**Monarch Band Boosters Meeting Minutes**

February 12, 2020 7:00pm Regular Meeting

Crystal Springs Brewery, 657 S Taylor Ave, Louisville, CO

**Attendance:** Marc Gussenbauer, Michelle Gussenbauer, Andrea Haight, Chuck Haight, Cecile Hannay, Kellen Hatch, Tim Johnson, Arik Klingensmith, Liz Klingensmith, Libby Locker, Andy Meseck, Rachel Nussbaum, Chuck Stephen, Brenda Weissmann, Paul Weissmann

**Prior Business:**

**-*Minutes Approved from January Meeting –*** The January 8th Meeting Minutes were approved – Tim Johnson motioned, Andrea Haight seconded.

**-*Review Key Action Items***

***–*** *MIP Monarch Competition Planning –* Highlands Ranch had to back out of hosting the MIP Competition on February 15th, so RMPA asked Monarch to host the event with two weeks’ notice. There will be 22 performances including the Blue Knights, Monarch will not be performing. People have been signing up to volunteer, but Paul may have to move people around to cover open shifts. RMPA supplies some of the equipment and signage. It will be our responsibility to cover the $1,600 fee for the four judges, but we will receive ticketing and concessions revenue. If successful, Monarch may be eligible to host an annual event. The box trucks and buses will park in J lot, semis and spectators in the main lot. If the track is plowed, pit can warm up there and the battery can use the tennis courts. Paul has the wrist bands and concessions for both the MIP event and upcoming Winter Guard Festival.

***–*** *Recommendations/Nominations for Open Positions –* Andy will accept nominations in March to be presented for election at the April meeting with priority focused on filling the Board positions – President, Vice President, Communications Director and Marching Band Parent Representative.Other important positions to fill are the Food Committee Coordinator and Fundraising/Sponsorship Chair. It is also a priority to have a Logistics Coordinator in place before May.

**Executive Reports:**

***President –*** Andy has fixed the email bug that was discovered in Charms that had occurred during the switch to the new version. He will chair two more meetings before his term is completed. Andy has set up a Google drive for Board members to store all relevant documents. Paul requested access to store the Festival information. Andrea has a separate drive for Treasurer files that do not require general access.

***Vice President –***

***Treasurer –*** The travel company has been paid for the Disney trip. Other expenses include the rental truck and related travel expenses. This account will be zeroed out at the end of the trip. There is still $2,200 remaining in outstanding fees. Any student with unpaid fees at the beginning of March will not be allowed to go on the trip. Mr. Stephen would like to keep three-quarters of discretionary funds available for operating expenses.

***Communications Director –***

***Marching Band –*** Libby will remind students to wash their uniforms at the Disney meeting and will hand out washing instructions at that time. Section Leaders will be responsible for reminding section members to wash and return the uniforms before the trip.

***Director –*** Mr. Stephen would like to set up a meeting with 8th graders and their parents before the May kick-off event. The group discussed disseminating information via links or a mentorship program, but it was determined that most of the information is outlined in the updated Parent Handbook and efforts have been made to make sure it contains all relevant information for incoming parents. Experienced band parents can be available at the 8th grade meeting to answer questions concerning time management and homework, etc. Facebook can also be used as a forum for new parents to reach out with questions. Mr. Stephen will work on setting up a date for the meeting after spring break. Mr. Stephen asked for two parents to be available to help serve pizza to the students at the combined concert at Fairview on the 25th at 4:45.

**Fundraiser Chair Reports:**

***Scrip –*** Andrea received a check from King Soopers for $640.

***Tag Day –*** Tim and Andy will meet with Cecile to hand over the information. Cecile would like to have the volunteer driver procedures clarified before the summer, so parents have enough time to complete the process. Tim will present this information at the 8th grade meeting.

***Peach Sale –***

**Current Ensemble and Representative Reports:**

***Concert Band –*** The combined concert with Fairview and Centaurus will be held at Fairview on February 25th.

***Jazz Band –*** The Jazz bands played to a full house at Nissi’s and sounded great. Jazz I had previously performed live on KUVO Public Radio.

***Indoor Percussion –*** Gussenbauers – Michelle reminded the group that MIP is using the band bibs as part of their uniforms and has to perform at Regionals the Saturday after Disney. Paul will have the truck back in time for the students to get their uniforms and have the bibs ready.

***Color Guard/Winter Guard –*** Rachel Nussbaum - Rachel provided an update on the Winter Guard Festival. The Festival will be nearly as big as Regionals with 36 guards attending. Some volunteers are still needed. RMCA is currently understaffed, so Dan McCormick has volunteered to be the announcer. The guard will perform in a Friends & Family show in Loveland the night before the Festival. The guard coach, Katie, would like to set up an Amazon Smile wishlist for basic supplies such as tape and would also like to have a Facebook fundraiser for the purchase of parade uniforms, practice silks and equipment. Tim suggested that they advertise through Facebook, but have payment go through CO Gives as their fees are lower at 1.3%. Katie asked if the Boosters could contribute to taking the guard out to dinner after the State performance, but it was suggested that she have parents contribute instead.

***Marching Band –*** Libby Locker

***Marching Festival –*** Paul Weissmann – Paul has lined up the videographer and Brian for instrument repair. The Marching Festival will be held October 17th.

**New Business - Updates and Discussion:**

- *General Boosters –* The Boosters are accepting baskets for the upcoming Booster Bash from any club or organization – we could include one if parents are willing to donate, not businesses. The Booster Bash will be held on March 6th at the Omni Hotel. Tickets are $60 or $70 at the event.

- *Announcements:*

-Paul has found good quality common key locks for @ $200.

-Arik is looking for the chair cart – there are 30 loose chairs on the truck right now. Mr. Stephen will look for the cart at the MIP event on Saturday.

-Chuck H. will get info to Mark Spangler regarding the inspection of the trailer tires. They do not need to be replaced at this time.

**\***Tim Johnsonmade a motion to approve $250 for the purchase of common key locks with 10-12 keys, Andrea Haight seconded, and the motion was unanimously approved.

Libby Locker made a motion to adjourn, Tim Johnson seconded, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:04pm.