

**Mountain View Music and Arts
Boosters Meeting, May 7, 2012 7:00 pm – MVHS Choir Room**

Attendees: Krista Sorensen, Julie Ahlquist, Jennifer Hanna, Phil Forman, Claire Reed, Pete Toews, Terese Klug, Mark Gibson, Penny Kidd, John Kampf, and Janet Axline.

MINUTES

John called the meeting to order.

Minutes

The April minutes were approved at the Board meeting and are posted on the website.

Treasurer's Report

The April report was accepted at the Board meeting and is posted on the website.

Band - Peter Toews reported.

Symphonic Band had a great showing at the CBA State Concert Band Festival.

MVHS hosted the CBA Middle School Concert Band Festival on April 19th. Pete hopes to see greater participation in the future.

The Jazz Ensemble's performance at the UNC Jazz Festival was tremendous; they had the best clinic ever.

The Spring Arts Gala will be held on May 19th. The Art Show starts at 3:30, Vocal Performances begin at 4:00, and the Instrumental Concert begins at 7:00.

Irena Huang and Kate Stager were chosen as the Drum Majors for next year's Marching Band.

Marching Band mini-camp is set for June 4th and 5th. Regular band camp begins on August 13th.

Graduation band is next year's Symphonic Band.

Pete is trying to figure out what to do about a percussion instructor for fall. He is unsure as of now.

Dance Team is now officially attached to Marching Band. Auditions took place in March.

Orchestra – Peter Toews reported.

Students are busy preparing for the Spring Arts Gala.

Choir – Phil Forman reported.

Dr. Jill Burlison, Assistant Professor of Music and Associate Director of Chorale Studies at UNC, worked with the Madrigals during classes. She was really, really impressed with their knowledge and abilities.

CHSAA State Competition for Encore! was April 26th. They scored twenty-five points higher than they did last year, and only ten points away from the top performances. Twelve students have added the class since the March performance and the competition.

Choirs are busy preparing for the Gala. Phil doesn't have plans for the vocal retreat yet; he might try something new.

Tammy Johnson (not Ellis as I may have typed in previous minutes), an award-winning choreographer with Broadway ties and Loveland connections, will be hired on next year. She will choreograph all four Show Choir performances, the competition piece, the dance recital and the musical.

Theatre – Phil Forman reported.

Student-directed, student-run, *Steel Magnolias* showed this past weekend. This production served as a final project for students in the Musical Theatre class, so they did everything (budget, marketing, costumes, props, etc.). They had to break even to obtain an A grade. Phil doesn't know the results yet.

All shows are approved for next year:

A Christmas Carol will show in December. Flying by Foy will be coming to help students "fly" once again!

The spring musical will be *Side Show: The Musical*. Phil is envisioning this to be a major, all-school show. For example, there will be a History Walk in the Library, Anne McManus will be in charge of the posters, he wants to host a real carnival in the parking lot as a fundraiser with student-run booths, actors/actresses will be required to "be" their character for two weeks to learn how it felt to be "freaks," and so forth. Mountain View is only the fifth school to take on this challenging play.

Tammie Johnson will host a Tap Boot Camp on June 19-22, from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. for anyone auditioning for *Side Show*. Camp cost is \$15 per student. A second Tap Boot Camp will take place on August 8-11.

All of the audition materials are on the website.

The third show for next year will be a dance recital, which has never been done at Mountain View before.

Visual Arts

No report.

LISA

No report.

Fundraising

Julie asked if there will be a trip next year. A decision has not been made yet. Discussion about a possible trip will take place in June.

Old Business

None.

New Business

Pete and Phil discussed a policy being enforced by Patricia Davis, the new person in charge of District Facilities, which has never been enforced in the past. Anything that takes place at the school on a weekend will be done at the expense of the hosting department. Meaning that, for example, since the Gala takes place on a Saturday, Pete and Phil will be charged the salary of up to three custodians. Cindy Wiley told Pete that she will cover the cost of this year's Gala with monies from the LISA budget.

However, next year the Gala probably will have to be split into three evening, week-day shows to avoid the weekend costs.

Cindy also wants to help pay down other department costs (such as unpaid student fees) since, as of now, the department is about \$1,000 over-budget. Marynell took all funds from the cleaning, instructional, and activity accounts to help pay down a large transportation deficit, and there is still about \$1,000 left to pay. Since she used all of the funds to pay down transportation, there is no money to pay for tuxedo cleaning. Pete asked if MVMA could pay for the cleaning; John said we would. Krista said the tux pants are actually machine-washable. Since she is washing the pants, the cost for cleaning should be considerably less expensive.

Going back to the now-enforced weekend charges, Phil stated that this affects him quite a bit because he builds on Saturdays, and his shows are on Saturdays.

Next year's potluck will take place on September 6th.

Closing

The next meeting will be held on June 4th, at 7:00 p.m. in the Choir Room. The July meeting will take place on the second Monday, which is July 9th, instead of the first Monday, and then the August meeting will go back to the first Monday which is August 6th.

Terese to adjourn, Julie seconded; meeting adjourned.

Minutes taken by Janet Axline; submitted on 05/10/12.