Mansfield Band Parents Association
Monthly Meeting Minutes
January 12, 2015

Attendees: Kevin Brown, Cheryl Duffy, Jim Clinton, Patty Olsen-Goldberg, Carol Penney, MaryBeth McIntire, Linda Thompson, Laura Zawaski, Matt McGuire, Laurie Sklar

See items assigned to individuals highlighted and in bold.

January 30th Guard show for parents

- Need to get time from Michael and post event on website (**Andy**).

Rehearsathon

- Need to get date for Guard.
- Percussion is February 14, 9-9: lunch is at 12:30, dinner is at 5 with preview performance at 9:30.
- **Patty** to organize pot luck lunch with percussion parents (food will cover dinner too).
- Each percussion member needs to raise $125 which goes to the general fund of MBPA. Anything raised above that goes into the student's account.
- **Jim** will get envelopes for each percussion member for them to organize collections.

SEMSBA auditions (Laurie)

- At QMS 2/7, 8:45-3:45 (use two shifts of workers: 8-12 and 12-4)
- QMS parents can help but really want this to be run by students; HS Tri M members are helping.
- **Laurie** to ask QMS parents.
- Main thing that needs to be done is sell concessions: **Laurie** and **Matt** will buy concessions and get reimbursed from SEMSBA before 6/1 (SEMSBA deadline).

Home Show

- March 21.
- Will have meeting focused on Home Show on 2/4.
- **Jim** has a binder of information which has the list of volunteers needed and information from prior Home Shows.
- 50/50 raffle: we need to get permission from the town (need to go to town hall).
- Need police.
- **Matt** will look into hiring the HS trainer to help with medical issues. Otherwise, we'll need to hire EMTs.
- **Matt** will lead and delegate volunteer jobs.
- We can use the school cafeteria.
- At this point, we have 25 groups signed up (both percussion and color guard); may go up some.
- **Marybeth** is looking into getting donations of water from Stop & Shop, Rite Aid, etc.
- **Matt** to ask Peter C if he wants to MC the Home Show.
- Ad book:

- o   Need to have all ads in by March 10.
- o   We should use the website to keep list of which companies we have asked so that we don't duplicate efforts. ==Cheryl== will coordinate and update the list.
- o   There is a form (in the Home Show binder) that we give to businesses when we solicit.
- o   We will use art from company business cards as part of ad when possible.
- o $50 for half page ad and $100 for full page ad; half of ad money goes to student's account.
- o   ==Jim== to look into Allegra printing: maybe they would donate printing in exchange for an ad?
- o   ==Laura Z== could be involved in laying out the ad book.
- o   We want glossy cover with plain pages inside.
- o   We should give any extras back to businesses as thank you and so they can see how their ad looked.

Performance Schedules
- • ==Matt== to put full calendar for bands and color guards on website after Wednesday (1/14)'s NESBA meeting.

$500 raffle for working at Gillette
- • **Jim** has full list of all Gillette workers.
- • Each person's name is on the list as many times as they worked.
- • ==Jim== will number each name on the list and use a random number generator to choose the winner.
- • We will do this raffle on 2/4 at the meeting (lots of witnesses)

WGI informational meetings
- • Percussion meeting happened already
- • Color guard meeting will be 1/29. ==Cheryl== will send message to parents.
- • Color guard are flying to Dayton; ==Matt== needs to get permission from the School Committee.

XFinity Center fundraising opportunity (Jim)
- • Received opportunity to work concert events at $50 per volunteer per event.
- • We need to commit to 10 events.
- • Volunteers must be 18+ and 21+ to serve alcohol.
- • Since we couldn't use students, this isn't right opportunity for us but ==Jim== is going to look into whether individuals could volunteer without MBPA committing.

Talia Kuras outreach fundraiser (Jim)
- • Former band member is now in 7th Regimen Drum Core.
- • She wrote letter asking if we would her with her fundraising efforts.
- • Although we cannot make a donation, we can add her link to the bottom of a future correspondence to Band Parents asking people individually to help.

Treasurer's Report

- Jim gave itemized listing of all expenditures from August – December, 2014.
- Currently, we have $19.6K in our bank account with 4 Gillette games and Gillette "hold out money" left to be paid.
- Jim presented percussion and color guard budgets to date; there is $11.5K unspent to date.
- With 4 payments outstanding on Gillette payments, our net revenues to date for Gillette are $9K ($15K gross revenues net of payouts to student accounts of $6K).
- **Jim** will talk about laddering CDs in next meeting.

Miscellaneous
- **Jim** to ask **Andy** if he enhanced website. Jim has not received any bills for enhancement.
- Matt will be spending $3,500 for mallets, etc and $350 for software (from percussion budget).
- Any adult chaperones going to Dayton should book their own hotel rooms (Hampton Inn in Springfield).
- Concert for all bands (QMS and MHS) will be held on March 19.
- Matt wants to buy a tympani throne for $280 for band: all voted in favor.
- Matt wants to buy trash cans, buckets for new band for March 19 concert; cost about $300: all voted in favor; **Marybeth** said she may be able to get cheaper cans (based on experience with boy scouts).
- Matt knows that the Band Parent organizations in Dartmouth, KP, Reading and Blackstone have revenues of $50K. He encouraged us to reach out to these organizations to learn what they do to fundraise.
- Next year Matt will be introducing "Smart Music" to Mansfield. This is at home coaching, online instruction which costs $40/year. Requires a $140 director's license.
- In the Fall, Matt plans on bringing the marching band to 2 band festivals to get them connected with the larger band community.
- There will be a big recruitment efforts at QMS and elementary schools next year.
- Mina Conan from Norton wants to learn about our organization and how it works. **Matt** will reach out to her.
- Laura Z told us that the color guard was told on Sunday that they'd need $155 for uniforms.