

Melrose Bandaiders, Inc.
Board Meeting – MHS band room
November 13, 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, Linda Bulman, Terri Hayes, Jay Cobau, Barbara Csicsek, Rich Rigolini, Shelley O'Brien.

Call to Order – 7:00 pm.

Routine Business

October Minutes – Approved as written.

Treasurer's Report – Need to buy new flags (~\$800 for 45 flags includes material & sewing cost) now or in the fall. Willing to spend more on quality up to \$1200. Decide what to do for next year in spring, budget-wise will have a good idea before beginning of year. Buy flags this winter instead of fall. Not buying color guard uniforms this year, and also saving on busing cost. We are doing okay but need to be careful going forward.

Band Director's Report – Continue to help out with funding with Winter Guard. Not paying for buses, parents' carpooling instead. Suggestion made that each girl raises \$100 in donations, and also do a fundraiser (sell ads for Winter Guard program/competition book). 15 girls in Winter Guard, everything seems to be going well. Ken is on board and the school knows about the Pancake Breakfast. Received an anonymous donation from a band family for hats & plumes. Hope to raise a lot of money. Bought two items for the pit.

Corresponding Secretary's Report – No big news to report. Will send out emails about the tree sale, sign-up genie, Friday's football game, Disney payment reminder notice, and pizza party.

Publicity Report – Picture of band finals published in the Free Press, not yet in the Melrose Weekly.

Uniform Committee Report – No report other than the raincoats were washed and cleaned.

Old Business

Winter Guard Changes – See Treasurer and Band Director's report.

NESBA Competition/Finals Recap – Went really great! Band is going in a positive direction, rehearsing well and doing well on the field.

Poinsettia Sale – On target.

Band Hat Replacement – Need to raise ~\$7500 to replace hats & plumes. Need to raise \$5500 if want to replace hats by August. Think of long-term plan with company (buy hats then uniforms from same company for better deals).

Drum Major Camp – Money is there to sponsor a drum major to go to camp. It's money well spent. Motion made to support and fund one person to attend Drum Major camp – vote approved.

New Business

Marching Band Pizza Party – Have enough volunteers. Martina sent out reminder emails to RSVP.

Spring Awards Banquet Venue – No action.

Yearbook Page Dedication – For senior band members instead of entire band. Purchase a full page – formal pictures and a casual picture of the 14 seniors. Deadline is 11/20. Band is considered an activity in the yearbook, therefore small picture.

Drum Major Platform Replacement – Bandaiders do not have to take care of replacement. School will buy one over the summer to replace the one we had. Maybe buy a second platform?

Sports Raffle – New fundraising idea. Sell sports tickets with the Polymnia Choral Society. Keep ½ of ticket sales. Start selling tickets in January, drawing is in March. Choral group highlight band at a performance after graduation? Day of Thanksgiving football game put out a table with a raffle basket of scratch tickets and sell chances to win the basket. Will still do 50/50. Karen will send out a notice to have parents bring scratch tickets to Pizza party and Regina will make the basket.

Ads on Website – Parent group supports football team on Friends of Melrose football team page with paid advertising.

Home for the Holidays Brass Ensemble – Same weekend as the Christmas Tree Sale. Busy weekend. Ideas to sell candy, or sponsor a hat when ensemble plays at destination spot.

Pancake Breakfast – Ken is all set, will let us in. Need someone to bring pancake mix, syrup, and chocolate chips. Dad volunteers need to be there between 7:00 and 7:30, kids arrive @ 8:00.

Meeting date with Whole Foods – Will meet with Kerry @ Whole Foods to get fundraising details.

Winter Guard Show – will be March 22nd. Joan has a binder of responsibilities for each position and what each committee member does. Scale back on food donations. Have a bake sale.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:25.