

Mansfield Band Parents Association, Inc.
Monthly Meeting Minutes - Wednesday, January 3, 2018

Attendees

Michelle Fine, Scott Souza, Marybeth McIntire, Kelley Giambanco, Carol Penney,
Matt McGuire, Mark Giambanco, Marybeth Kennedy, Jill Kearney, Jackie Newcomb,
Susan Graf, Mark Horowitz, Nancy LeBlanc

Notes from the Treasurer

- \$3600.00 in student credits came in this month from Gillette alone. Some of those credits were used for apparel, uniforms, and earphones.
- Marching band has finally finished up paying all the bills for the 2017 season. .
- We got \$1500.00 in donations this month
- \$13,000+ revenues in November and December from Gillette
- Color Guard starting using money for the winter program. The floor was the biggest item in their budget.
- Jackie made a motion to write a check for Mrs. Peppicilli to buy instruments for the QMS. She wants to write a check to the QMS which will includes money from last year's Yankee Candle profit and money from a QMS family donation. The total of this check will be \$516.76, and will be used to offset the price of instruments needed for the middle school. Marybeth McIntire seconded it, all were in favor, there were no abstentions, and the vote passed.
- A Custodial bill needs to be paid from the marching band banquet in December. Jackie Newcomb made a motion to pay it for \$225.00, Nancy LeBlanc seconded it, all were in favor, there were no abstentions, and the note passed.
- There are a couple people who still owe the MPBA for previous trips. They are aware of this. One student is paying us by working Gillette and using her credits.

Notes from the Band Director

- Percussion is coming along quite well. The students have now practiced and have been taught around 4 ½ minutes of the show so far. Everyone is working really during practices.
- Home Show is coming up on March 17th. We are expecting 46 groups. We will need to start planning for this event as soon as the middle of January. Kelley will set up a meeting for this soon.
- Matt is asking that we cover some expenses from some of our teaching staff from our 2017 Dayton trip. The amount of \$219.00 was for flight and rental car, as well as an amount of \$170.37 for toll charges. The total reimbursement he is asking for is \$399.98. Jackie motioned to pay it, Scott Souza seconded it, all were in favor, there were not abstentions, and the vote passed.
- Matt is asking that the students buy earplugs to wear when they are practicing to protect their hearing. They cost \$25.00. We need to order a minimum of 45, and we only have an order for 40. Matt is asking the MBPA to order the 5 extra at \$25 each. Matt says we would most likely we will be able to sell the extra five and get our money back. Jackie motioned to cover the \$125.00 for the extra 5 pairs of earplugs, Nancy LeBlanc seconded it, all were in favor, and the vote passed.

Notes from Gillette Coordinator

- We could use a few more people for the first playoff game, which will be Saturday, January 13th. If we win that one, we will have a second game on Sunday the 21st.
- Just for hot chocolate we made an extra \$3000.00. This is great extra money for us that we were not expecting.
- We need to figure out by the middle of next month what package we will want to sign up for next season. Once Mark gets the information, he will look it over and discuss it with a few of us to make a decision.

Grants

- Jill Kearney reported that with the help of Kim O'Neil they sent a message to David Kronis through Facebook. David responded back with a thank you for reaching out, but unfortunately said no at this time.
- Next group up is Mansfield Cultural Council. This group should be responding within the next month or two. If we get those grants those will be used to cover our Home Show judges and Big E bus expenses.
- Lastly, we are waiting to hear from the large amount from Mansfield Bank, as well as reached about to Boch.
- We have received \$550.00 donations this month just from Pay Pal.

Fundraising

- Bertuccis was a great success this month. We received \$752.00 that just came in today. We will have another great night at .Buffalo Wild Wings, on January 10th. Where 10% will be given to MBPA.
- Yankee Candle profit is around \$824.00 and we still have a couple more weeks to sell.
- Nancy LeBlanc is looking into a spring event with possible dates on April 28th or May 5th. She is hoping by next month to have heard from the Spirit Medium companies and the Elks with availability.
- Sponsorship and Rehearse-a-Thon are two opportunities for students to make money for themselves and the program.
 - Rehearse-a-thon is when the percussion and guard practice for an entire day. They ask people to sponsor them for each hour they practice. Percussion and Varsity Guard members will be required to raise a minimum of \$100 in Rehearse-a-thon, JV Guard members will not participate in this event. Anything over the \$100.00 will go into the students account as credits.
 - Sponsorship is when percussion and guard ask companies to sponsor us and are given many different options and price categories to choose from. All students are required to raise a minimum of \$100.00 in sponsorship money which will go directly to the band program. Anything over the \$100.00, 20% will go to the students account as credits.
 - A business sponsor list will be distributed to the students along with a sponsor letter with all the information businesses will need to know about the program. Kelley will put together this list of businesses, assign each student 2 each, and share the list with all families. If you have a personal relationship with a business, we will do our best to try to switch it for you. Matt McGuire motioned to pass this way of communication to parents and students, Jackie Newcomb seconded it, all were in favor, the vote passed.

Next meeting will Feb 7th.

