

**MHS Choral Boosters  
General Meeting  
Monday, September 11, 2006  
7:00 p.m. Auditorium Lecture Room**

The meeting was called to order by vice-president, Debi Reed, at 7:23 p.m. There were approximately twenty parents and seven students in attendance. The **Secretary's report** was approved as read. The minutes are attached. The **Treasurer's report** was approved as read. The report is attached. Mrs. Lam offered parents the opportunity view their student's account at the end of the meeting.

**Old Business:**

**Spaghetti Dinner:** Mrs. Burrow shared with the group the results of the Spaghetti Dinner. Held on back-to-school night, the dinner was a huge success earning the Booster Association an approximate profit of \$1,496.06 through the sale of 277 total tickets. All items were donated with the only expense being the cost of the cafeteria employee who helped in the kitchen. Mrs. Burrow will present a more detailed accounting at next month's meeting. Students will have an opportunity to verify the hours they worked. A list of businesses who donated materials was shared with those present and will be available on the web site and hopefully Channel 18. Much appreciation goes to Mrs. Burrow for her expertise in organizing this event. This has been the most profitable dinner in our history.

**Frederick County Fair:** Mrs. Laconia braved the hottest days of summer to keep our fair booth organized and reported a total profit of \$570.00. This number includes the 50/50 raffle of \$100.00. The winner graciously donated their share back to the Booster Organization. The general fund will receive \$57.00; the Scholarship Fund will receive 57.00; the Chairperson will receive \$28.50; the Activity Fund will receive \$28.50 and the remainder of \$399.00 will be placed in the accounts of those students who worked the booth. There were 76 units worked, divided into \$399.00, which gave \$5.25 per unit. In addition to selling baked goods, the students provided face painting and tattoos from a recent Disney film were sold and applied as well. Many thanks were expressed to Mrs. Laconia for the donation of the tattoos and her invaluable time for this event. A Chair for this event will be needed for next year as Mrs. Laconia's son will graduate in June. Notes will be available from this and previous year's booth.

**New Business:**

**Apple Pies & Dumplings:** Mr. Kelly reported that all students have received a packet of information. The packet of information is very thorough. Please feel free to contact Mr. Kelly with questions. Both dumplings and pies are \$7.00 with students taking orders from this point forward through October 20<sup>th</sup>. All items will be baked in one weekend, October 25-27<sup>th</sup>. We are not offering un-baked pies this year. Students must keep a customer log of all sales and must plan on making all deliveries. Only students will be allowed to pick up their pies at the school this year. Order forms should be turned in on a weekly basis with payment to match the number of orders. We will be selling a limited quantity of 1000 units each of pies and dumplings. If someone wants a receipt, fill out a separate order form for them, giving them the yellow copy. Tally their order with all others received to turn in weekly. All sales are prepaid and checks may be made payable to MHS Band Booster Organization. The Band will in turn write a check to the Choral Boosters following the completion of the event. Profits will be calculated after all money is counted & expenses subtracted. For an approximate figure,

assume that each pie/dumpling may pay about \$1.70 each and each hour worked would pay \$1.60 per hour. It is important that all students participate as money is also earned for the Booster Organization's General Fund from this fund raiser. An average number of items sold in the past are 27 units per student. Those students who sell the most number of units will be given the first priority to choose work times. The sign-up sheet for working is already on the Band web site. Look on our web site for a link to this sign-up sheet. Two family members, over the age of 13, and the student may each work three four-hour shifts. For example, three workers at \$1.60 each would make \$4.80 per hour. You must work in four hour increments! Mr. Kelly stressed the importance of utilizing the time to work and stay on a task. The entire procedure has been well organized and each part is important to the overall outcome. The small group to work at the orchard will be chosen by Mr. Kelly and Mr. Ward. It is essential that a group of reliable and responsible students work at the orchard. A choral parent is needed to assist at the orchard. Again, this is Mrs. Laconia's last year and she would welcome someone to apprentice this job. Seasoned parents emphasized that while this weekend is a great deal of work it is also fun and very enjoyable. Please refer to the handout that was given to your child for information. This event in the past has been primarily a Band event. We have been given the opportunity to make money as well. Our goal is to make this event an even split between Band and Chorus. It is very important for Choral parents to apprenticeship leader positions for upcoming years. Mrs. Laconia testified that her son, as a band student, has paid for a majority of his trips in past years through this fund raiser.

**Fund-raising Ideas:** We are currently in need of a Ways and Means Chairman for this school year. If you are interested, please contact Mr. Kelly or a Choral Booster Board Member.

**McDonald's Coupon** sales will be coordinated by Mrs. Burrow. Discussion ensued regarding the type of coupons available in the book. Parents recommended McGriddles & the new wraps in an effort to avoid competition by the coupons that come as part of the ValuePak mailer. The coupon books run .60 each and will sell for \$5.00 each. This will be an ongoing fund-raiser throughout the year and the coupons can be used at the local Nerangis owned McDonalds franchises. The suggestions will be taken under advisement by Mrs. Burrow who will finalize the book with Nerangis Enterprises.

We are currently looking into the purchase and sale of a **car magnet**. There is currently one available through another MHS organization, but we have designs for an additional magnet with a different design. Our profit margin is just a bit less than 50%! More information will be forthcoming at the October meeting. Again, this item could be sold year round at a variety of events.

**Other suggestions** from parents included the design and purchase of a tailgate flag for car windows. Mrs. Rupe will look into options for purchase. Mrs. McCoubrey recommended seeking information from Dell Pueblo Colores as a possible fund raiser.

**Candle sales** are joint with the band for November. Debi Reed has agreed to chair this fund-raising event. Becky Wilson volunteered to Chair the February **Cheesecake Sales** which is also in conjunction with the band. Mrs. Reed will forward the new Chair information for these events to the Mr. Ashwood with the Band.

Our **Website** is currently being maintained by Mr. Morgan. He is working to update the site and encourages parents to visit the site often for updated information. He will create a link for the Band site enabling Choral members to sign-up to work the Pie/Dumpling weekend.

Work on the **Winter Musical**, "Fiddler on the Roof," will begin shortly. We are in need of sponsors for the Program. The web site will have the forms needed for sponsors. Please keep an accurate record of all contacts

and turn them in as soon as possible so we can avoid contacting the same people twice. There will also be a place in the program for parents or friends to purchase space for warm wishes to those in the cast of the play.

Many thanks were expressed to Pamela Lam for purchasing and donating the current accounting system, **Quick Books**, Valued at \$200, it is being used to organize our accounts on the computer. Mrs. Lam has managed to put the last three years of historical data on this software. She is available this evening to access student accounts and also plans to send home account information with each student. She has done a fabulous job and her efforts are much appreciated!

**The 2006-2007 Budget**, as prepared by Mr. Kelly and the Executive Board, was approved as presented. He is hoping to replace concert attire for the school year beginning 2007 which accounts for a large amount of our budget. A copy of this budget may be found on the web site.

**Director's Report:** Mr. Kelly confirmed that the BLUE Calendar has the most current date information. Please note that the first Concert Choir performance has been moved from October 24<sup>th</sup> to October 17th.

After much discussion and research, Mr. Ward and Mr. Kelly have decided to change the trip destination from Chicago to **New York**. The trip will cost approximately \$650.00 per student and is scheduled for April 19-22nd, 2007. It would be ideal for parents to begin making payments at the end of September. Calculations put each payment at \$162.50 per student. If paid each month the trip for each student should be paid-in-full by January 2007. A Letter of An Intent and payment schedule will go out to parents soon. Any money that is put into the account by the parent, separate from money earned due to student fund raisers, can be refunded. Any money in the account that comes from a student's work on pies/dumplings, etc. must stay in the account. Email reminders will be sent to all parents at mid-month. Money may be turned in at any time to Mr. Kelly who will forward it onto Mrs. Lam, our Treasurer. Given all of the fund-raising opportunities offered, the cost of the trip should not be prohibitive. Should there be a financial concern please feel free to talk with Mr. Kelly.

The Choral Groups all sound terrific. Being awarded a **Blue Ribbon School** last Spring has set the bar high for this year's groups. Mr. Kelly has several clinicians coming in throughout the year to work with our students. Concert Choir in particular has a difficult repertoire and is working very hard.

Please email Mr. Kelly with any questions you may have regarding the Choral Program.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:46 p.m. ***The next meeting will be held on Monday, October 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the Lecture Hall of the Auditorium.***

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan Duff  
Secretary