

**Mountain View High School Band Parent Association (BPA) Meeting Minutes  
20 August 2019**

**2019-2020 BPA President Aimee Sword called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm.**

Members asked to sign in on sign in sheet to establish quorum. We do have the required number for a quorum.

Announcement - Recording Secretary, **Beth Huntsberry** has hard copies of last month's minutes for anyone who would like a copy. The minutes will also be available on the band website.

**BPA President Aimee Sword - Motion to approve July 30th minutes.  
July 30th minutes are approved.**

**Treasurer Clarification -**

**Lynn Lewis** – Responsible for the Marching Band Parent (BPA) funds.

**Erin Tucker** – Responsible for money for all MVHS bands. This includes fees, concert fees, instrument rental, etc. The kids' individual accounts fall under Erin's responsibilities.

**Report from Band Treasurer Erin Tucker** – We have about 50% of marching band fees so far. Almost \$12,000. This is excellent for this time of year. Next payment is due Sept 6<sup>th</sup>. Letters with fees will come out the week after. School Pay through CHARMS seems to be working well. If you need help, call or email Erin. She can help with usernames, passwords, etc.

**Lee Lewis Pit Crew** – Recruiting for pit crew help. We are always looking for more volunteers. Our mission - To get equipment to and from games and competitions. The pit layout is a little different this year. The front line is on the field. In addition, we have a larger front line. We need volunteers for any capacity. See Lee after meeting for more information.

**Stacy Williams** is working hard on uniforms. All of the kids have been fitted for Marching Band uniforms.

**Kirstin** is working on concert attire. She is in the process of coordinating fittings. She will need people to help hem and alter. She will begin on Wednesday with student fittings. Josephine will be at the school on Wednesday to assist. If you would like to help with fitting concert uniforms, please let her know.

**Lisa Bolin - Fundraising**

-Our first individual fundraiser will begin Monday. The kids will be selling flower bulbs. Order forms will come home with the students. All orders are completed online and shipped directly to the buyer. This fundraiser runs from August 26- Sept 9. Remember to sell to out of state

family and friends. The bulbs will be sent directly to them. The student gets 50% of the sales in their individual accounts.

Sept 16 Spirit Night - Chipotle on 17.

-Pie fundraiser will begin well before Thanksgiving

-Also, cookies and coffee fundraisers are planned.

**Friday Night Family and Friends Night.** See what your student has done from the first day of band camp until now. You'll get to preview the first part of the show. The students will be in full uniform so parents can take pictures. Parents will have the chance to march on the field with students. This is a great way to meet other band parents. BPA provides hamburgers and hot dogs. See CHARMS for what you need to bring. Each grade level has been assigned specific food items.

**Debbie Pickeral** – Hospitality **Friday Feasts** are all on CHARMS. Watch for Facebook posts. Please hold off on bringing more water and clean snacks until Debbie sends a message. We have a full storage closet right now. We have two students with allergies that we know of. **If your child has an allergy, please let us know.**

**Halley Graves** (not present)– Concession. POS system is nearly up and running. Ipads will help with inventory and sales. Please plan to help us with concession clean up on August 31st. "Many hands make light" work. After clean up Halley will do a POS training session. Sign-ups are on CHARMS. Halley also needs help forming a committee to keep equipment up and running. For more information, see Halley. She will be at Friends and Family Night or you can email her.

**Angela French** is our Spirit Wear Queen Goddess - Reminder - only ONE jacket order will be placed this year. All orders are due on the 24<sup>th</sup> (TAG day). Jacket order- \$55 for jacket plus name. When orders are complete, Angela will text or Facebook message you so you know your order is in and complete. There will be another Spirit Wear push closer to the holidays. Vintage still available in very limited quantities – mostly small and XXL.

**Aimee Sword** – Reminder! Fingerprinting is required if you plan to chaperone any of our trips, competitions, or away games. New prints are required each year. You **MUST** bring your form.

**Cheryl Small- Saturday is Tag Day** – This is our biggest fundraiser of the year. Rider spots are still available. Even if it appears all roles are filled, please plan to show up. We need all the help we can get.

-Be at the school by 8am. We make an effort to mix upper and lower classman. We will go over the binder, procedures, etc. before the cars leave. Mr. Welch will talk to the kids. Be pumped and encouraging and fun! Bring clean snacks and water. Students and drivers will have binders with maps, flyers, cards, and envelopes. Plain flyers go to houses where the kids actually talk to someone. Remind them to use the card. If they go to a house with no one home, they will use the form with the self-addressed envelope/flyer. The brown envelope is for money collected. --  
-Callers will call every hour and ask how much money you have collected. Also in binder, a parent form and Tax information. The Orange binder is for parents. We have runners available at the school to bring you additional supplies when necessary.

-Kids binders are white. They have a script with information about the program. They have all the same things the adult binders do, just more.

-Stafford County is huge. Some neighborhoods are crazy. Some homes are far apart. There is an unspoken competition. Kids can get frustrated. Encourage their hard work. Look at map and hit heavily populated areas first. Drivers and riders will get suggestions and feedback from last year.

-BPA will provide pizza after TAG. If you finish early, call and you will be sent somewhere else. If you can't finish your area, call and we will send help.

-Kids must all be in pairs. No exceptions. They must also be in sight at all times. No petting of any type of animal. Please sign up for treats on CHARMS for snacks to go with the pizza. Be sure riders and drivers provide cell phones to Cheryl.

-Have the kids practice the script. The more information they can give the more likely they are to get a donation. Push community service. (Stuff backpacks. Walk to prevent suicide. Adopt a highway. Band together to fight hunger.)

**Cheryl Small - Upcoming Community Service opportunities** – Suicide prevention walk is Sept 14<sup>th</sup>. We would love students to go walk. Chorus may participate as well. The walk is in Fredericksburg near Spotsy regional hospital. Please email any information regarding suggestions for community service to Cheryl Small.

**Laura Lohmeyer Music Awareness and Education** – Upcoming music events in the area.

-Band day - Sept 7<sup>th</sup> at VA Tech. \$40 per Student. Kids need to be at the school at 7:30. Mr. Welsh has given participating students permission to leave the game after the half time show.

-Sept 14<sup>th</sup> JMU Band Day

-Students must bring their own instruments. They will need to contact schools to see what is required as far as instruments.

**General Reminders -**

Check google classroom. Are students doing the assignments?

The Board is working on a document with FAQs. What is W9? What is CHARMS? Etc.

When doing community service kids need to wear something identifying themselves as band kids – sweatshirts, t-shirts, polos, etc

Cheryl Small suggested deodorant wipes for the kids.

**Parent comment** - Kids did a fabulous job on backpacks and helping at the school! Feedback from Rockhill Elem.

**Mr. Welch comments-**

-Thank you for parents for your support - Driving kids to and from camp, providing food, etc. The pace is going really well. The kids have learned the first part of the show and all the music. Tomorrow's practice is cancelled. Performance on Friday is a big deal for them. They want parents to see what they have accomplished.

-Sept 6<sup>th</sup> is our first home game.

-Eighth grade night.

-We do a lot of work with middle schools - auditions, etc. We always get so many compliments. We try to support other bands in our community.

-Kids will start to feel more pressure as school continues. Please be supportive!

-1<sup>st</sup> concert of the year is October 2<sup>nd</sup>.

-For TAG day, Mr. Welch is trying to pair students as requested. Please be understanding that it doesn't always work out. Much depends on the number of kids each car can hold, etc.

-Thank you for the edible arrangement and all the well wishes when my son was born. Every kid has been very helpful. Great leadership team this year. Thank you, parents for all you do to make this happen.

**Aimee open the floor to questions –**

Question from Parent - Are the students coming home on Friday?

Answer - They can stay if they would like. Mr. Welch will be here to supervise. But they can certainly come home.

Question from parent – What time should we have food at the school.

Answer - We will begin setting up food at 4:45. We will try to eat at 5pm. Bring a chair. Pop up tent if you would like to be in the shade. We are eating by the concession stand.

**Aimee Sword -Meeting adjourned at 7:56.**