

Mansfield Band Parents Association, Inc.

Monthly Meeting Minutes

June 9, 2015

(to dos highlighted)

Attendees: Kevin Brown, Jim Clinton, Patty Olsen-Goldberg, Andy Trask, Matt McGuire, Frank Durant, Leigh Durant, Jack Goldberg, Lily Krentzman, Linda Thompson, Mark Horowitz, Nancy Hamel, Laura Zawaski, Dotty Civita, Martin Thompson, Carol Penney.

New agenda items:

2015-2016 Board Elections: President: Kevin Brown, Vice President: Linda Thompson, Treasurer: Patty Olsen-Goldberg, Secretary: Lily Krentzman

Mark Horowitz: Update about Deutsche Bank golf fundraiser. This is done with Prom Catering. There are 120 open spots (4 hour shifts at TPC 9/5, 9/6 and 9/7. The shifts are 7-2, 9-4 and 11-close (7ish). MBPA would earn approximately \$5K for the weekend. Minimum age is 14. We will figure out how to give credits to kids for working. We will try to fill with band parents/kids first and then go out to choir, orchestra, etc. If others involved, we will give them portion of revenues. Mark will organize and use sign up genius. Mark may bring in outsiders such as Bishop Feehan baseball or Legion baseball (if necessary). MBPA will need to work hard to fill both Gillette and Deutsche. Unanimously voted in.

Jack Goldberg: Update regarding tax exempt status and determination by IRS on student accounts: MBPA has been reinstated as a tax exempt organization. One stipulation is that we cannot have "student accounts" going forward. This is because tax exempt organizations cannot benefit individuals; the entire organization must be benefitted. Jack talked to the IRS and wrote a letter explaining the importance of Gillette to the organization and the need to use student credits to encourage participation. The IRS agreed to allow student credits for "food service fund raisers". This will include Deutsche Bank.

Jack to look into process to have sales tax waived for MBPA.

Patty Goldberg: Update to the Bylaws based on IRS ruling and other miscellaneous changes including spending limits (all spending over \$250 must be approved by the membership and spending less than \$250 must be approved by two Board members). A "red lined" version of the Bylaws will be put on the website to be reviewed by the membership. Adoption of the new Bylaws will be voted on in next meeting (September).

Patty Goldberg: 2015-2016 Budget preparation process: will meet with Matt in the next few weeks to begin developing 2015-2016 budgets for JV/V Guard, Percussion and Marching Band.

Patty Goldberg: Update on Gillette participation. Need more cheerleaders for this. Good communication is key to getting people to participate. Sign up Genius is working well. Will have signup sheets at future concerts, band meetings.

Kevin Brown: End of year party plans. 6/26 at 5:00. Rain date 6/28. At Zawaski's. Have allocated \$500 for party.

Band Director's business/update: NYC trip was great. Had successful year with all bands. Would like MBPA to pay for $\frac{1}{2}$ of the cost of sending two seniors to drum major camp. This will cost \$520. All voted in favor of this.

6/18 at 7:00 in MHS library is meeting for 2015-2016 marching band. We will have e-mail, Gillette and Deutsche Bank signup sheets available.

Band camp is 8/10/15-8/15/15 (Monday – Saturday) from 1P-9P.

Potential Fundraisers for 2015-2016:

Lily K: Scrip; Lily has looked into it more and it seems to be easier to use and higher % than program she is used to in her Temple. We can also pay online for cards but there are shipping fees associated with buying smaller quantities. Lily will continue to look into and get back to us.

Laura Z: reusable grocery and other bags. Will get us details.

Linda T: will do silpada again next year.

Kevin B: should we do a mattress sale this summer? **Members of the Board and Matt to meet with rep** to figure out if we can have it later this summer.

Kevin B: Family Fun night. We need a check for \$50 to get it started.

We will do poinsettia sales again.

Still deciding whether to do butter braid and/or yankee candles.

For all Fund raisers, we need to discuss if money will go to general account. If we decide kids should get proceeds, we would have to work the fundraiser outside of MBPA. Kids would do it independently.

Other issues: Leigh D would like us to get a banner to have for various events like concerts and to put up around town. Kevin said we did already have a banner. **Leigh and Kevin will look into whether to buy a new one at Staples.**

Treasurer's Report

Jim gave out monthly report.

Old agenda items:

Upcoming concert at QMS (6/11): Carol P will be selling snacks at QMS. Leigh will be manning a table to have signups for email addresses, Gillette and Deutsche Bank Golf as well as the MBPA flyer that Jim produced. Patty and Laura Z also helping.

Jim will be using left over flyers for mailings to parents