**Monarch Band Boosters Meeting Minutes**

January 17, 2019 7:00pm Regular Meeting

Crystal Springs Brewery, CTC, 657 S Taylor Ave

**Attendance:** Andrea Haight, Allison Hepworth, Ben Hepworth, Tim Johnson, Nicole Leonard, Andy Meseck, Rachel Nussbaum, Rikki Nye, Chuck Stephen, Brenda Weissmann

**Prior Business:**

**-*Minutes Approved from December Meeting –*** The December 5th Meeting Minutes were approved – Rachel Nussbaum motioned, Andrea Haight seconded.

**-*Review Key Action Items***

***–*** *New Company for Trailer Logos* - Andy will go with a different company, as he has not received any response from Summit Graphics. Chuck Stephen has a contact and will find out if he is able to create something large enough for the trailer.

**Executive Reports:**

***President –*** Andy wants to have a Vice President nominated in March. He will have a meeting with group leaders by April - we are all staffed except for the VP position, which needs to be a non-graduating family.

***Treasurer –*** Andrea reported that all ensembles are solvent. The Winter Guard account does not reflect the tarp and silks yet. MIP made @ $2,000.00 at the Pancake Breakfast. Mr. Stephen would like to move $2,000.00 from Booster Discretionary to Equipment/Trailer for maintenance expenses.

***Communications Director –*** Rachel is working on the SignUpGenius for the Winter Guard Festival and we will advertise this when ready. Rachel would also like to share a video of a guard practice performance on the "Class of" Facebook pages - including the incoming Freshman page.

***Director –*** Mr. Stephen attended the Midwest Conference with 18,000 band directors and heard some incredible bands. He would like to focus on increasing musicianship by bringing in clinicians for Wind Ensemble and Symphonic Band, and will offer this to the Jazz program as well. He has had clinicians come in for brass, and will do this for woodwinds and percussion. It will cost between $10,000.00 and $15,000.00 to do this, but will raise the overall musicianship of the band program. Money raised from future fundraisers will go toward instrument maintenance.

**Fundraiser Chair Reports:**

***Scrip –*** We will continue to focus our energies on the grocery cards.

***Tag Day –*** Tim and Andy will meet to begin planning. Mr. Stephen would like to add a Virtual Tag Day - Andrea will create a link through Colorado Gives.

***Peach Sale –*** Andy will check in with the Coordinators to make sure that they will tracking everything that Andrea will need for reporting and accounting. We will be advertising the sale at the Kick-off event. Rikki Nye suggested that we hand out flyers at the 4th of July parade in Superior, and possibly get permission from Stauffer to put in their Rock Creek distribution. Allison Hepworth also has a contact who distributes a newspaper in Superior that we can include announcements about upcoming events and fundraisers - 2 months prior.

**Current Ensembles and Representatives Reports:**

***Concert Band –*** Rikki Nye – There is no charge for the upcoming concerts with the Middle Schools, but we will ask for donations.

***Jazz Band –*** Janine Frank – The Swing Dance is February 8th at Monarch K-8. The Mile High Jazz Fest is February 14th.

***Indoor Percussion –*** Ben and Allison Hepworth – The Pancake Breakfast made over $2,000.00. The ticket sales will go through the Elks first. Colin has the cash and checks, and Elaine has the donation money. MIP Evaluation is February 2nd. Mr. Stephen will get the MIP dates on the calendar.

***Color Guard/Winter Guard –*** Rachel Nussbaum – Rachel will set up a meeting with the festival leads via an internal email. There are currently 28 guard members. They are currently staging off the tarp because the guard is so large. There is not a specific date that the practice space will be slated for demolition, but likely sometime in March. There are currently 29 guards signed up for the festival at Monarch. The guard is not going to Evaluation. The Monarch Boosters want the guard to perform at a girls basketball game.

***Marching Band –*** Libby Locker

***Marching Festival –*** Paul Weissmann – The Festival will be held on September 21st.

**New Business – Updates and Discussion:**

***Announcements*** – Pomona is no longer running their Festival. Lakewood and D'Evelyn are running the Big Cat Invitational which will be at the same location, a week later in the season. CSU will be considered for State, but this venue will likely not be viable - other options will be considered as well.

***Impact of New Bell Schedule for Fall Season*** – Mr. Stephen will have to fight for field time, but he is confident it will work out. He has scheduled a meeting with the other coaches to begin this discussion.

***Fall Schedule*** – Mr. Stephen has posted the fall schedule except for the Kick-off Meeting. This may possibly be scheduled for May 11th, with the parents having a gathering later in the evening. We are considering having a Volunteer Appreciation party in mid-April.

***Charms Plan Moving Forward*** – Andrea reported that we are paid for 3 years, so we will continue using Charms for the 2 years remaining.

Next meeting will be held February 13th at 7:00p.m. at Crystal Springs Brewery, Tech Center.

Rachel Nussbaum made a motion to adjourn, Rikki Nye seconded, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:59pm.