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## **Band Booster Meeting Minutes – August 5, 2021**

### **1. Call to Order**

- President Ruth O'Donnell welcomed everyone to the meeting and the officers introduced themselves.

### **2. Treasurer Report**

- Lori MacDonald, Treasurer, provided an update on the financials for the band this year. She noted that the goal for the season is to accumulate funds to replenish the monies that were not raised last year due to COVID (no concession stands and craft show) so ultimately it will help with student fees for next year. Copies of the reports can be obtained from Lori at [treasurer@marsband.com](mailto:treasurer@marsband.com).

### **3. Old Business**

- Spring Parent Meeting – Ruth thanked everyone for coming to the orientation meeting; it was well attended.
- Summer Car Wash – The next car wash is next Saturday, August 14 and parent volunteers are still needed. Ruth reminded everyone that money collected at car washes is divided up between the students that work and added to their student accounts.
- Sponsorship Band – Lori MacDonald reported that 28 sponsors signed up for the sponsorship band and we raised \$5025. We also raised \$1400 for the new podium.
- Remind App – Ruth reminded everyone to sign up for the Remind app to be able to receive messages about activities, student travel from games arrival times, etc.
- Uniforms – Heather Zimmerman reported that all students have been fitted and the uniforms are ready to go for the season. Compression shirts are coming soon and should be worn for competitions. Show shirts will be worn for football games.

### **4. New Business**

- Kennywood – The band trip to Kennywood takes place on August 7 and the report time is 9:00am. Show shirts are to be worn and the parade is at 6:00pm.
- Picture Day/Moe's Dinner Boxes – This will take place on August 10. Students should be in uniforms and ready for pictures by 9:45am. Photos will be distributed approximately four weeks later. Seniors will have individual pictures for the football program and we will have one group senior banner for the football games instead of individual senior banners. The Moe's Dinner Boxes fundraiser is also this day and boxes can be picked up at the Mars Athletic Complex (MAC) at 4:30pm. Families can then stay and eat dinner with the students.



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- Bands of America (BOA) – This competition will take place on Saturday, September 25 in Obetz, Ohio (outside of Columbus). Report time at the school is 3:00am since Mars’ performance time is 10:00am. Due to this trip, the band will not perform at the Mars football game at Plum on September 24.
    - i. Ruth indicated that 14 chaperones are needed for this trip. She also stated that the band is in need of a nurse chaperone. If anyone is a nurse, please contact Ruth. One parent in attendance indicated that she is a nurse and will gather more information on the duties.
    - ii. Costs are \$115/student and \$100/chaperone. This fee includes the motor coach buses, meals, \$15/each student for dinner, registration fees, gas for the band truck, and hotel rooms for the truck drivers.
    - iii. A medical form will be distributed for this trip for all students to complete.
  - Chaperones for Football Games/Competitions – Ruth stated that 6 chaperones are needed for each football game and 14 for competition days.
  - Concession Stands – Ruth reported that the concession stands are a huge fundraiser for the band and this year the Football, Cheer, and Band Boosters are partnering on the concession spaces. The Aviva restaurant will not be at football games this year and the band will now occupy that larger space. Football will have the former band space on the home side and the band will rent the visitor’s side concession stand from the Cheer Boosters. She noted that she is very pleased that these three groups are working together this year. There will also be a snow cone truck at the football games and the three groups will split the profit from this equally.
    - i. We have six home games so 12 parents are needed to work the concession stands each game. If we are unable to fill all the spots by Friday, August 13, then the Boosters will sign up people for each game. Each family is asked to work at least one game. No clearances are needed to work the concession stands.
  - Game and Competition Days – On home game days, students are to report to the “fishbowl” (Middle School band room) unless told otherwise. Students are to bring their backpacks with their raincoats to each game. Pick-up will also be at the fishbowl after the game.
    - i. For away football games, students should report to the high school.
    - ii. Soft pretzels and water will be provided to the students during football games. No other food is allowed. Options will also be available for students with food allergies.
    - iii. Competition days will consist of practice, loading the truck, meal, and travel to competition.



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- iv. For the championship day, the Boosters will provide pizza for the students and staff and Jurassic Junk has offered to provide Chick-fil-a for another competition.
  - v. Candy grams can also be purchased and forms should be turned in as soon as possible.
  - Fall Craft Show – This show will be held the Saturday before Thanksgiving and the band provides a large concession/food stand for the show. No clearances are needed to volunteer and all family members can participate. Students also work the show in various capacities. Ruth also indicated that in the future there may be an opportunity for the Band Boosters to take over the operations for the show.
  - Fundraisers – Dana Fenio, Vice President – Fundraisers, provided an overview of the upcoming fundraisers that includes Moe's Dinner Boxes (August 10), Nothing Bundt Cakes (the week of August 15), Unity T-Shirt (August-September), Pittsburgh Popcorn, and other fall fundraisers. Watch your e-mails for more information on each one.

## **5. Clothing Sale**

- Ruth stated that the Mars band attire sale is going on now. Watch e-mails for how to order or sign-in to Charms to see the selections.

## **6. Upcoming Dates**

- Ruth reminded everyone of the following upcoming activities:
  - August 8 – Kennywood
  - August 10 – Picture Day/Moe's Dinner
  - August 27 – First home football game
  - September 11 – PIMBA Competition at Kiski
  - September 14 – Booster Meeting
  - September 24 – Band will not attend the football game at Plum
  - September 25 – Bands of America (BOA) – Obetz, OH
  - September 29 – Butler Band Festival

## **7. Adjournment**

- Ruth thanked everyone for participating and a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Kelly Lindenberg.



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Band Booster Officers in Attendance

Ruth O'Donnell, President  
Kim Cannon, Secretary  
Dana Fenio, Vice President – Fundraisers  
Lori MacDonald, Treasurer  
Heather Zimmerman, Vice President – Uniforms

Parents/Guests in Attendance:

Jo Drutarosky  
Kim Lauer  
Kelly Lindenberg  
Angie McSwain  
Courtney Montgomery  
Christy Nickl  
Jim Ostapchenko  
Angela Romig  
Casey Romig  
Lisa Suppo  
Dave Wingerstahn