

## **NOVEMBER BAND PARENT MEETING NOVEMBER 5, 2014**

MODERATOR: KEVIN BROWN  
SECRETARY: CHERYL A DUFFY

ATTENDEES: KEVIN BROWN, JIM CLINTON, FRANK DURANT, LAURIE SKLAR, LAURA ZAWASKI, SANDY CLINTON, ANDY TRASK, CRICKET NEARY, JANE ELLIS, CAROL PENNEY, DEB BUISER, SUSAN GRAF, JENN DRAIN, TIM DRAIN, LEIGH DURANT, MARY BETH MCINTIRE, LYNN BOWMAN, ANDREA FINK, JANINE DECOSTE, LAURA DUNN, DOTTY CIVITA, JACK AND PATTY GOLDBERG, JILL KEARNEY AND MATT MCGUIRE

### **AGENDA:**

#### **RATIFICATION OF BYLAWS**

A vote was taken and the BY LAWS created by the Goldbergs were unanimously voted on. These By Laws can be submitted with the tax filings once completed.

#### **SECRETARY POSITION:**

The Secretary position on the Executive Board has become available. The job description was read but to date no volunteers.

#### **FUNDRAISING:**

Yankee Candle - sales totaled to date \$7,800 gross with an estimated profit of \$3,000. We can still earn money through the end of the year.

Pointsettia sales kicking off this month through December 1<sup>st</sup>. Each plant will cost \$25.00 and students will receive \$12.50 in their student accounts per sale. Kevin Brown found out that Lyons inventory is set at 350 plants to sell. It was decided that sales will also be opened to the QMS students and Carol Penney volunteered to be the QMS coordinator. Jen Drain offered to coordinate the color guard teams and Matt McGuire will coordinate Band and Percussion.

Laura Dunn and Jim Clinton offered to coordinate the printing of actual gift certificates to submit to Lyons.

Hero Helpers of America-Laura Zawaski recommended a community service project for the Band Program to fill out Christmas cards to send to troops. The deadline is December 12<sup>th</sup> and Matt will have the TRI M students coordinate the project.

Painting in January – Laura Dunn is going to coordinate a January painting fundraiser to be held either at the school or the Elks etc where for \$30.00pp you can

paint for the night. This has potential to raise \$750. If held at a venue with a bar we can create a signature drink and also earn money from the sale.

Mentoring Kids to Sell- Jane Ellis volunteered to setup a program to mentor interested students on how to sell fundraising items, ads for Home Show or to be yearly sponsors for the Band Program. The students would be considered Ambassadors of the Band Program.

#### **TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Jim Clinton reported that bank statements were only available through October 15<sup>th</sup> but due to the refund of \$8,000 from Centerline Bus Co we are in a positive cash flow.

#### **WEBMASTER:**

Andy Trask recommended to members that as an organization we upgrade our hosting service from free to a premium package for \$99/year. A vote was taken and approved the purchase.

Andy solicited an e-vote via email from the executive committee asking to fund the immediate purchase of an APC SMC1500 Battery Backup unit to replace the noisy generator used to power the Bass Amp at football games. The measure passed unanimously.

#### **GILLETTE:**

Laura Dunn reported that there are 3 regular season games to be covered before playoffs. A huge thank you to Eric Pedro for consistently volunteering.

#### **QMS:**

Laurie Sklar would like the band parents to be more noticeable at the QMS level. Suggested posting pictures of QMS students to MBPA webpage and get the parents more involved so there will be continuity through the high school level.

Laurie would like the Band Parents to set up a QMS scholarship where a student can earn a 3 month rental of their equipment. Jim suggested re-allocating some money from the general fund into a scholarship account.

#### **BAND DIRECTOR:**

There will be a Band meeting Thursday, November 13<sup>th</sup> for the trip to New York City the school approved for Memorial Day weekend.

Football game this Friday night at 6pm. Report time will be 4:30

Veteran's Day Parade will be held Tuesday November 11<sup>th</sup>. Step off is at 10 am. Report time is 9am. Kevin and Cheryl volunteered to handout waters to band members.

Color Guard coach has been hired, Mike Lombaro from Norwood High School and St. Ann's Independent Guard. There will be an informational meeting held Tuesday evening, November 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm followed by a full color guard practice.

Mike will be the director and will have 2 instructors for JV report to him. Matt McGuire will contact Mr. Connelly to post in the school newsletter to state the guard is actively recruiting as well as reach out to the new dance team at MHS.