

## McNeil Band Boosters

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### Executive Board and Leadership Meeting Minutes

*DATE: Tuesday, March 10, 2020*

*Call to order: 6:42 pm Adjournment: 8:03 pm*

*Next Meeting: April 13, 2020*

*Present: Velma Metz, Jason Dimiceli, Jennifer Dimiceli, Joshua Munoz, Michael Champagne, Laura Ellason, Wayne Contello, Kryn Contello, Lana Harris, Kim Younger, Amy Vaughn, Scott Duff, Michele Burton, Deidre Brown, Jennifer Macaulay, Olaf Roepke, Benjamin Overby, Kcathy Overby, Shizuka Le, Sarah Carriker, John Higgins*

**WELCOME:** Meeting was called to order by Lana Harris at 6:42 pm

#### **SECRETARY REPORT:**

No changes to February meeting minutes. Motion to approve by Kryn Contello. Laura Ellason seconded. Motion approved.

#### **TREASURER'S REPORT (Siv):**

Reconciling February bank statement and going over Winter Guard Everything Day payments. 1099 completed for the techs. State taxes are complete.

#### **BAND DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

Guest clinician coming on Thursday.  
Leadership applications are beginning.  
Drumline audition packets went out.  
Bands are continuing to get ready for UIL.

#### **FUNDRAISING REPORT (Amy):**

- Mulch Sale: Overall it went well. We could have used more students in the morning. Will have either a meeting or a google form to collect feedback.
- Pancake breakfast (Ben): We have five sponsors so far. We have the tickets and middle and high school letters.

#### **LIAISONS REPORTS:**

##### **Laura Ellason (Deerpark):**

Pre-UIL tomorrow

Solo contest this past Saturday went well

**Kim Younger (Cedar Valley):**

Pre-UIL tomorrow

**Kryn Contello (Pearson Ranch):**

UIL went well

Solo contest April 18

**Michele Burton and Ginny Lucich (Guard):**

- JV completed their season.
- Gala is coming up: March 26th. Jason is making pasta sauce and pasta and breadsticks donated. Working on getting tickets and setting prices. Suggestion to make it more clear that it's open for everyone because some parents have said they didn't know it was open for everyone. Rename it to make that a little more clear? Guard showcase and dinner?
- Started March madness fundraiser. Each student can sell days of the month. Donor pays the amount that is that day of the month. Varsity has three more contests upcoming: Denton; TCGC championship and Dayton. Waiting to see how coronavirus might affect Dayton or other things.

**OLD BUSINESS**

- Financial aid guidelines: emailed out. Would be for the upcoming year. Motion made by Velma Metz, seconded by Kim Younger. Motion approved.
- Nominating committee: Stacy Grizzle, Kcathy Overby, Velma Metz, Lana Harris. Can have one more. Major spots needing filled are concessions.
- Next year's budget: Handout. Revenue estimated based on historical data. Net revenue negative \$25,000. Budget committee will have to discuss and plan for.

Wanting to compete in BOA Austin and still host. Jason has told BOA we'd have to be in the first block, which is the only way it might work since concessions are slowest at that time. But we would still need parking and other volunteers. We could cut back on morning volunteers. If we just don't get enough volunteers, he'll have to pull out and we lose the \$800 fee. But it's still a lot less than paying to go to McAllen. Open up volunteer shifts to groups such as NHS, etc. There are a lot of student organizations that require service hours. Get the word out early.

- Volunteering and fundraising: Lana feels we've had a steady amount of volunteers. What she's heard in talking to Leadership is that the general demands on time and finances have become more than what people are willing to step up for. People are getting burnt out and overwhelmed. She didn't include the mulch fundraiser on this new

budget. She feels that we can only do one big fundraiser in spring: Mulch or pancake breakfast. Will maybe send a survey out to get feedback from parents.

Wayne's research shows there's a large number of parents who didn't volunteer one hour and there are a small number of people who account for the majority of volunteer hours.

Jason's vision of fundraising doesn't look like what this year has been. We need an increase in business sponsors and a couple of large fundraising events. He did cut expenses by around \$55,000 for next year from what's on this current revised budget. (NOTE: Amount updated at April meeting).

Josh: We need to reach out to more people, in a personal way. Kryn said we can continue with the band buddy program we started this year. Ben suggested people can call their buddy to say you're volunteering and ask if they'd like to volunteer with you.

Laura: Email is not the best way to reach people. Emails can become overwhelming. We need to brainstorm how we can reach people. People want to volunteer with friends and have fun. Get to know incoming freshman parents at the end of this school year. Sarah suggested to maybe have some social events that don't involve volunteering. Deidre suggested having photos and videos and turn it into something showing people having fun volunteering.

It's finding the parents who would be great at certain jobs, like getting corporate sponsorships and ask them personally. Focus on finding people outside of the same group that's been doing everything.

- Budget committee: No limit on who can attend these meetings.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- Reallocation of funds: Jason thinks the colorguard trips will be over what was in the revised budget. He's going to zero out some items and should make up the difference. We also do have a misc expenses line item. Vote to approve overspending now and will figure out later where it's coming from. Motion to allow expenses to go over budget for Colorguard competition trips by \$50 for now. Velma Metz made first motion and Laura Ellason seconded. Motion approved. We will have to take another vote when Chris gets invoices for trucks and Jason's been covering buses with his campus budget but would like to get some of that back so that he doesn't run out.

**MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 8:03pm**

**Minutes Approved Date:** \_\_\_\_\_ **April 14, 2020** \_\_\_\_\_

**Motion:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Amy Vaughn**      **Second:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Velma Metz**

