

Mountain View Music and Arts
Board/Booster Meeting, September 10, 2012 6:00 pm – MVHS Choir Room

Attendees: Gordon McQueen, Lica Baldus, Mark Gibson, Janet Axline, Claire Reed, Terese Klug, Lesa Ramirez, Julie Ahlquist, Sharon Morgen-Frakes, Peter Toews, Phil Forman, DeLee Johnson, Jeff Johnson, Brooke Butcher, Elvira Salazar, and Nathan Wilkinson.

Absent: (from Board) Brooke Andersen, Jenny Likes, Jennifer Hanna, and Larissa Gibson.

MINUTES

Gordon called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

Janet moved to accept the August financial reports, Lisa seconded; motion passed.

Terese moved to accept the August minutes, Lisa seconded; motion passed.

Over the past several months, there has been ongoing dialogue regarding the tailgate at football games, and whether MVMA should help to run it. Pete spoke with Bart Mayes to verify the history and intended function of the tailgate, and then reported their conversation to the Board:

Tailgate was started by Student Council to encourage community within the school. At some point, the Football Boosters took over. MVMA began to pay \$2 per band member to the Football Boosters to feed the band. This money, however, is part of camp fees paid by the students, so it is not MVMA money.

Although the band is fed at the tailgate, the tailgate never existed solely to feed the band.

Given that information, and after much discussion by the Board, Lisa made the following motion: The tailgate will remain status quo. Band members will continue to pay \$2 per student via camp fees to the Football Boosters for food at the tailgate, and although volunteering for the tailgate will not be required for MVMA members, members will encourage MVMA support of the tailgate through time and donation of potlucks. The Football Boosters will remain ultimately responsible for advertising, staffing, and operating the tailgate, and they will keep any profits made. Lesa Ramirez seconded the motion; motion passed.

Phil shared samples of program shells with the Board. At the August meeting, the Board decided to sell advertising for the shells to place programs in, and make this the main fundraiser for the year. Julie explained that Dayle Gilbert is driving the fundraiser, but she needs guidance from an adult. Julie is going to be away for work for the next several weeks and will not be able help, so she needs someone to take over.

Gordon reminded members that the Thompson Education Foundation offers Founders Grants each year. These grants are for any student-centered experience, and *Side Show* should fit the specifications required. Janet will take the lead on this grant which becomes available on October 1st.

Gordon asked the Board to entertain a motion to pay for a portion of an orchestral trip Pete is taking to Tokyo. Pete described the benefits of the experience and talked about his previous trip and all of the awesome things he took away from it and brought home to the students. Pete then left the room to allow the Board to talk about the possibility of helping to pay the \$3,000 to \$3,500 cost. After discussion, Lisa made a motion that MVMA gives Pete \$1,000 up front for the trip (which includes \$500 already budgeted for Professional Development) and revisits the decision at a later date to see if MVMA can afford more to possibly backfill his expenses, Julie seconded; motion passed.

Pete explained a problem that came up with the dance coach, Wes Kolokoff. His salary is paid by the District under the stipend for the Color Guard. Wes was hired in June and his pay was to start in September, but there was a glitch in the paperwork and he won't be paid until October. Pete initiated an email vote on September 7th, which gave Pete the approval to pay Wes \$600 immediately, and Wes will pay the \$600 back to MVMA in October.

Mark asked about the possibility of putting someone in place to act as a district liaison. Sometimes issues arise with bills, facilities, etc., and it helps to have someone to talk to at the District who understands what MVMA is all about. Gordon will arrange meetings, starting with Kim Young, the new principal at Mountain View, to include himself, Pete, Lisa, and possibly Mark. Then they will arrange to meet with Margaret Crespo, Director of Secondary Education, and Stan Scheer, the new Superintendent.

Gordon explained that when MVMA applies for grants, one of the questions asked on applications is what percentage of board members contributes financially to the organization. He suggested that all board members make a donation of at least \$25 (although any amount can be given) so that MVMA can report 100% participation. Contributions *can* be made through CHARMS if desired.

Discussion ensued about the District's new volunteer policy. It was decided that MVMA volunteers will continue to report hours to Lesa Ramirez and she will report them to the District, as has been done up to now.

Pete talked a little about the Homecoming game. He is super excited to have the Dance Team—they are doing a great job. The Marching Band is also doing well. It is a totally new group of kids, they lost a lot of seniors, and they are working hard to get things figured out.

The next Booster meeting will be held on October 8th at 7:00 in the Choir Room.

Gordon moved to adjourn, Lisa seconded; meeting adjourned.

Minutes taken by Janet Axline; submitted on 09/15/12.