

MHS Band Booster Meeting

Date: Thursday, July 8, 2010

Location: Room 111 - Athletic Team Room

Time: 7:30 p.m.

In Attendance: See Attached Sheet

Topics Discussed:

Treasure's Report: See Attached Sheet

Fundraising Update:

1. **Tag Day:** Is scheduled for Saturday, August 7th. This is the band program's largest fundraiser. For those of you who are not familiar with Tag Day, the marching band will be going door-to-door asking for donations for the Band Program. Hours are 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

For donations of \$10 or more, contributors will receive a Mason Band key chain. For contributions of \$25 or more, contributors will be listed in all band programs throughout the 2010-2011 school year. The four levels of giving are: \$25 - \$49.99 = Patron, \$50 - \$74.99 = Green/White, \$75 - \$99.99 = Key Note Club and \$100 or more = Spirit Club. Vouchers for entrance to the Mason Band Invitational will be given to supporters who donate \$25 or more.

50 drivers are needed. If you are interested in driving, please contact Herren Rueda at hrueda5@gmail.com. A pizza lunch will be served when the students return from their assigned routes.

A meeting for Tag Day volunteers will be built around the August 5th booster meeting (details to follow).

The importance of fundraising for the entire designated time period was discussed.

2. **ATP:** The Band Boosters have filled 61 shifts that will be worked from Fri, Aug 20th – Sun. Aug 22nd. Boosters will be working 5-hr shifts in either the Concession stands or UDF booths. Boosters will be paid \$8.00/hr. There will be some sort of training by Elegant Fare, or Kelly Sullivan will do a training session.

3. **Underground:** Going forward with fundraiser to be held at the Underground. Date is Saturday, August 21st. Five-hour run would cost approximately \$800; anything over that amount will be profit for the boosters. Needing 4-5 bands to perform. More details to follow.

Spirit Wear Update: Koman's Sportswear would like to do another round of spirit wear orders. The order form is on the website and will be due by August 2nd. The forms can either be handed to Diane Pfennig at the first day of band camp or can be dropped off to Koman's directly by the August 2nd deadline. If you do not see an item that is currently offered, Koman's will work with you to find that perfect spirit wear item.

Summer Polos/Marching Shoes: Orders were due on July 2nd. Nancy Wicker and Patti Miller (Uniform Co-Chairs) will be contacting families who have not sent in their order form. These two items are required for each marcher. Polo shirts are required for guard members also; however, guard shoes are being handled separately.

Band Camp: Band Camp planning continues. During the first week of band camp, the goal is to help all new marchers get to know one another, as well as returning band members. During lunchtime, sections (trumpets, low reeds, percussion, etc.) will be eating together.

A message will be going out looking for parent volunteers who are interested in hosting “section” get-togethers in order to facilitate everyone getting to know one another.

For those of you who had expressed an interest in helping with band camp, be on the look out for messages from the Band Camp Committee Co-Chairs – Gina Kopera, Jennifer Scott and Andy Grogg. There will be a Band Camp Volunteer Meeting on Tuesday, July 27th at 7:00 pm in the band room.

During the second week of band camp, the students will be provided dinner.

All forms required for band camp are available on the band website, along with the 2010 Band Handbook. Please take some time to go through the handbook, especially new band members!

The remaining fee for participating in marching band (\$375) is due the first day of band camp, August 2nd. If paying by check, please have check made out to Mason City Schools. Payment plans are available, if needed.

Mason Invitational/MSBA Competition: Planning is certainly underway for the 10/23 Mason Band Invitational and 11/6 MSBA Band Competition. So far, we have 16 bands registered for the Invitational. Aside from being great events, they are major fundraisers for our band program. Planning is currently being done in areas such as facility reservations, advertising, food donations, participating vendors, etc. Hosting these two competitions can only be successful with booster support; they are completely run by booster personnel. Details regarding volunteer opportunities will be forthcoming.

Spirit Committee: The next scheduled Spirit Committee meeting is Thursday, July 29th at 7:00 pm at Kidd Coffee on Tylersville Road. Anyone interested in having fun and promoting spirit among band families, this is the committee for you!

Shadow Marchers: Bob Bass discussed the meaning of shadow marchers. Shadow marchers are 2 students marching the same spot. The goal behind this is to have each student march certain shows. Any additional questions, please contact Bob Bass directly.

Carnegie Hall: Bob announced that the Wind Symphony and Symphonic Band would be playing Carnegie Hall on Friday, March 4, 2011, at 8:00 p.m. What a fabulous opportunity for our kids! This trip will be a joint venture with John Hersey High School from Illinois. Details to follow!!

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 5th.