

Melrose Bandaiders, Inc.
Board Meeting – MHS band room
October 16, 2013
Melrose, MA

In attendance: Karen Konicek, Regina Donovan, Taylor Rubbins, Matt Repucci, Bill Covene, Caroline O'Brien, Nancy Ingram, Nancy Naslas, Diane Heislein, Joe Pelrine, Joel Zimmerman, Roger Hecht, Linda Bulman, Liz Foulser, Jim Dwyer, Kim Talbot, Susan Collins, Shelley O'Brien.

Call to Order – 7:00 pm.

Routine Business

June, August, & September Minutes – Approved as written.

Band Director's Report – Marching band season will be done in a few weeks. Purchased new vibes. Both parades went well. Discussed importance of commitment, as a few kids did not show up to march in the 2nd parade, thus lost money paying for two buses that were not needed. Came in first in division at NESBA last weekend. The kids are doing much better and it's starting to all come together. In order to get to the next level, more funds/resources are needed. Still want to buy more percussion instruments. Can't buy new uniforms right away. However, if band grows we will not have enough uniforms. Want to buy 100 in the next 5-6 years. Replacement uniforms cost \$400 each if bought separately. Replacing hats is more critical. Want to replace all the hats instead of just broken ones. Long-term goal is to raise \$50,000 to buy new uniforms and instruments. Some ideas to achieve goal: capital improvement fund, big fundraiser, charge a fee. Consensus was not to charge a fee; overall sentiment was that it would adversely affect fundraising.

Treasurer's Report – Looked at Budget for 2013-2014 and compared it to last year's. Noted was the loss of money from the tree sale (bad year) and money spent on Winter Guard uniforms that are not being used this season. Do not want to raise the price of trees. Never received a custodial bill from last year's competition. Discussed how long should funds be set aside as we need to give Malden back their share. Motion made and approved to pay Ms. Hogan \$500 for coaching band this season.

Corresponding Secretary's Report – No report.

Publicity Report – No report. Paul Locke will share pictures to send to local newspapers.

Uniform Committee Report – see Band Director's report.

Old Business

Ice Cream Social – Went great.

Parades/NESBA Competition Recap – See Band Director's report.

Polo shirts – Love the shirts, not so much the jackets (printing). The printing on the jackets has been redone up to 3 times, but the type is still pink. Option to return them or pay a little extra for embroidery.

Band Hat Replacement – See Band Director’s report.

Winter Guard Chairperson Position Unfilled – No interest from Color Guard parents to fill the role. We still need the fundraiser since we didn’t have a home show this year. Competition is a big moneymaker if not for equipment, flags, uniforms expenditures and related costs. Discussed reining in costs. Some ideas discussed at length were meeting with Winter Guard parents, eliminating buses and have parents’ carpool (sign a liability form to ensure no kids drive other kids), and introducing a nominal fee to cover costs. Need to have a concrete budget and stop carte blanche expenditures. Do not want the program to end, but the Bandaiders have been managing the WG when very few band kids participate. We pay for four coaches. It is a huge expense for such a small group.

Volunteer Sign-ups – Still need Uniform and Picnic coordinators. It was suggested that a committee (core group as opposed to one chairperson) is formed for each group or event. Maybe this will help with the hesitation in signing up.

Drum Major Camp Vote – Motion made to send next drum major to UMass Amherst Drum Camp was tabled to next month. Contingent on money.

New Business

New Uniforms – Long-Range Fundraising – See Band Director’s report.

WROR – Announcer recognition on radio.

Marching Band Pizza Party – Have enough volunteers.

Poinsettia Sale – Will send forms and end date to Susan C.

New Venue for Spring Awards Banquet – Looking at three locations: SpringHill Suites on Route 1, Spinelli’s in Lynnfield, and Jackson Suite Function Hall in Malden.

Vote in New Board Member – Motion passed to approve Linda Bulman to the board. Welcome!

Anything Goes – Motion made and approved to use money from 2nd parade (\$1400) and not spend \$800 on Winter Guard equipment to buy a new xylophone.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:55.