

MHS Choral Boosters  
General Meeting  
Monday, October 9, 2006  
7:00 p.m. Auditorium Lecture Room

The meeting was called to order by Vice-President Debi Reed at 7:10 p.m. There were fifteen parents in attendance. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read. The Treasurer's report was approved as read.

Old Business:

Mrs. Morgan reviewed the volunteer committee appointments. Mrs. Reed will organize the November Candle Sales, Mrs. Wilson for February Cheesecake Sales, Mrs. Burton for Trip Chaperones and Mrs. Pugh to help Mrs. Golden with uniforms. Pie & Dumpling volunteers include Mrs. Bader and Mrs. Wilson who will apprentice at the farm and Mr. Reed who will apprentice with the ovens. Appreciation was expressed to all!

New Business:

Mrs. Morgan announced the continued need for a Ways and Means Chair. Please feel free to contact Mr. Kelly or one of the board members to volunteer.

Mrs. Burrow will order and coordinate the sale of 1000 McDonalds coupons. The coupons will include free small fries, b1/g1 free six piece chicken; b1g1 free large sandwich, free snack wrap with the purchase of a large drink, and a free \$1 breakfast item with the purchase of a McGriddle. The cost to our organization is .60 cents each. The books will retail for \$5.00. The total cost of the coupons will be \$600.00 with a gross profit of \$5,000 when all coupon books are sold.

In previous years the Boosters have coordinated a fund raiser or event each month. At this time, October will include Pies& Dumplings, November is candle sales coordinated by Mrs. Reed, December is the musical, January is open, and February is cheesecake sales coordinated by Mrs. Wilson. The remainder of the spring is open for opportunity. Other suggestions included the production of a choral or school calendar of photos that could be sold. This would be incorporated in the fund raising plan for the next school year. Information will be gathered by Mr. Seagroves. Also suggested were window decals that incorporate all areas of the school. Examples would include "Pioneer Swimming" or "Pioneer Basketball". Brenda Turner will look into this idea. Also discussed was a cash or car party. Mr. Stewart verified that the MPAA currently makes a great deal of money on their annual cash party which is scheduled annually for October.

Members of the Band Boosters joined this meeting to present a Pie &Dumpling update as well as a proposal regarding a possible fund raiser with the Choral Boosters. Mr. Ashwood, Band Booster representative, reported wonderful participation by Choral parents for Pie & Dumpling sign-ups. There are very few slots left to fill for that weekend's work. There will be a meeting on October 16<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. for those parents who are serving in an apprentice capacity. Approximately 600 Pies & Dumplings have been sold to date. Mr. Ashwood encouraged parents to continue to sell units. The maximum number of units to be made is 1000 each of the pies and dumplings. It would be helpful for parents to bring rolling pins & paring knives. Please make sure they are well marked with your name. Lunch and dinner will be provided for those volunteers working on Saturday. Mrs. Laconia and her apprentices for next year will work at the farm on Wednesday and Thursday evening. The directors will choose the students who will

accompany them at the farm. Supplies will be off loaded at the school on Thursday afternoon. Friday's work will begin at 3 p.m. through approximately 11 p.m.. The Saturday morning shift will begin at 7 a.m. through the evening until the work is done. Sunday's cleaning process will begin at 10 a.m. with distribution of pies & dumplings from 10-6 p.m. Mr. Ashwood reminded everyone that all deliveries must be completed on Sunday. There will be a sheet for students and parents to sign-in and out for working. Distribution of money for students who are in both the Choral and Band program will be determined by each student for either the Choral or Band account.

Doug Golden presented the opportunity for the Choral program to participate in a Shenandoah Gun Club fund raiser. Previously, the band has split this opportunity with Sherando High School Band. This year it is being offered to the Choral program. Parents and students help score events at the Gun Club beginning in March or April throughout the summer. Training is provided by the gun club. Two large events will be held this year with a need for 25 volunteers for each event. Tuesday evening and weekend event volunteers will be shared between the two programs as well. Typically the pay for the weekend events is \$7.00 per hour and \$5.00 per hour for the weekly events. Approximately \$7,000 can be earned on a five day event. The Gun Club needs a commitment from our school by next month to begin preparing for next season. Parents testified that their families had worked and earned enough money to pay for their child's spring trip. The entire pool of manpower needed for the special events is 25 people. Five people are needed for Tuesday evening shoots. Mr. Ashwood envisions one comprehensive list of parents from which the events can be scheduled. The two largest events occur in July. Approval of this proposition would greatly benefit both programs and eliminate the need for many of the smaller fund raisers.

Mr. Ward also shared with the Choral Boosters the sale of an authentic Kunstler print valued at \$500.00. Tickets may be purchased from him for \$5.00 each or 5 for \$20.00. Proceeds from this sale will benefit the Band Boosters.

Following the exit of the Band parents, Therese Golden made a motion to take a vote to move forward to accept the Band's invitation to help with the gun club. After much discussion a vote was taken and the motion was approved. Four senior parents abstained from voting.

The previous year's candle sales chair has ordered the information for this year and will turn it over to Mrs. Reed and Mrs. Brown to complete the event.

Musical auditions for Fiddler on the Roof will be held this week. Callbacks will be Friday. Help is needed with set construction, costuming, advertising, posters, etc.. If you have suggestions for advertising contacts please call or email Paul Morgan. To avoid any duplicate requests Mr. Morgan will be the contact person for all advertising. Parents are encouraged to take out ad space for their own personal businesses. Parents will also have the opportunity to purchase ad space wishing members of the cast well in the performance. The musical is scheduled for December 7-9<sup>th</sup>. Mrs. Golden is looking for clothing, sheets, etc. that can be re-made into costumes. Anyone who is interested in helping with the sewing tasks for the musical may also contact Mrs. Golden. Mrs. Reed has everything under control for the intermission raffle. Mrs. Pugh and Mrs. Wilson volunteered to help with ticket sales for each evening. Mrs. White volunteered to chair the concessions and Mrs. Burton will chair flower sales. Mrs. Laconia offered to share last year's information for flower sales with Mrs. Burton.

Information from Mr. Kelly will be given to the students regarding the Men's Festival Concert at Sherando High School on Tuesday evening, the 17 of October.

The annual Giving Concert will be held at MHS on Sunday, November 12 at 3:00 p.m. Entrance to the concert may be secured with a donation of a non-perishable food product. Boxes will be needed in which to organize and transport the donations. Boxes may be brought directly to Mr. Kelly. Volunteers are welcome to help organize the donations as people arrive. This concert includes performances from all Frederick County high schools and middle schools. Mrs. Burrow, Mrs. Golden and Mr. & Mrs. Morgan volunteered to help with the delivery of the donations.

Director's Report:

Congratulations to Andrew Golden for making Honor's Choir. B Jane Crouch also gave a great performance.

District Choir auditions will be held in November. All students are required to audition or they must reimburse Mr. Kelly \$8.00 and write a one page paper, topic to be announced.

Dr. Montklein, Mansfield University Professor and currently the Eastern Regional Choral Director Association for Jazz Choirs in Pennsylvania, will be working with all of our students this week. The Jazz Choir will rehearse on Thursday evening with Dr. Montklein. Mr. Kelly will coordinate the scheduling conflict with the Band members who are also in Jazz Choir.

The Letter of Intent for the tentative trip to New York is still awaiting administrative approval. Mr. Kelly is requesting that parents make the payments beginning this month through January. The recommended payment plan, beginning in September, is \$162.50 per student per month through January. All monies must be paid by mid-January in order to complete plans for the trip. Financial Aid forms may be obtained from Mr. Kelly.

All Choral groups are going very well.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Duff  
Secretary