

October 22, 2013 Upbeat Club Notes

President Sue Tanner called to order at 8:00pm.

Secretary read minutes. Leslie moved to accept minutes as read; John seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report:

- Monica shared the budget for the year. See attachment to minutes. Status as of end of September showed we are at \$150,000 ahead. Made final payments to gateway for all the trips – total bill of \$130,000. As of 10/21, we are at a slight loss year to date of \$2800. Final payments are due for Macy's October 30. Final amount still to be collected. Final payments MUST be cleared by November 15. Small minor amount still due on followers packages. Collected \$52,000 to cover cost of Marching Band Camp; remainder of \$550 went to district. At this point, we are ahead of our budget for Marching Band and believe we will be able to cover the remainder. Group that ran MB camp did a great job.
- At this point, \$29,768 total for Tag Day. Still have a couple Tag Day envelopes coming in every week.
- Mattress sale earned \$4700 for upbeat club; remainder of over 6000 went directly to kids to pay for their trip.
- Kroger has earned \$5400 year to date in 2 payments. This continues to be the easiest fundraiser we do.
- True cost of Macy's trip is above \$955/student; this is why we are at an \$18,000 deficit for this year. This will be offset by fundraising from previous year. Upbeat Club expects to cover \$30,000 of the trip. It was requested that we communicate this on the website to the parents or in the weekly e-mail. Requested that this be shared with the kids as we pass out tickets. Every trip was subsidized by at least \$75/trip.
- Agreed that we would put a small burb in the Uno's paragraph on why we need parent volunteers and their students and how this is helping their kids.
- Jill moved we approve the budget as presented. Dawn seconded and Dave Bubash 3rdd. Motion carried.

Director's Report:

- Had a great freshman concert and great concert last week.
- Marching band rolling along with more grand champions all the time.
- In New York in 5 weeks.
- Jim Swearingen spent \$200 in gas money to visit from Capital. Monica will pay this directly to Jim. This is not covered by the district. Will need to include this in budget in the future.
- Senior night is this coming Friday night. We have 94 seniors graduating. Dave ordered flowers. We would need an hour long half time to have everyone walk across. Senior wind players will not have shakos and guard members will have crowns. We got booted off the field for Thursday night because Lakota is using our field for regional soccer fields, as we were on Monday. This Thursday we will be 5-7pm; next Monday we will be 5-7pm; next Thursday we will be 3-5pm.
- Will need to reevaluate what the plan is for rehearsals next year.
- For East-West game, kids will report to East freshman with uniforms,
- Team is in the playoffs no matter what. 1st home game will be at West on 11/9; then if they win, next game is 11/16. Dawn will need bus chaperones.
- Had an awesome meeting in New York; learned a lot. Don't know if we are 3rd or 4th band but we are in first 3rd of the parade. In case of inclement weather, we need clear plastic rain ponchos. We would be required to wear from start of parade until 36th street, then take off. Uniform company is going to let us have ponchos; we can return them if we don't use them and only pay shipping cost. If we use them, it will cost \$5.75/student for the ponchos. There is not money in the school MB budget.
- Thanks to Malinda and Dave for all the work they are doing for the Macy's trip.
- Need to figure out how we are going to cover the cost of the ponchos.

Freshman Director Report:

- Phil had an awesome concert tonight.
- The school medication permit, dress code, and one other form are on the stage.
- Tickets for chaperones are around 60th street. Band ends at 34th street. Chaperones will be about 30 blocks away from wear band is. Working on a couple different options – maybe have chaperones down around 40th

street and Kelly has a couple of options on how to make that work. Guard will wear underarmor and thick tights, sweater and ear muffs so don't have to wear warm-ups.

Uno's Doughraiser:

- Volunteer signup is posted; Uno's has asked individuals to 6 hours shifts to minimize their training. We will be making 60% on the \$15 tickets.
- Mariam requesting people famous in the community to be a bar tender. Popular teachers, superintendent. Please let her know if you can get one of these individuals to volunteer.
- Entertainment will include: Drumline outside 12-2pm; Marching Band Leadership Team 5-6pm playing in the stands tunes; Jazz Combo inside 11:30am-1:30pm; Symphonic Winds Chamber groups inside rest of day. Balloon Art and face painting.
- Mariam will have flyers posted on website and attached to the e-mail going out. Feel free to share.
- We will need parents to volunteer to put 50 yard signs out.

Pit Crew: Pit crew needs parents to help so senior pit crew parents can watch the final show at state.

President's Reports:

- Sue voiced a concern that Upbeat should not provide poncho money and the directors should use money from the equipment/props budget line. She is not willing to pay for it until she confirms that there is nothing left on the district side of the MB Budget. (\$365 fee/student + the \$55M or so the district gave to the band). Sue will pull the cost reports.
- A lengthy discussion ensued regarding whether we should pay for ponchos or not and how we work within the new guidelines regarding booster groups. We ended the meeting with the issue unresolved.

Monica motioned to adjourn; motion was seconded. Motion passed.