

## BAND PARENT MEETING – September 7, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 by president Avis Tripilas.

The minutes from the last meeting were approved as presented.

The treasurer's report was presented with a balance on hand of \$17,079.75 with bills from the Labor Day breakfast still outstanding.

### Directors Comments:

Participation in the junior high bands is up from the previous year. Cris Braddy reported the junior high schools have been approved for an \$11,000 grant from Have Life. This money will be used to purchase new instruments. Cris asked for the band parents to rope off room in the bleachers for the 120 junior high students expected to participate in Preview Night. Lorene Pearson volunteered to mark off an area with caution tape.

Pete Carlin reported on the marching band show. The band will be at their first football game of the season on Sep. 9 performing the first two movements and practicing the drill to get on and off the field in two minutes. The show props have all been built. Jillian Jaspersen has been working at painting the facades and they look great. Pete will not be requesting any additional funds to pay for competitions but does ask the band parents to pay for the fees associated with renting a 26 foot truck to take to each of the competitions. This will include the daily rental fee, mileage and gas for the four competition days. He will know more about these expenses upon receipt of bids.

Pete Carlin also reported on the Showcase of Bands to be held Oct. 10. Admission will be \$5.00 with six bands participating. The booster club has agreed to run the concession stand again this year.

Other items reported on include IMEA coming up on Oct. 1, the Sep. 26 concert and jazz band concert, and the arrival and immediate use of the two new iPads purchased by the band parents. If anyone has any pictures of the band performing, please forward them to Pete so that he may use them in places like the school yearbook.

### Old Business:

Over 300 band students from Rocky and Western Illinois were served in the Labor Day breakfast Sep. 5. Many thanks to all the band parents who helped with the breakfast and the two parades held over Labor Day weekend.

Roxanna Claude volunteered to order the rain ponchos previously voted on and included in the budget.

The new spiritwear is in and is being distributed by Robin Friestad.

There appears to be enough cases of bottled water on hand for at least the first two competitions. This will be re-assessed mid-October.

The concession stand for Preview Night, Sep. 21 was discussed along with a plea for someone to coordinate it. Marty Bowden has volunteered to do so. Mary Brodd will also check with last year's coordinator, Allyson Leatherman, to see if she would be interested.

Lorene Pearson volunteered to organize the chaperones for the upcoming marching band competitions. Avis reminded everyone of the sign-up sheets for anyone who would like to help on these trips. Lorene will make sure each bus has a first aid kit.

New Business:

Karen Phillips reported on the success of the RIMA concession stand at the River Band games. Representatives from Band, Chorus and Orchestra participated in working five games in this stand making \$1,660 for RIMA.

Karen also reported on an upcoming fundraiser night by RME (River Music Experience). This will be a trivia game and basket raffle to be held Oct. 12. Karen will be putting together a basket for that night. Last year RME provided grant money to the Rock Island schools that benefited elementary and junior high music students.

Lorene Pearson asked the band parents to consider funding a cement slab to be placed where the trailer sits right outside the band room. Pete Carlin has promised to take care of obtaining the approvals, if the band parents secure bids and pay the cost of having the cement poured.

Thank you to Sanitary Cleaners of Rock Island who continues to do good work in cleaning the marching band uniforms.

Parents were reminded that 20 to 25 people will be needed to help move props to the football field on game nights. Mary Brodd will send out an email to the band parent list inviting them to come help.

The next band parent meeting was set for 6 pm on Oct. 5.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:50.