

## Merrill Band Booster Meeting Minutes

August 30, 2023

6:30 PM

Les and Jim's Lincoln Lanes

Attendance: Elli Wilk, Sue Pillai, Seth Pajtash, Faye Cantrell, Montique Whited, Beth Shull, Stephannie Pajtash, Jenny Johnson, Colleen Schult (virtual), Kelly Kraegenbrink

Call to Order: 6:38PM

1. Reviewed Secretary's Report as previously emailed.  
Motion to accept by Seth, seconded by Montique, all approved, motion carried unanimously.
2. Treasurer's Report:  
Balances include all transactions through July, August not yet completed, many transactions have happened in August.  
Ending balance in checking was \$16,653.28  
Ending balance in savings was \$4300.45  
\$1800 taken out to start change for concessions  
Motion to accept report by Faye, seconded by Stephannie, all approved, motion carried unanimously.
3. Director's Report:  
The marching band screens have arrived, nuts and bolts shipped separately and should arrive this week.  
Ramps have not arrived, scheduled to ship from Texas on 9/7/23 and should arrive in time for the first marching band competition in Cumberland. A back up plan is in place on the chance they do not arrive.  
The vinyl for the screens have not arrived yet either, and it is a possibility that they may not be here for Cumberland.

There is a vacancy for a middle school band director, which may cause Mrs. Wilk's schedule to change to help out until this position is filled.

4. Marching Band
  - A. Overnight Trip: We may have a host in Greenfield, but it has not been fully approved yet, Mrs. Wilk will push to have an answer this week.
  - B. Photography: KTK – 3 students still need to have photos taken, these will be done prior to the parade on Labor Day.  
Senior Banners will be printed soon – we are behind a few fall sports
  - C. Sound Snake – current equipment is old and units keep blowing – Mrs. Wilk made a request for the Band Boosters to purchase a 16 channel unit for field microphones to plug into – estimated to cost \$195, all voted yes to purchase tonight so it is here by the Cumberland competition.
5. Fundraiser Updates

- A. Car Wash – needed to reschedule with short notice, earned a profit of about \$500 to help pay for Colorguard supplies
    - Fun note: the new semi truck was washed
  - B. Gleason Craft Fair at Prairie River Barn – went well, about \$460-480 profit, which was about double from the previous year.
    - 3 people worked this event this year, which was a good amount, stayed busy without being overwhelmed. (side note question- if you can be overwhelmed and underwhelmed, can you ever just be whelmed? This question is to see if this report is ever read.)
  - C. Concessions Recap
    - First Varsity game went well, many comments were made about the new POS system being a good addition to our concession stand. The school wifi worked well to maintain the system. There were a few people that did not show up for their scheduled shift.
  - D. The check from the rodeo came, \$1200 for three clean up sessions. We decided we will continue to do this event to help fundraise, it was discussed that this event could possibly be used to make one semi-major purchase each year.
    - The people from the rodeo stated they have quite a supply of different types of equipment, such as easy-ups, that they offered for us to use at any time.
6. New Business:
- A. Potential Senior Scholarship – will put on back burner for now, bring up for discussion again in the winter. Would possibly also create some type of acknowledgement at Senior Award Night for students that have lettered in fine arts all 4 years of high school.
  - B. Should we reconsider the date to sell Seroogy's bars?
    - Kelly will check with the 8<sup>th</sup> graders to see when they will be selling Seroogy's for their New York trip. We want to sell the opposite season as they sell.
    - Deadline to order is October 31.
    - If we start selling too early in the year, is the weather and temperatures a concern for transportation from DePere?
  - C. Seth made a proposal to get Elli her own debit card since she does all the Sam's club concessions purchases. Discussions were had to amend the bylaws to include verbiage to include a debit card for a position of a possible position of a concessions chairperson. This will be readdressed at a future meeting.
  - D. At the next meeting, we should discuss meals for State Marching Band Competition.
7. Schedule next meeting –  
Wednesday September 13, 6:30 PM, location at Les and Jim's Lincoln Lanes
8. Faye motioned to adjourn the meeting, meeting adjourned at 7:50PM