

Mansfield Band Parents Association, Inc.  
Monthly Meeting Minutes  
May 4, 2015  
(to dos highlighted)

Attendees: Kevin Brown, Cheryl Duffy, Jim Clinton, Patty Olsen-Goldberg, Andy Trask, Matt McGuire, Frank Durant, Leigh Durant, Jack Goldberg, Lily Krentzman, Linda Thompson, Mark Horowitz, Nancy Hamel, Lisa Chick, Laura Zawaski.

Old agenda items:

Enhanced website and using Sign Up Genius for Gillette: all set.

Reminder: The Banquet for Color Guard and Percussion is 5/25 from 4-8 at The Chateau in Norton. \$20pp; checks can be made out to MBPA. Form will go out soon; form/money need to be returned by 5/21

Should we accept cc processing for payments to MBPA? May not be necessary for regular payments from parents (we can always give people payment plans if they cannot pay timely). We should consider for home show in 2016. Will discuss in January, 2016.

Scholarship committee is all set (Leigh D, Carol P and Linda T). Scholarship night is 6/2. Applications are due in MBPA mailbox by 5/15. Leigh is point person. Jim will present Scholarships.

June Board Meeting: MBPA officer elections. Patty sent job descriptions to membership. How do we get people interested in joining? Cheryl to send out email to membership; job descriptions also posted on website. We need to encourage parents of younger kids. Mark Horowitz suggested having some parents be assistant to an officer so they can learn about the position for a future appointment. This appointment/soliciting for help could be done by each Board Member once elected.

Upcoming concerts at QMS (6/4) and MHS (5/20): Carol P will be selling snacks at QMS (with Patty helping). We should use this opportunity to advertise for the MBPA including putting logo on water/snacks. For both concerts, we should have a table to have MBPA brochure (Jim to produce), get parents to give email addresses and signing up for Gillette. Leigh is willing to man a table to get email addresses and Gillette sign ups.

Laurie Sklar is getting t-shirts for kids going to Great East in first week of June. MBPA has agreed to pay for them. Laurie to give MBPA details.

New agenda items:

Band Director's business/update

Matt said he would like to have MBPA parents make phone calls to membership.

Matt said he would like to do a mailing to MBPA parents to introduce them to MBPA and Gillette. He could get mailing labels from HS and have students stuff envelopes. We will use MBPA brochure that Jim is doing.

Dayton Wrap-Up: kids had a great time. It was a good experience for all. Matt is encouraging as many parents as possible to go to Dayton to help next year. Color Guard definitely needs more parents next year.

Plans for the fall marching band/color guard/band camp: for the first time since 1998, Matt would like the marching band to do 2 competitions in the fall (mid October and first week in November); want to expand perception beyond football games. Great opportunity for the kids. Matt is also adding one rehearsal during the week and adding staff. Travel costs for the program will come from school budget. MBPA may be asked to help share cost of additional staff. The marching band will be required to raise funds for band. Band camp will be 8/10-8/15 (M-Sa) from 1-9PM.

Changes to chaperone policies for next year: will need lead chaperones to ride the bus to all competitions. Matt would also like parents to help load/unload the truck to relieve kids of this stress. All helpers will need Cori/finger printed.

End of year party for entire band program in June (Matt to determine date): pot luck in the HS cafeteria. Will add this sign up sheet to the QMS and MHS concert tables that Leigh is manning.

Drum Majors: there will be three drum majors next year: two seniors and a junior. Matt wants to send them to a drum major camp at UMass Amherst. It is a great leadership program that costs \$540 pp. Matt asked that MBPA pay for this but then withdrew request until future meeting.

Matt asked that MBPA reimburse Dave Cavanaugh (percussion staff) \$213.38 for airfare and car rental in Dayton. This was approved.

Kevin: planning summer fundraisers including Butter Braid and Scrip: Brochures for each went around and people are open to them both. Butter Braid could be in the fall (instead of Yankee Candles??) at Thanksgiving time.

Scrip could happen continuously; it is selling gift cards to many national and local stores with a certain % coming to MBPA. Lily said she ran Scrips for her Temple and was willing to take a closer look at the program we had to see how it compares and if it makes sense to pursue. The only issue Lily has encountered at her Temple is that the upfront payment needs to be by check. It would be great if we people could go online themselves and purchase with a credit card but not sure this is possible.

Mark mentioned Deutsche Bank golf tournament as a potential fund raiser for Labor Day weekend. The tents are run by Prom Catering. It is similar to but easier than Gillette. Mark said we may be too late for this year but he will look into it.

Disposal of props: Matt to look into using school dumpsters.

Jim:

Home Show thank you gifts: Jim will buy four gift cards for the three custodians and the nurse and flowers for Carol in the kitchen.

Patty to get list of all sponsors from home show program (and programs from Jim) to ask percussion and color guard kids to personally thank each business. Patty will ask all those who got the ads whether they would like to thank the businesses themselves or get others involved.

Purchase of glockenspiel from grant funds: need info from Matt.

**Next meeting will be Tuesday, June 9<sup>th</sup>** due to QMS concert date. In the fall, we will likely have monthly meetings on Mondays.