

MMS BAND BOOSTER MEETING NOTES – February 16, 2010

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm. Teresa Cutler gave the Treasurer's Report. Although there is \$7550.15 in the account, only \$1420 is actually the general fund. Monies spent sent the last meeting included a donation to the family of Kyle Miller and flowers for 8th grade recognition night. The January minutes were approved after Ms. Phillips motioned that they be accepted and Mrs. Cutler seconded.

Old business touched on the Trivia Night with Crimson Express. There was 0 participation in this from MMS although it was supposed to be a joint project. 3-4 people from MMS participated in the Market Day cookie dough drive, but they were students still working to earn their Spring Trip.

Mr. Williams presented the Director's Report. Grades have been improving with students showing more preparation for sectionals. Random instrument checks are going to be conducted as a way to encourage kids to take their instruments home to practice. The SIU Jazz Festival is coming up on Saturday, Feb. 27th. The MMS Jazz Band will perform at Shyrock Auditorium at 9:30 am. The Steak and Jazz Event is being rescheduled. A sit-down dinner will be served in the MMS cafeteria at 5:30 pm. The Band Boosters will cook the steaks while the rest of the food will be prepared by the MMS cafeteria staff. The cafeteria can hold 250 people. Advanced ticket sales will be for dinner and the performance. Tickets sold at the door will be for the performance only. The auditorium can hold 460 people. The Solo and Ensemble Contest is scheduled on Saturday, March 13th in Carmi. We are entering 74 pieces. Some kids have been shorted on practice time due to a multitude of reasons. There will be an opportunity for the students to schedule a practice time after school with Mr. Williams to get additional help. Parents should make sure that they have contacted one of the accompanists and have practice time for their child scheduled with them. All band members must ride the bus. If they have a signed note from their parents, parents may pick up the child and take them home after their performance. The same goes with the Organizational Contest on March 26th. The MMS groups will perform around 4:30. Jazz Band members must be in concert dress.

In terms of new business, the McDonald's Pancake night is scheduled for Monday, March 22nd. Tickets will sell for \$5 with half going to the band. Tickets sold but not redeemed will be \$5 for the band. Some prizes such as coupons and free meals will be given away. Some of the ensembles will play. 5-6 students will be needed to clear tables, replenish syrup, etc. The Larry's House of Cakes

fundraiser will be put off until next year. Consideration of next year's officers needs to be considered. There will be openings for vice president and treasurer for sure.

In open forum discussion, ways to increase parental attendance at Booster meetings were brainstormed. Competition within each section, a telephone tree and food were discussed.

Ms. Phillips motioned to adjourn the meeting. She was seconded by Teresa Cutler.