

Santa Monica Band Parents Association Minutes:
General Meeting of August 22, 2006

Co-Presidents: Diane Arnold and Christina Miller called the Meeting was to order.

Officers were introduced:

Suzie Kim Vice-President
Syd Bennion Treasurer
Alex Kusion Secretary

Terry Sakow:

Terry talked about the Wind Ensemble trip to New York to perform at Carnegie Hall during the Memorial Day weekend in the spring of 2007. There are 65 students in Wind Ensemble. Terry complimented band parents about their children's good behavior, motivation and talent (Terry does this every year!!). Terry urges all parents to come to the Home Football Games on Fridays at Santa Monica College Corsair Field. He also encourages parents to come to as many competitions as possible this fall. Our students need our support and competitions need parent volunteers. Parent volunteers are also needed for Festival, to sell tickets for our concerts, for flowers, etc.

Christina and Diane discussed this year's fundraising activities:

This school year an effort is made to bring Choir, Orchestra and Band parents together. The schedule of activities will reflect the performances and activities of all three groups. Fund raising activities will also be conducted together now.

The first fundraiser is Sally Foster. We receive 50% of the orders sold. Sally Foster will also include a "cookies" and "Entertainment Book" fundraiser this year. In the first fundraiser, Sally Foster also includes 100 of the best magazine titles and we will receive 40% of those orders. Diane Arnold stated that you can select which musical group will receive the funds: Marching Band, Wind Ensemble, Orchestra, and Chorus. Remember the Color Guards are part of the Marching Band! PARENTS ARE NEEDED TO COUNT FUNDRAISER COUPONS.

Committees and Volunteers:

Without parent volunteers there would be no competitions, concerts, uniforms, and other activities for our students. In September 2006, the SMPA budget will be approved.

Fundraising committee:

Christina needs help with Sally Foster. The Fundraising committee also works with direct donations and the Silent Auction.

Concert Ads:

Silvia Gentile is in charge and parents are needed to help canvas our community for business listings.

E-mail wizard:

Bill Martin (only e-mail) amartian@comcast.net

Make sure you contact Christina Miller if you are not receiving e-mails.

Scrip:

Ishara Bailis and Syd Bennion (Albertons, Ralphs, Vons). You need to re-sign up every year. This is a wonderful and easy way to fund the activities of our music groups.

Concert Tickets and Box Office:

Jennifer Hammer and Syd Bennion

Festival Committee:

Volunteers are needed

Concert Programs:

Diane Ward

Concert Grams:

Coordinator needed to put the “blurbs” in the programs.

Uniforms:

Vicky Valadez (superwoman)

Marching Band (including Color Guard):

Band Camp: There will be a Marching Band Dinner on Thursday, Aug. 31 at 6 p.m. at Samohi’s Cafeteria. Summer Band Camp will end on Friday, September 1st. Please remember that there will be two Mini Band Camps on October 7 and 14 from 1-5 p.m. These are **mandatory**.

Suzie Gunter spoke briefly about the **Competitions and Parades** during Marching Band season. Suzie will be sharing more specific details about these events on October 16, 2006. **Remember that football game performances are only for home games.**