

The Munford High School Band Boosters met on September 10th, 2012 in the Munford High School Choir room. The meeting was called to order by Larry Wildes, booster president.

First on the agenda were the standing reports. Brenda Norwood presented the treasurers report. A motion was made by Sonja Howard to accept the report as read and Tom Norwood seconded the motion and it was passed. The secretary's report was read by Aimee Fehnel and Tom Norwood made a motion to accept it as read, Andrea Ingram seconded the motion and it was passed.

Next on the agenda was old business.

Celebrate is this coming weekend, September 15th. Jennifer Kutz expressed that she has enough volunteers but could always use more so please sign up if you haven't yet.

Next Stephanie Van Der Linden gave the report on Kroger Cards and discussed the new Kroger program. She has no new info on the updated program. She suggested that everyone go to www.kroger.com and edit their plus card info under the section labeled community groups enter the Munford High School Band. Stephanie reiterated that the new program doesn't look promising and that we shouldn't expect to get as much benefit from the program as we do now. The new program will pay quarterly and the first of that will not be until February 2013. It appears that all the money collected for all community groups will be divided evenly between all the groups.

It's night is next Monday, September 17th.

M & M Bowl was a great success for concessions. Many band kids came to support the football team and several worked concessions as well.

We currently have three people qualified to work medical. If you would like to volunteer please forward information about your licensure to Larry at president@munfordband.com or communications@munfordband.com

Pictures are scheduled for October 13th before the competition. Students will need to be at school early but will be fed.

Denise Dillon then addressed the group about upcoming fundraising opportunities. Several people have requested the Americas Best candy bar fundraiser. But others have expressed concern about this particular fundraiser because the loss of profit from students eating the candy and not paying for it. Denise questioned the group for interest in paying for the boxes up front but there was no interest so she moved on. She reminded everyone of the bake sale at celebrate and asked that goodies be brought to the table to be sold. Denise also reminded everyone to please turn in fundraising packets on time and make sure the student's name is on the packets.

Larry again addressed celebrate to say that we would have three booths at celebrate and they would be at the same locations as last year. Two booths would be in the main part of celebrate, one for concessions and one for spirit items, the third would be in the car show.

Our first competition is in two weeks, on September 22nd. The details about feeding the students are still being ironed out but Naifeh's is donating \$100 worth of food. We will definitely not be having Buffalo Wild Wings this year. We will probably be grilling out and may end up eating right at the school.

Larry then addressed the trip to Chattanooga on November 3rd. This will not be an overnight stay. We will drive down and back on charter busses. In order to stay in Chattanooga it would cost an additional \$8000. The decision was made to pay for extra drivers and take charter busses. We will make a stop somewhere in between here and Chattanooga for practice and a meal.

Question: Can the students ride home with their parents? Yes as long as they have their signed release form and it is turned in to Mr. Trobaugh prior to leaving the school.

Question: Do the students have to ride with the band there? Yes

Question: Will the band be stopping in Murfreesboro? That decision has not been made yet.

Question: What time will the band be leaving on November 3rd? No idea yet but that information will be released as soon as it is finalized.

Question: Is the parent release form for every event? Yes you can use this at any event unless otherwise stated but you do need a new one each time.

Teresa Crotts reminded the group that if their student leaves it is that student's responsibility to make sure someone is putting up their equipment and uniform.

Stephanie then addressed the group about the current estimates for charter buses. She spoke with several companies and the lowest estimate is \$13,250 from Top Notch. The estimate is for 5 buses and relief bus drivers on all new buses that were just purchased. Mr. Trobaugh suggested that we call Crown Tours the company that took us to nationals and give them the opportunity to beat the lowest bid. Stephanie said that she has already tried that and was told that they were unable to beat that low bid.

Question: How far in advance do we need to reserve the buses? Immediately

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Question: Is Jackson the first competition? Yes

Question: When will background checks be completed? No idea but that is a good question. Lisa Simmons said that background checks are not needed until an overnight trip and that does not include Chattanooga.

Mr. Trobaugh then addressed the group.

He was glad to see everyone at the meeting and requested to change the date of the next month's meeting because the regularly scheduled meeting is during fall break. By the time we meet next month a good bit of our competition season will be behind us. We are moving slowly because we are about 50% new marchers. His colleagues say that is a great problem to have but it still has that P word in

there. Competitions scores are close many times; no one talks about how we won nationals by .025 of a point only that we won. So every practice makes a difference. Competitions will change newbie's life. You will see a lot of bands working hard but it all boils down to a skills test. Encourage your child to be better each day on their own. We will perform at 4pm at Celebrate, rehearsal will be at 2pm instead of 3pm, and email will be sent out with these details. Large instruments will be loaded on trucks but smaller ones will be carried by students. Students will be responsible for loading and unloading the trucks.

The 21st will be our first time in full uniform. For our first competition on the 22nd rehearsal will begin at 730am and we will be on the road by 9. Rehearsal there is at 12 and our first performance will be at 1240. We are looking for somewhere to rest and eat before preparing for our evening performance at 810. It will be a long day. For those that are new to this, you will see your child grow up in the 12 hours between the two performances. Hope to have a train of cars that connects Munford and Jackson but please do not get in-between the buses, equipment trucks and directors vehicle. All info concerning competitions will be put out ASAP, but keep in mind that the contest info isn't always received early and sometimes not until the week before the competition. Mini band camp will be on Friday the 12th of October.

Question: Will mini band camp be 8 to 4? Yes

Question: Will we have a practice under the lights? Not very clear on that yet

Mr. Trobaugh again asked that parents and family come out and support the band in Jackson. He expressed how glad he is to work here. He also asked parents to remember that every nano second of games and competitions people are watching the way the band supporters behave so please act accordingly. Be supportive of other bands. Other parent organizations mimic what we do. He asked that parents please contact him via email and not his cell phone he does try to keep that separate.

Question: What time will the band march at festival? At 1240, then Terry and Mr. Trobaugh will remain for the awards while the rest of the band goes on to the park.

Lynda Johnson mentioned parents getting together for carpool so everyone who wants to go can.

Question: When and where is the fitting for letterman jackets? All info is on the form and it is available online, the fitting is in the cafeteria.

Question: When will Nike merchandise be in? All Nike merchandise is coming to the school and will be individually packaged but don't have a definite date yet. The merchandise will not be handed out to students.

Question: When it does come in can we request that our child pick it up? Yes with a signed letter from parent.

Question: When will window decals be available? We are working on it but trying to get the price down.

Sonja mentioned that if anyone needs membership to see her or if you own a business or know someone who does and need a sponsorship form she has those also.

Kathy Reid made a motion to adjourn the motion was seconded and the meeting was adjourned.

The Munford High School Band boosters will meet again on Monday October 3rd in the Munford High School Choir room.