



Munster Band Backer Meeting Minutes

September 15, 2019

Attendees: Stacie Trivunovic, Becky McKeever, Anna Sklar, Bret Winternheimer, Linda Michalski, Amy Dennis, Eloisa Vazquez, Tamara O'Shaughnessy, Brian Pirok, John & Deb Banaszak, Stephanie Corral, Jen Segvich, Alice Cannon, Mark & Lisa Boyle, Nicole Hofferth, Tricia Ohnstad, Daniela Ilijevski, Jeanette Babus, Branka Manojlovic, Dina Barron, Araceli Valadez, Diane Maul, Marie Gambetta, Pedro & Eva Porras, Daniel Borrelly, Julie Witten

Handouts: Minutes from August 14 meeting, agenda, treasurer's report

Approval of August 14 meeting minutes: move to approve- Stephanie C, second- Jen S.

Treasurer Report:

Balance as of 8/14/19= \$28,340.46.

Deposits and Credits= \$10,584.59 (mostly donations and band/uniform fees collected, also \$460 from fundraisers)

Cleared and Uncleared Debits= \$12,218.23 (mostly props, uniforms, and staff stipend payments and contest entry fees)

FRIP sales have increased (\$62.40 this month).

Generous donations from several families were made (total of \$2500)- THANK YOU!!

Ending balance as of 9/25/19=\$ 26,706.82

Holding aside \$1000 in anticipation of costs associated with Munster's Got Talent show.

Charms accounts credits (allocated to individual students)= \$4142.33

Donations allocated for trailer/tubas= \$11,400.

Cash flow currently available for spending= \$10,164.49

Approval of treasurer report: first- Stephanie C., second- Dina B.

President's Report:

State competition will be an overnight trip this year. Will also try to get a block of rooms for parents at same hotel for group rate. Info to come soon...

Cash raffle: planned for springtime, sell tickets at Pasta Pizzazz and ISSMA competition, and have drawing live at Spring Concert.

Butter Braids: selling 10 braids will cover the cost of the new jacket. Online orders are also accepted. Braids are popular- can be frozen and used for holidays.

"New" trailer: Donated to the band by A-Line. Life expectancy of 5y. Working on getting decals for the outside of the trailer.

Photos/videos: there is a Band/Guard photo album on Google- <https://photos.app.goo.gl/weQpkyNgyPboacgn9>

Please upload any photos or videos of the band/guard/parent helpers/fundraisers, etc... to this site, not only to share with other band families, but also to be possibly included in the video montage at the band banquet in May. Please only upload material that is appropriate for kids and adults to view. If you do not want to upload to google but would like to submit material to be included in the montage, email it to Anna Sklar.

VP Report:

Always need help with loading and unloading the truck before and after competitions. The more help we have, the faster it gets done and is a great help to those who have been travelling with the band and moving equipment all day. Please consider coming to the school to help load and unload.

Sign up online to be a bus chaperone- link to the signup sheet is on the band backer website.

Director's Report: nothing to report.

Committee Reports:

We are in the process of updating the committee list, planning to add the updated list to the Band Backers website and include current chairpeople and their contact information.

Tailgate committee (Stacie T.): doing burgers, dogs and walking tacos. Please spread the word to everyone you know- need to get a lot of people to come to this event, even if they are not going to the football game.

Munster's Got Talent: Sponsorship committee (Dejan Ilijevski) working on getting sponsors/donors for the program book. Anna S. working with Theater to coordinate exhibitor sponsors at the venue and plan food/concessions, etc. Linda B. working on ticket sales and auditions with Mr. W.

Holiday Craft Fair Concessions: December 7-8. Will need lots of volunteers to help because we are running two concession stands at the fair. Look for sign-ups coming soon.

Band Fest: new for this year- more of a fair-like event, with food trucks, face painting, kids' activities and the band will perform their show. Cover charge to get in, food purchases are separate. Food vendors donating 20% of proceeds back to band.

Uniforms: Nothing to report

Dining Nights: Oct 2 at Texas Roadhouse- 10% of proceeds go to band.

Water/Ice: asking all families to donate a case of water to be used for band/prop/pit crew during competitions. Please donate Pepsi products, because any leftover water can then be used at the concessions sales during the winter/spring.

FRIP/SCRIP: If you are interested in starting your own account, Register with Catherine Olsen. Check out the details of the program on shopwithscrip.com. Basically, when you shop using SCRIP, a portion of the money you spend goes toward your CHARMS account and can be used to pay for band fees.

Publicity/Marketing: We are hoping to start a committee of several people, hopefully with some marketing or publicity experience, to handle the advertising of our events to the community at large. This committee would work with all other event committees to ensure that we reach the widest audience for our events, hopefully resulting in increased attendance by community members and increased revenue/support. Work may include: newspaper ads, designing and distributing event posters to post throughout the community, maximizing use of social media, reaching out to middle school and elementary schools, etc.. Any interested parties are strongly encouraged to contact Stacie or Anna to get involved.

New Business/Discussion:

- Dina Barron suggested pursuing banner advertisements for town light posts; banners each showcase a student from the high school (band, sport, theater, etc) and are sponsored by local businesses. She will look into it.
- Daniela I. asked if there are any developments in the plan to install trophy cases in the auditorium lobby to showcase all of the music programs awards/accolades. Suggestion was made that booster club should be approached to help cover the cost. Becky M. to follow up with Mr. Wells.
- Several people also asked about the signs on the football field fence highlighting school teams/group awards. There are no band signs on that fence, we need to follow up on that and find out what needs to be done to get signs up there to recognize Band and Winter Percussion state finishes.
- Uniform crew noted that several lights in the uniform room are out and need fixing
- Reminder to all that parents should try to sit together in the stands at competitions. This helps make us visible to the band and makes our cheering louder!

Adjournment: move to adjourn- Dina B., second- Jeanette B.

Minutes approved on 10/23/19 at General Band Backer Monthly meeting. Signed, Anna Sklar, Band Backers Secretary