

MHS Band Aux Meeting Minutes 1-24-12:

**General session**, Katrina Smith, 7:30 – 9:00

**Treasurer's Report** - Kim Dougan

- report distributed and discussed
- all donations to the Rose Parade (RP) fund being tracked

**Fundraising** – Frank Huy

- committee sign up sheets passed around
- still need to identify lead person for: Snack Program or Sarris Candy, Test Drive, Qudoba cards, and Donate-a-Rose fund raisers. If you are interested in taking the lead on any of these events, or volunteering to work on any committee, please contact Frank Huy through the band email. Remember, we need everyone's help in fundraising to reduce the overall cost of the trip!
- the band web site is in the process of being revamped, with a planned completion date in the next few weeks
- there will be specific pages for the Rose Parade information which will include: 1) information for parents, 2) on-line donation information, and 3) the community service form for the kids to document their 13 hours of community service

**General Band Info** – Mr. Reed

- 13 band students made all-state band
- WVU honors band – 15 students accepted
- Auditions for next year's band:
  - Feb 1<sup>st</sup> at Middle Schools
  - Estimate somewhere between 260-280 in the band next year
  
- **Commitment forms for next year need to be signed and returned to the band room ASAP!**
- Question asked about being in band next year but not going on RP trip. Mr. Reed responded that while it might happen, it will be extremely problematic as that will produce "holes" in the show
  
- **Rose Parade:** We hope to know by the March meeting: Estimated cost of the trip
  - Exact itinerary
  - Companion trip itinerary
  - 2 companion trips: one "guided" and one "self-directed"
  - The President of the Tournament of Roses will tentatively visit Morgantown Aug 2 – Aug 6, and will participate in:
    - \* Mon Co Fair Parade
    - \* Retired Globe Trotters game
    - \* WV sight seeing  
Brunch
  - Tentative trip dates, Dec 27, 2012 – Jan 3, 2013. January 3<sup>rd</sup> will be an "excused" absence from school. However, all students are expected to be in school on January 4<sup>th</sup>.
  - Specific itinerary and price still TBD as plane ticket prices not released till February
  - Mike Grueinger of Grueinger Music Tours arranging our trip. He has organized trips for 40 other RP bands
  - We will depart in groups from Pittsburgh, with "rolling" departures and arrivals into 3 LA area airports
  - Parade theme "Oh the Places You'll Go..."
  - Mr. Reed would like each band member to do 13 hours of community service to thank the community for their support and to "give back"

- Slide show of Mr. Reed's trip to the RP this year with a possible itinerary shown to parents
- Only 5 extra rehearsals are planned: 1 Saturday each month in August – December. These practices will “bring the band to the community”, and will help the band prepare for their 7+ miles of marching at the RP and their ½ mile of continuous playing at the start of the parade
- **Other upcoming dates:**
  - \* Band Camp will be 1 day shorter this year and run from Aug 7 – Aug 11
  - \* Summer Band:
    - practices will start for new band kids on July 5<sup>th</sup>
    - Section leaders will probably report on the 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup>
    - will start with full band on July 10<sup>th</sup>
    - 3 Friday morning will be 3 hr. full band practices
  - \* March 3<sup>rd</sup>, Regional Jazz Festival in Wheeling
  - \* March 6<sup>th</sup>, Spaghetti dinner
  - \* May 18<sup>th</sup>, Strawberry Festival
  - \* May 19<sup>th</sup>, Marching Contest (conflicts with Prom), would like to do, has a \$10,000 first prize
  - \* Reminder for all 8<sup>th</sup> grade parents to pick up MHS Band Camp packets at their Spring Concert performances

Next Meeting: **Tuesday, Feb 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:30**, at which time dates/times for the M&M and Percussion clinics will be announced.

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