

McLean HS Band Parents Association
Board Meeting
April 5, 2011

The meeting was called to order by Mike Tapscott at 7:37 p.m. 14 parents were in attendance.

Welcome

Michael Tapscott welcomed the group, Kathy Key was unable to attend.

Director's Report

- Chris was unable to attend

Treasurer's Report

Ron Hutchinson

- Treasurer report attached
- Finished our 4th and final fundraiser – Raffle day
 - the dollar figure on the report is not final, we are hoping to net \$25, 000 plus
 - still need to purchase prizes and collect home sales
- Winter guard wrapping up, expenses will go down as fees come in
- Concert Band Spring trip yet to be paid, so number will change
- On page 7 can see cash position more flush.
- Received approval for grant request – \$3,000 to be used for new drum major stands, tympani cart, and a bass clarinet

Concert Band Trip

Claire Prough & Betsy Davis

- Concert Band Spring Trip
 - still need to collect fees from some parents
 - several medical forms still outstanding
 - chaperone meeting planned prior to departure
 - four students might be able to stay behind and participate in the April 28 jazz performance, then will join the group on Friday
- Looking to create a new procedure for next year to help work out the issues collecting health/medical forms. This might include holding a parent meeting prior to every trip, creating comprehensive email lists to include those students not in marching band, and seeking help from the school liaison or band parents to help where there are language barriers
- There was discussion that some of these solutions were tried a few years ago.

- Will add a page to the marching band packet to collect additional information

Raffle Day

Anna Arnold

- It was a good day, little chaotic in beginning
- Chris sent home the remainder of the home sales packets this week
- There have been a few requests for more tickets
- Hoping to raise \$7,000 more to pay for the prizes
- April 29 home sale deadline, May 20 drawing

Scrip Program

Betsey Sigman

- Scrip is still available
- Discussion about adding the ability to check scrip credits online
 - it would be a nice feature to be able to view scrip information online, but there would be privacy issues
- There is an issue when a user wants to pay for a trip and also use scrip credit
 - paypal is used mainly for spring trips and marching band camp
 - the system prompts the user with a specific amount and does not let the user vary the amount to be paid
 - right now we do not want to give users that option
 - if a user wants to use scrip credits to pay for part of the trip, they need to use the donation button to input any amount, then email Ron to let him know

Spring Gala

Audrey Mulholland – auction

- Far behind where we were last year for donations
- Need people to solicit donations
- Audrey went to 4 places today and received 4 donations
- Parents can donate individually also, last year got 18 donations from families
- How do we know who has already been solicited? Audrey can send a list
- Event tickets, sports and concerts are already covered
- Really need nuts and bolts stuff – restaurants, hair salons
- Ticket sales are low also, we need people to come to the event
- Photography packages don't sell, neither do the Sylvan packages
- Audrey will ask Georgetown Learning Center for a free SAT course.
- Will advertise on pipenotes – will let students know that you don't have to attend the Gala to bid

- Some discussion about online 'Bidding for Good' but right now want to keep the focus on getting donations
- Need to work on getting the message out – will add Winter Guard kids that are not on any email distribution lists
- Also need to advertise outside the band community, such as with the Chamber of Commerce and posters around the school

Karrie McMillan – caterer

- Will be getting food donations so we aren't spending all of the budget on food

Winter Guard

- Program finished this past weekend at championships
- Didn't make finals, but did very well
- Had received 1st place in Richmond
- Looking to perform here
- Jesus and Carmen are both coming back, have starting to talk to Chris about next year's program

Jazz Band

Upcoming Performances

- April 28 – joint jazz concert and clinics with Shenandoah U
- May 14 – Jammin Java
- May 26 – Lewinsville Retirement Home

Board Vacancies

Ron/Mike

- Treasurer: Eric Fisher and Sean Dunn will learn next year and take over the following year after Elinor Gruber and Ron Hutchinson have left
- Trips: Looking for freshman and sophomore parents
- Jazz – will check on
- Still looking for:
 - Concessions
 - Two more volunteers for Uniforms
 - Raffle – would like additional help

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm
 Laura Harris, Acting Secretary

