

# Mulberry High School Band/Guard Boosters – Parent Meeting – September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019

Welcome and Call to Order – Meeting was called to order at 7:39 pm by April Platter (President)  
**Executive Board Attendees:** Jarrod Koskoski, April Platter, Alice Chaney, Julie Wells, & Wendi Wilkerson

**Parent Attendees:** Claudia Morgan; Alejandra Saenz; Debra Wise; Shelly Lott; Deborah Rosales; Kimberly Ancinec; Eva Gomez; Olga Gomez; Shauna Hair; Bethany Piccarreto; Jennifer Neil-Hernandez; Jay Whealton; Joy Andrews; Tesheka Pinkham; Nancy Stevens; Maxine Ambrosino

Director Report – Jarrod Koskoski –

- Mr. K gave a report about Marching Band...Things are going very well and almost finished with the Marching Show.
- We need to become a 501-c3. The benefit of this is companies will be able to donate to use. We are missing out on a lot of opportunities. We would become tax exempt.
- Over the next few weeks we will be changing the By-Laws and will present them to you at the next parent meeting. We need to expand the board.
- Communication – Communicate directly with Mr. K regarding anything about your student – ie, missing rehearsals; doctors appts; etc.
- Rehearsals are every Tuesday and Thursday from 5:15 pm-7:15 pm. That works best for all of the helpers to get there as well as the students that are in other afterschool activities. Rehearsals are part of a grade. It is very imperative that the students show up to every practice and they need to show up on time. **Please let Mr. K about any appts at least a week in advance – if able to.**
- Please email the Board if you have any other questions
- We will be doing a full symphony Orchestra.....Besides Harrison, we will be the only school that has a full symphony Orchestra. Auditions will be within the next month or so.
- MPA is the same day as ACT testing, please find a different day to do the test.
- October 28<sup>th</sup> – Picture day

Financial/Budget Report – Julie Wells, Treasurer

- The check register was reviewed, stating that we have about \$8500 in the account
- Vote on Budget – Approved by Shelly Lott & Tesheka Pinkham

Commitment fees – Mr. Koskoski went over this:

- **All Booster fees** must be paid by November 15<sup>th</sup>. This includes commitment fees, shoes, uniform, etc – Any fees paid to the Booster. November 15<sup>th</sup> is “Band Day” – this is an extra trip to Florida Southern College during school hours, and if the fees are not paid before this day the students will not be able to go. **You can pay the fees tonight.**
  - We are working on getting Paypal up and running (currently having issues)
  - Fees owed to school can also be to the band in one payment and we will get it to the school.

Forms - Mr. Koskoski went over this:

- **Field Trip** Forms and the **Medical Release** Forms must be completed and turned in as soon as possible. *(These forms are on the Band/Guard website and on the Charms website).*

**If these forms are NOT turned in by our first away game (October 11<sup>th</sup>) your student will not be able to go.**

- The kids have been told numerous times that we are missing forms
- If you already have a medical release form for another group, make a copy and give to Mr. K. If they do not have it turned in by 10/11, they will not be able to go to the away game.....Which is part of their grade.

Volunteering – Wendi Wilkerson, Secretary

WE NEED HELP!! We reviewed the information/email about volunteering. For the concession stand we need a minimum of 8 people; For the stands we need a minimum of 4 people; For chaperoning we need a minimum of 9 people (three per bus); We also need someone to assist with pulling the trailer.

If you aren't able to help the entire night, it's ok.....If you can help before the game cooking and setting up; or just during halftime; or just dispersing the Gatorade to the band students....

- Concession
  - 09/26 – JV Game
  - 09/27 – Varsity Game
  - 10/04 – Varsity Game – Homecoming – NEED A LOT of help
  - 10/18 – Varsity Game
  - 10/25 – Varsity Game – Senior Night – NEED A LOT of help
- Chaperone
  - 10/11 – Chaperones to the Away Game to Lake Region – We are leaving the school no later than 6:15 pm
  - 10/12 – Chaperones to Pre MPA – @ Lake Region from approximately 1:00 pm-8:00 pm – *No rehearsal before we leave*
  - 10/19 – *Rehearsal – 10:00 am – 1:00 pm – we will provide a snack to the kids*
  - 10/26 – Chaperones to MPA - @ Denison – Not sure of the times, but block out the whole day
- Car Wash – November 2<sup>nd</sup> – We need a lot of help with this to attract more people to bring in more money
- Christmas Village – December 14<sup>th</sup> – We need volunteers to help at our booth. We will be selling boiled peanuts

Comments/Questions

- *What time is the bus leaving for the away game? Probably 6:10 or 6:15. Will confirm as it gets closer.*
- *Mr. K talked about the London opportunity.....Through Youth Music of the World. Bands are invited to preform at the New Years day celebration. This is a huge honor, because you have to be invited! Mr. K stressed that we need more parent involvement to help with fundraiser. Mr. K told us that our students work 3 times as hard as his previous school. Mr. K wants to give these students the world!!!! No other school in Polk County has an invitation waiting for them.....\$3000 per person. Could be ready in 1 to 2 years. It took him 6 years at his last school.*
- *Next year we will not be able to have a concession stand in the 2020-2021 school year, so we will not have that money coming in.*

- *The football team gave us the remaining "Discount Cards" that we can sell, if you would like to sell some, please let us know.*
- *Can we discount the stadium cups to \$3? YES—Done!!*
- *We have extra Band T-Shirts if you would like to purchase one -- \$10*

Next Band Parent Meeting: January 28<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 pm

Adjourned @ 8:25 pm

***Keep up to date with the latest Band/Guard news:***

- ✓ The Band/Guard Website - [mulberryband.com](http://mulberryband.com)
  - ✓ The Band/Guard Facebook page – [facebook.com/mulband](https://facebook.com/mulband) ***(Please do not send messages/questions through FB, please email any questions you have)***
  - ✓ Download the Google Calendar
  - ✓ The Remind App – The students should have this already...This is how Mr. Koskoski communicates information to all of the students.
  - ✓ The Weekly Emails that we send out.
  - ✓ Attend the Band/Guard Parent Meetings.
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- MHS Band Director – Jarrod Koskoski – Email: [Jarrod.Koskoski@polk-fl.net](mailto:Jarrod.Koskoski@polk-fl.net)
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  - Treasurer – Julie Wells – Email: [mhsbandtreasurer@aol.com](mailto:mhsbandtreasurer@aol.com)
  - Secretary – Wendi Wilkerson – Email: [mulberryband@gmail.com](mailto:mulberryband@gmail.com)

*Thank you for taking the time to be involved with the MHS Band/Guard Program in whatever capacity you can. This program would not be what it is today without the help of everyone involved.*