clinics with LA Phil and Master Classes. This type of an event can bring in a large amount of money, but also requires a lot of planning.

- 4) Concert Band Business – Lace Bencivengo (not present)
The Winter Band Concert is set for January 15, 2009. We will need hospitality help

- 5) Fundraising

Barnes and Noble, wrap-up - Mimi Winship

Thank you to all who participated, including Keiko and anyone else who was missed in the prior thank you e-mail.

Landmark Theatre, Leah Moore has tickets for sale, remember that 100% goes to band program.

Ellen Rennell announced that Alisa did an amazing job with Winter Concert Band program flyer and ads have been selling. A lot of vendors did not want to give money for ads, but were willing to give gift certificates that can be used to raffle off.

Alisa Facchini presented the Winter Concert flyer. She did an amazing job and passed out copies for help posting them.

Marching Band sales, (pajama pants, sweatshirts, beanies, coolers) Pat Mahler indicates that there have not been a lot of sales after school. But we will be selling at the concert.

- 6) Treasurer's Report – Chuck Dobeck

Chuck presented updated proposed budgets for Indoor Drumline and Winter Color Guard along with the full accounting budget information. Auditions will take place in January, 2010. Kyle Miller mentioned that there are some modifications to Winter Guard budget. There will be no overnight hotel stay and one clinician is willing to help for only half the cost of the plane fare, so the budget will again be revised. There will be less than 18 kids in Winter Guard.

Chuck mentioned that he is anticipating a \$10,000 deficit. There is currently \$12,000 in the account and \$11,000 is due in the first week of January for Instruction cost. We are anticipating \$5000 for concert sales. We are still planning for more concerts in October or November of 2010.

- 7) Marching Band Business – Leah Moore read letter from Susie and Bob Gunter. Participation in Disneyland Parade is set for January 16, 2010. We do not have the parade time yet, but will be at Disneyland from 7:00 a.m. to 12:00 a.m. midnight.

Marching Band Closing Social – January 29, 2010, 6:00 p.m. in Samohi Cafeteria
Leah announced that help is still needed for set-up, clean up and decorations. A separate e-mail will go out, but if anyone is interested, please contact Leah Moore.

Mr. Sakow wanted to point out that we usually load the truck the day before the Disneyland trip, but this year the concert is on the day before, so need to work that out. The kids need to make sure that on Saturday morning they have their Blue Shirt, socks and Dinkle shoes. [Instruments will be loaded on truck after concert Friday night.]

Winter Color Guard - Kyle Miller

Kyle wanted to congratulate the Color Guard for their most successful season. They scored over an 80 in an SCSBOA competition. The group worked really hard. Kyle mentioned that there will be auditions in January. We have lost two guards to cheerleading squad. Kyle wants to do the same for Guard as for Band, to get an early start in competition season and allow breaks in between competition dates, every other weekend. We are already getting Winter Guard show together. The Guard wants to recruit for next year. We did not have much luck visiting P.E. Classes in Middle Schools. We would like to recruit from Orchestra program. Music students can participate in Orchestra and Guard without much of a conflict.

Kyle announced that Color Guard needs Sabers; they were previously on loan. In Winter Guard there is more focus on skills. The cost of Sabers is \$200 each, but they have a lifetime warranty. He would like to get 10 new Sabers, but need a minimum of 6. There was a motion to authorize purchase of 6 sabers, first by Tamara Mugalian and second by Allison Leong. The purchase was approved.

Uniforms – Keiko Kuyama

Keiko would like to have all football uniforms returned before the winter break. Leah indicated that a separate e-mail would be sent out to parents. The shoes that are out on loan will be collected after Disneyland trip.

Submitted by Martha Herrera, Band Secretary