

Manchester West High School Music Supporters

Meeting Minutes October 7, 2009

Board members in attendance:

Kim Avery, President
Charlie Schmeltz, Vice President
Doreen Gagne-Martin, Treasurer
Colleen Desmarais, Secretary
Janet Schmeltz, Ways and Means

Meeting called to order by Kim Avery at 7:15pm

The Secretary's Report was presented by Colleen Desmarais. Motion to accept made by Lisa, second by Kelly.

The Treasurers' Report was presented by Doreen Gagne-Martin. Motion to accept made by Chris, second by Kelly.

Ways and Means Report was presented by Janet and Charlie Schmeltz. ----

-They discussed the slow start with the Ad Book. We have only received 15 ads. Deadline for ads is Oct 17th. Also, student participation in fundraising is low. Parents were asked to appeal to businesses for ads or donations.

-Colleen agreed to send e-mail to parents asking same. Sue suggested we contact colleges to place ads.

-Applebee breakfast was very successful.

-We will launch our cookie dough fundraiser November 2nd.

-Joint fundraising opportunities are being discussed with the Board members of Theatre Knights. We expect they will attend our meeting next month to discuss.

-We only have 14 tickets sold for Macy's. An e-mail was sent to parents last week; no responses.

-AVON fundraiser to be explored

-We are creating individual student accounts instead of one activity fund to track individual participation in fundraisers. More to come.

Directors –

Sue Wilkes discussed the Nov 17th PBS taping for “Celebrate America”. She appealed for help in funding uniforms for the choral groups for a more consistent look. After much discussion on cost and need, Kim made a motion to allow \$500 toward the overall cost of approx 1,000. Motion to accept was made by Paul and 2nd by Chris. Motion passed.

- She also discussed the Choral Festival on Nov 5th at PSU and the UNH String Festival at UNH on Oct 24th.

Diane Francoeur discussed the Philadelphia trip. It has been decided to postpone this trip until next year, and focus on educational day trips instead. They have some great ideas for all groups.

-10/29- BSO trip

- UNH wind ensemble TBD

-Marching Band has done an awesome job and she is so proud of them. She has received a lot of positive feedback on the group’s rich sound.

-Sweatshirt and jackets orders have been sent home

-Check calendars for upcoming games and parades. Volunteers needed.

-Our student teacher Eric will only be with us for 2 more weeks. The kids will miss him!

-all Directors are enjoying the blossoming overlap in the groups. It’s making for a very tight knit music family.

Other Business:

By Laws- A discussion of amending by laws was discussed. Paul made a motion to form a Committee for research and creation of new by-laws. It was 2nd by Diane, motion passed. Committee members: Paul, Diane, Kim, and Charlie.

Band President- Scott spoke to group to let us know the band chemistry is very good this year, and everything is going really well.

Homecoming – 10/17- parents needed for game. We were also given the opportunity to walk as the support group in the parade.

Student Reps – Kim asked reps to hype up fundraising to the students and set the example.

Music- the Directors did not receive any money from the district to order music. After much discussion, Diane suggested \$200 for band music. Paul made a motion to set aside \$600 (\$200 per group) for music. It was decided we did not have the funding right now to set aside such a large amount. No 2nd- did not pass. Kim made a motion to set aside \$200. No 2nd. Did not pass. It was decided to discuss reimbursements as they come up. Diane has a piece she is ordering, and will present the cost at the next meeting.

Motion to adjourn by Kim, 2nd by Paul.
Meeting adjourned 8:32

NEXT MEETING November 4th at 7:15 please see website for updates

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Respectfully Submitted,

Colleen Desmarais
Secretary