

McLean High School Band Parents Association  
Board Meeting  
August 31, 2010  
Final

The meeting was called to order by President, Kathy Key, at 7:33 PM. 26 parents and Director, Chris Weise, were in attendance. (Signature sheet attached)

Welcome: Kathy kicked off the meeting welcoming everyone back to the new school year. She thanked Catherine Anderson for volunteering for our new Board position -- to unravel and collate our numerous databases for events such as the Gala, Fruit Sale, etc so we will have good addresses and lists available.

New Business

Kathy Key:

- “Notable Events” will be a new part of the website which will list and give us a heads up for upcoming events for the Band.
- Chamber of Commerce advertising booklets – expensive, but an option for fundraisers, etc. Feedback welcome – please email thoughts.
- Georgetown Learning Center, a friend of the band for many years, has offered scholarships for a PSAT Class and an SAT class. These can be awarded to band members and we will look into the details and specifics. Volunteers will be needed to screen essay entries and select winners which will be awarded at the Spring Concert to a rising junior and a rising senior.
- Board Meeting – First Tuesday of every month for Board Meetings.
- General Parent Meeting on September 9<sup>th</sup>. Trips, Tag Day, Spirit Wear, Scrip, Plug for Dinner at Tailgate, Fruit will all be discussed.

Treasurer’s Report

Ron Hutchison:

- Budget/Financial Report was handed out.
- Financial situation very good.
- New Budget is increased by \$6,000 to \$84,000 for this year.
- Finances will be updated and circulated at the Board Meeting every month.
- Questions on budget are welcome.
- Retained money is generally around \$40,000 per year.

Director’s Report

Chris Weise

- Marching Band has gone great.
- Kids have been fantastic.
- Really looking forward to first show. Show looks great in rehearsal!
- Whole show will be ready before school starts.
- Positive attitude is great! The kids appear to be having a great time. Especially the first year that we are not away for camp. Seniors have stepped up and been good leaders and role models. They are definitely having fun and pulling plenty of pranks. Resources here at home have led to very creative pranks!
- No complaints!

Vienna Band Camp

Nicki Birch:

- Very successful summer; spent \$2,000 and made about \$4,000 selling concessions to students at the camp held at McLean.

### Marching Band

Denise Shochet:

- Huge success! Learned more during the week and have good plans for next year.
- Thank you to volunteers and chaperones.
- Plans for next year will be discussed. Finances are a big concern with going away for the week. Pros and cons will be discussed for future camps.
- The week went so well, perhaps staying here is the best option.
- Seniors enjoyed the week. Social aspect of being at home included the good nights' sleep.
- Loved Dave and Busters, Pool Party, pranks, lunches....social events were all well-received.
- Instructors are better in this area than they would be at an away camp.
- Suggestions are welcome for next year.

### Tailgate Dinner:

Karrie McMillan:

- Tailgate dinner will be in the Cafeteria on Friday, September 10<sup>th</sup>.
- Famous Dave's BBQ for \$10/person (for band and all family members)
- Starts at 5:00 so kids can eat before they have to get dressed.
- Volunteers welcome.

### Tag Day and Equipment:

Frank Key:

- Tag Day moving along nicely. 66 adults have volunteered in various capacities.
- Only way to grow revenue is to put kids to work at additional store sites.
- We have added three additional store fronts for 46 routes and storefronts.
- This year we will have CD's playing at storefronts instead of having kids play their instruments. Students will all be free to ask for donations.
- Looking for battery-operated CD players and i-pod speaker systems to play – need 19.
- Thank you for volunteering to help with Tag Day.
- Equipment Crew is strong yet continues to look for more volunteers. 10-12 volunteers per game are required.
- Akron, OH trip – need crew to chaperone on October 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>.

### Spirit Wear and Grocery Scrip:

Mary Beth Arnold:

- First sale of the year sold 71 items for a profit of \$270.
- Challenge was getting response over the summer.
- **It was decided to have a second sale at the Band Parent Meeting for people to order spirit wear.**
- **It was decided to have polo shirts ordered as Crew Uniforms (after we determine the surplus in stock currently). Band will pay for shirts for the Equipment Crew.**
- Buy scrip to help generate money for the band and to earn points toward band expenses for parents.

### Trips and Chaperones:

Betsy Davis:

#### Akron Trip on October 16<sup>th</sup>

- Tentative plans to leave at 5:30 Saturday AM and to go directly to campus where we will have a meal at their renovated food court/cafeteria for \$6.00 per person
- Earliest we would play is 2:40
- Finals begin at 6:40 and Awards are at 10:00 PM
- We check into hotel between playing and finals.
- Breakfast on Sunday at/or near hotel, lunch on the road (students need money for lunch) and arrive home before dinner.
- Cost should be \$145 or less per student
- Chaperone orientation requested – to outline procedures before trips on safety, searches, etc.

- Doctors are a great asset to have on trips

National Concert Band Festival (Formerly BOA): we are the only group from VA and one of only 16 bands invited nationwide.

- This is the first major nationally recognized concert in several years
  - Symphonic will play a 1-hour long concert for music educator. Not a competition. Simply honors what we do and how well we do it.
  - March 16<sup>th</sup> or 17<sup>th</sup> – date still not definite.
  - T-shirts for the kids – have kids design and have band pay for the shirts for the kids
- Spring Competition: yet to be determined – for concert band only

Fruit Sale:

Stephanie Stewart:

- December 11 – two locations at the school to increase presence at the bazaar.
- First Football game – selling a variety of nuts
- Pre-fruit sale will start in mid-November for pre-sale orders

Meeting adjourned at 8:47  
Ellen Greenwood, Secretary

### Coming Attractions

**September:**

2<sup>nd</sup>: Football Game and first performance!

7<sup>th</sup>: First Day of School – regular practice schedule begins

9<sup>th</sup>: General Band Parent Membership Meeting 7:30PM in band room

10<sup>th</sup>: Home Football Game

11<sup>th</sup>: TAG DAY FUNDRAISER 25<sup>th</sup> –Marching Competition – USSBA Herndon High School

**October:**

1<sup>st</sup> : Home Football Game – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Night!

2<sup>nd</sup>: Marching Competition – Marine Corp Invitational – USSBA Annapolis

8<sup>th</sup>: Home Football Game Performance 7:30PM – Homecoming

16&17<sup>th</sup>: Fall Trip to Ohio for BOA Competition

22<sup>nd</sup>: Last Home Football Game

**December:**

4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup>McLean Holiday Parade Schedule