**MVHS Instrumental Music Boosters Meeting Minutes**

**September 20, 2017**

**Attendees:** Directors Sam Ormson and Robbie Rutherford, Booster Presidents Stacey Stein and Eileen Correy, Treasurer Kendra Harris, Secretary Alisa Coats-Clemans, Former Secretary Kate Altenhof-Long (taking minutes), Holiday Bazaar Chair Sarah Rader, Publicity Chair Stephanie Spencer, Sonia Roll, Amber Barlte, Adam Bartle, Cindy Yamamura, Karrie Keehart, Ricky Keehart, Heidi Beacock, Ellen Monaghan, Ginny Miller, Jerry Miller, Greg Garrett, Heather Jin, Kim Kloft

**Directors’ Report:** All groups are evenly sized this year at 55-60 students. Parents are encouraged to sign up for volunteer jobs on Charms. The first concerts are at the end of October/beginning of November. Jazz Concert in December. Oct. 25th is Honor Band Try Outs – students will have the opportunity to work with guest conductors. The Band Directors could use Gift Cards and other free stuff for student recognition.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Kendra reviewed the Fair Share payments. Many students still need to pay their fair share. If Fair Share is a burden there are scholarships or payment plans available. A parent asked about informing parents of incoming freshmen earlier so that families can save up for the Fair Share payment. A long discussion was held about ways to communicate with incoming Freshmen. Kendra will try sending out monthly statements to see if that increases payment collection.

**Uniforms:** The new band uniforms look great! Concert attire is coming in soon. Students will receive their attire once they pay their Fair Share payment or make arrangements.

**Holiday Bazaar:** This is the biggest fundraiser of the year. It’s a “all hands on deck” event for both students and parent volunteers. Vendor spaces are filling up – there are 38 left. Sarah asked that Vendor’s be given this phone number: 360-524-3072 rather than her personal phone number. The best contact for her is email: mvbandbazaar@gmail.com. Mr. Ormson needs confirmation on times we need Chartwells staff in the kitchen and custodial staff.

**Fundraising:** We still need a fundraising coordinator or even parents willing to coordinate a specific fundraiser. So far this year we have had a Big Al’s Bowling Night, the Car Show, and the Payback Book Fundraiser. We hope to have several restaurant night fundraisers and possibly another Big Al’s Bowling Night. We discussed ways to increase advertising for these around the school in hopes of getting more students to participate.

**Adopt-A-Bar Marimba Fundraiser**: Our percussion section is in need of a 5 octave marimba. This instrument will allow the ensemble to perform pieces that were once out of the question. Currently, our marimbas are 4.3 octave instruments, meaning there is almost an entire range of notes that are unavailable to be performed. Mr. Rutherford shared that there is currently an opportunity to purchase one for about half price at about $13,000 through Beacock Music. He is proposing that we offer individuals and businesses the opportunity to purchase one bar on the Marimba for various prices – starting at $7 for the smallest bar, all the way up to $415 for the largest one. Donors would then be invited to a percussion concert to hear the marimba and would get the opportunity to sign the bar they purchased in some way. Because the chance to purchase at this price is time limited (based on supply) we are planning to hold the fundraiser at the end of October, with substantial publicity before hand. The Boosters voted to approve this fundraiser. A parent shared that the trailer was purchased with a large donation from a parent, and then the boosters paid that individual back over three years. We would entertain this option for purchasing the marimba as well.

**Volunteer Appreciation:** Mr. Ormson would like to assure that our volunteers are thanked. We discussed low cost ways we might do this. Karrie Keehart volunteered to spearhead this project.

**Upcoming Events:**

* Friday Oct. 6 @ 7:30pm Pep Band at Football Game
* Thursday Oct. 12 @ 4:30pm Pep Band at Football Game
* Tuesday Oct. 24 7:00pm –8:30pm Fall Orchestra & Percussion Concert
* Wednesday Oct. 25 5:00pm-9:00pm LCRMEA HS Honor Band/Orchestra Auditions
* Tuesday Nov. 7 7:00-8:30pm Fall Band Concert
* Friday Nov. 10 4:00pm Holiday Bazaar Set Up
* Saturday Nov. 11th Holiday Bazaar.
* Wednesday Nov. 15th 7:00pm-9:00pm LCRMEA Regional Honor Groups Reading Session
* Thursday Nov. 16th 7:00pm-8:30pm Wind Ensemble Concert with Las Vegas School
* Tuesday Nov. 28th 7:00pm-9:00pm LCRMEA  Regional Honor Groups Sectionals
* Dec. 6th –Dec. 8th Tuesday Nov. 28th 7:00pm-9:00pm LCRMEA  Regional Honor Groups Rehearsals
* Saturday Dec. 9th 5:00pm-9:00pm LCRMEA Regional Honor Groups Concert
* Tuesday Dec. 19th 7:00pm-8:00pm Jazz Concert

**Next Booster Meeting:** Wednesday Oct. 11th at 6:00pm