

RIMA Band Parent Meeting

August 3, 2011 – Rocky Orchestra Room

Meeting was called to order at 6:03 pm by Treasurer Julie Moore; 23 members attending

General Business:

Minutes from the July 19, 2011 meeting were reviewed and approved.

No report from the band parent treasurer.

RIMA Treasurer, Mary Brodd, presented a draft budget incorporating the changes that had been discussed at the previous meeting. The band parent budget will be submitted for approval with the RIMA general budget on August 16.

Director's Comments:

Pete Carlin welcomed everyone and introduced Megan Bartlett, the new 6th grade director who is also working with the high school marching band.

The following items concerning the marching band were commented on:

- Band camp went very well, with the students learning all three movements.
- Thank you to the band dads who have built the show props.
- Thank you for all the popsicles. The kids have very much enjoyed them.
- The band will perform the school song at the Rally at the Rock this Friday performing from 3:30 to 3:45. Students should wear school colors.
- Students should plan to wear mesh shorts under their uniforms. They may also want to invest in hand warmers and long underwear for when the weather turns cold.
- The marching band will perform on four Saturdays. All but ISU are late afternoon/night performances. Chaperones and students should be prepared to arrive home late at night.
- Information concerning the competition sites, times, admission fees will be provided on the band parent web site when it becomes available.
- The band parents will plan to provide lunch to the students following their ISU performance. If the band makes finals they will stay – otherwise the band will travel to WIU for its second performance of the day.
- Five bands have currently signed up to participate in the October 10 Showcase of Bands.

The following items concern all band students:

- Information on the Disney trip will be coming out this week to the band students. The first deposit will be due September 1. Adults going as chaperones will have that as their primary duty. Therefore young children will not be able to travel with their chaperoning parents. The directors want everyone to have a good time, but disciplinary and safety rules must be followed.
- Lorene Pearson offered to let Pete Carlin use her copy of the concert band performing a Disney medley to send to Disney.
- Handouts will go home with band students requesting parents email contact information to add to Mary Brodd's band parent contact list.
- If parents have questions, they should feel free to contact Pete Carlin via email.

Old Business:

Lorene Pearson reported income in excess of \$3,800 from the John Deere Classic. Thank you again to all the parents and volunteers who helped out in the tent.

Robin Friestad reported on the t-shirts and hoodies to be offered for sale this year by the band parent group. There will be two designs. The student design was drawn by Jennifer Michel. The adult design will promote "Rocky Music". Order forms should be available shortly.

New Business:

The band parent group voted to order 400 rain ponchos. These will be ordered from an internet site offering them in cases of 200 for 55 cents each. \$260 will be included in the 2011-2012 budget.

Volunteers are needed to walk and provide water to the marchers during the Milan and Rock Island parade Labor Day weekend. Approximately five volunteers will be needed to help with the uniforms, ten volunteers are needed to serve the breakfasts at Washington Jr. High School, and a few volunteers who are not walking in the parade, to do the clean up after the breakfast at WJHS. Avis Tripilas and Roxanna Claude have volunteered to purchase the food needed for the Labor Day breakfast.

Band parents are asked to donate cases of bottled water. At least 400 bottles are needed just for the parade weekend.

Parents are also asked to save Box Tops for Education and Swiss Valley milk caps. These can be given to Karen Phillips who will see that they are turned in to raise money for the various band programs.

A volunteer is needed to head up the concession stand for Preview Night on September 21. Lorene volunteered to check with last year's organizer to see if she has records concerning food sales.

Chuck Ross made a request for band parents to help out wherever they can, whenever they can. Help the group to grow and support the band students. There is always something for everyone to do – especially to help move props, load trailers, control traffic as the band marches to the football games, etc.

The list of Upcoming Events was reviewed.

Next Meeting Date:

The next band parent meeting will be held on September 7 at 6 pm in the Rocky orchestra room.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 pm.