

# McNeil Band Boosters

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## EXECUTIVE MEETING MINUTES

*DATE: Tuesday, November 13, 2018*

*Call to Order: 6:01 p.m. Adjournment: 7:29 p.m.*

*Next Meeting: December 11, 2018*

*Present: Debbie Spell, Karissa Davis, Jennifer Macaulay, Christy Jennings, Josh Munoz, Lana Harris, Heidi Pickerill, Velma Metz, Susan Scoggins, Ann Sommer, Kryn Contello, Kim Younger, Sivaram Manda*

**WELCOME:** Meeting was called to order by Debbie Spell.

1. **SECRETARY:** Minutes from the October meeting were approved.
2. **TREASURER'S REPORT:**
  - a. Susan reports finances look good. Band had budgeted \$27,500 for fundraising and due to the crowdfunding, already made \$47,332.72. Website had a \$50 budget which was exceeded at \$662.88. Advertising budget was \$200 and we have spent \$508. Susan has checked a few banks in hopes that we can move the Band Booster account due to excessive fees we continue to incur with current bank. With new treasurer to start soon, now is a good time to make the switch.
3. **BAND DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**
  - a. Josh Munoz reported Region Orchestra auditions were last weekend and yesterday. 5 kids made Region Orchestra, qualifying for area. McNeil had 6 of top 12 in the clarinet section. Directors have already started working on next year's marching show and hired a Program Designer. They will meet again on November 30<sup>th</sup>. Winter concert is scheduled for 7 pm on December 12<sup>th</sup>. Each band will play 2 pieces. Mattress Sale will take place on March 9<sup>th</sup>. Josh asked for thoughts and input on moving Everything Day for all band members to May.
4. **OLD BUSINESS:**

- a. VP Fundraising/Strategic Planning:** Lana reports the Pancake Breakfast will be on March 2<sup>nd</sup> and the facility has been reserved. Julie Do is helping with “Thank You’s” to last years sponsors, but Lana would like a committee to assist with other needs. She has ordered coupon books for the students to sell and kids will be able to pay off a portion of their band trip by selling the books or their earnings can go to their Everything Day expenses for next year. Books are \$25 and kids get \$10/book sold. \$5000 was originally budgeted for the band from coupon books, but will no longer benefit the band. Coupon book sales are not being run through the Band Boosters and the Boosters will not benefit from any book sales. Lana will attempt to organize a spirit night at Phil’s Icehouse in January.
- b. VP Concessions:** Velma Metz reports McNeil stand has been cleaned and she made a return of excess supplies to Sam’s Club. Money from return was given to Susan Scoggins. Extra sodas will be used for Bandcoming. Concessions did not make as much as originally budgeted this year due to games changing location at the last minute, construction at McNeil stand at the beginning of the season and the rainy weather.
- c. BCOB report:** Jennifer Macaulay said the Assistant Director of Fine Arts for RRISD came to the last BCOB meeting. He was asked what the district’s view and/or expectation was on concessions. He reported concessions are not mandatory and there is no contract with BCOB. Other programs continue to express an interest in running concessions so the district plans to try harder to communicate how BCOB works. Assistant Director of Fine Arts (ADFA) would also like to have a Band Booster President & Treasurer council. ADFA also reported that the district currently pays into Medicare for Chris McCarthy, but next year that will change and they will no longer cover it. Concessions for playoff games begin Friday night. Jenn mentioned speaking with the Levi’s, who have been Varsity stand managers for the last 4 years, about staffing. They agree that smaller numbers of volunteers at sub-Varsity games might make it easier to get more volunteers at Varsity games which have

been hard to staff in the past. Jenn will also obtain feedback from stand managers about staffing and look into changing volunteer time slots for Varsity games.

- d. Colorguard Liaison:** Heidi Pickerill reports Winterguard tryouts were last week. There are 16 members on the Varsity team and 15-16 on the JV team. Chris would like the JV team to be more competitive this year. The Varsity design camp was last weekend and members spent 20+ hours at camp. They will be having Everything Day soon to collect Winterguard fees. They had a t-shirt fundraiser last month, will host a garage sale again in February and will also have their Gala again this year.
- e. Middle School Liaisons:** Roxanne Pena was not in attendance to provide a Deerpark MS Band update. Kryn Contello said Pearson Ranch MS will have their band concert on December 5<sup>th</sup> and she is asking if she can sell HEB cards at the concert. They have also started a "Band Buddy" program to pair an older student with a 6<sup>th</sup> grader so they can meet and practice. They began a Band Council for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students as well. Kim Younger reports Cedar Valley MS will have an Advanced Band concert on November 27<sup>th</sup> and a Beginner Band concert on December 8<sup>th</sup>.

**5. NEW BUSINESS:**

**a. Appointing new Treasurer-Siv Manda**

Lana Harris made a motion to approve Siv Manda as Treasurer to replace Susan Scoggins. Susan Scoggins seconded the motion. All in favor, motion was approved.

**MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 7:29 P.M.**

**Minutes Approved Date: 11-23-18**

**Motion: Jennifer Macaulay**

**Second: Christy Jennings**