

**Vicksburg Band Parents Association  
General Meeting Minutes  
November 21, 2011**

Meeting was called to order by Melissa at 7:06p.m.

Present:

1. Melissa Stiles, President
2. Karen Couk, Secretary
3. Noreen Garrido, Treasurer
4. Janet Shankleton, Webmaster
5. Mandy Miller, Fund Raiser Coordinator
6. Julie Pine
7. Abbi Murray
8. David Westman
9. Emilee Steers
10. Jenna Courtney
11. Terri Peterman
12. Dennis Bailey
13. Cindy Cross
14. Kathy Barnes
15. Beth Tipton
16. Margit Chiu
17. Jen Ruger
18. Dustin Sloan
19. Laura Gustavson
20. Denise Bain
21. Julie Courtney

**Secretaries Report – Karen Couk**

Minutes from the October 17, 2011 General Meeting were presented.

Mandy Miller motioned that the minutes of October 17, 2011 be approved. Dave Westman seconded the motion.

**Treasurer’s Report – Noreen Garrido**

Noreen presented the Profit and Loss Report, the categories still need to be moved around.

July 1 – Nov 20 looks like we spent more than took in. This may be because many camp payments were made in May. We have \$23,000 in bank.

Noreen has sent letters to those still owing money for New Orleans. These letters may not be totally accurate. There is still \$3,500 still owed by students for the New Orleans trip.

The balance still owed by students for band camp is \$2061. Letters for camp money still owed also went out.

Mandy Miller motioned that the Treasurer’s report be approved. Dustin Sloan seconded the motion.

**Assistant Treasurer – Amy Lewis**

Nothing to report

**Fundraiser Coordinator – Mandy Miller**

Rain coats – Mandy took 1 uniform and 1 rain coat to Paris cleaners. They turned the rain coat inside out and washed it twice and then color bleached it. The outside of the rain coats will wick away water. However, inside is a different material. If we want to clean the current raincoats we need to wash them at a laundry mat. We can replace the coats for \$51-86 each or we can get clear plastic coats for \$9.50 each. The plastic coats are disposable and would be used for 1 year.

Paris Cleaners cleaned 135 uniform tops and 135 uniform pants for \$675 (\$2.50 each piece). If and when we get uniforms, rain coats would be part of it, they would also be used for warmth. If we are to hang the rain coats we would need two more racks. Todd Miller is willing to build these.

Band-a-thon was great. The cupcakes, food table, raffle, and challenge all helped to bring additional funds in. We did not do well with the raffles we held. Mandy has a list of poster locations, those who gave gift cards, and tasks that were that were done for the Band-a-thon. Next year we will make a rule that a student can only win one gift card. Mandy had some suggestions of things that could be done next year. The Band-a-thon raised \$14,200.75 dollars. \$281.98 was raised at the food table and \$135 was raised from the sale of cupcakes.

The Walk-a-thon will be at the end of March or early April, on a Sunday from 1-3. Mandy would like to make it a community activity. We could challenge the community to come and walk the track and listen to music, and request a 10 or 20 dollar donation at the gate to walk. We would also sell concessions. Once again we will have gifts for students who make their goal.

It was mentioned that there are some parents who work in places where it is easier to sell candy bars than other things.

### **Volunteer Coordinator – Kim Miller**

### **Information Officer – Janet Shankleton**

Janet is still learning web site. Sandy Skinner is helping her as she learns the site. Janet has the district festival on the web site now. Janet does not have anything yet for the senior spot light. Janet is waiting to see if others have pictures from Band-a-thon before posting them. The best way to get photos to Janet is on a cd.

### **Transportation Coordinator – Johnnie Sloan**

Johnnie would like to thank those who drove trailers for the parade. There is one more thing on the trailers that needs to be fixed. We will need a tire for one of the trailers. The aluminum edge on the black trailer needs to be fixed.

### **Uniform Coordinator**

Angie Vreeman and Jill Tibbets are now the Uniform Coordinators. Angie and Jill know what they need to do and are doing a good job. Angie and Jill's names need to be added on the web page.

### **Middle School Liaison – Margit Chiu**

### **Middle School Director – Patty Stoll**

The new bass drum is come in. Patty is looking for chaperones for concert on Dec. 19<sup>th</sup>.

### **Vice President's Report – Kelly Soekarmo**

Kelly has sent Janet an updated list of the Friends of the Band. Kelly needs to verify some information and then she will get back to Janet. Janet has not yet updated the list on the web page.

Kelly is working on thank you notes for the Friends of the Band.

### **High School Director – Ben Rosier**

Mark Dickson owner operator of Explorer Tours presented the trip to St Louis. Mark worked out the busing for the New Orleans trip. The spring trip will be a 3 day 2 night trip to St. Louis. Mark presented the itinerary for the trip. The last page is a cost break down. The transportation is the most expensive part. The cost will be \$300 and this covers everything except fast food on the way down and back. The students will be staying at the Holiday Inn Crown Plaza west of St. Louis by the airport. They will have an all you can eat pizza buffet when they get there. They will participate in the River City Music days, which is a non-competitive festival. There are still judges and the band receives comments but it is not as cut throat as other competitions. They will also go on a river boat cruise and tour the arch. The St Louis Symphony is a highlight of the trip. The students will miss only 1 day of school. We have 5 performing groups (2 concert bands, 2 jazz bands, and 1 marching band). The roster will determine which groups will play. The trip includes dedicated security guards. This helps the chaperones as the security guards roam the halls and if door opens the student(s) go to Ben's room. The final number will include the chaperones. Ben would like 1 chaperone for every 12 students. Ben feels this is an affordable trip. Ben is presenting the trip with the hope that it will be a go and he will do an interest survey. Ben will need a head count by the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of December. Approximate payment dates would be Jan. 20<sup>th</sup>, Feb 20<sup>th</sup> and March 20<sup>th</sup>. Parents interested in chaperoning the St. Louis trip should let Ben know.

Fund raisers have exceeded what we budgeted. The goal of 2 major fund raisers is so can get rid of the smaller ones. Everyone needs to participate in the fundraisers. Every dime counts. If a student can only raise \$25 that \$25 is better than nothing.

The Band-a-thon was a wonderful success. Extra things like the food and the challenge at the end of night were great. If someone has suggestions for next year let Ben know. One idea Ben has is a harvest fest.

Concert uniform fittings are taking place tonight and tomorrow. Jill Tibbets and Angie Vreeman are the uniform coordinators.

We will be combining the Christmas concert with the choirs. We have not done this before.

Kalamazoo parade – Western kicked it off and we finished. Kids played a lot. Kids have fun at parades. Liza Jane has not gotten old yet.

Future Dates: Jazz 1 will play at the community center Dec 2nd from 4-6. The Vicksburg Holiday Parade is Dec 3rd, the Christmas Concert is Dec 20<sup>th</sup>, and Solo and Ensemble is Jan 14th, 1 week after break. Festival will be at Plainwell this year.

The students want to adopt a family for the holidays. Money raised from Ben growing beard in Nov will go to the adopted family.

If the New Orleans trip and band camp balances are not paid up then students will not be allowed to go to St. Louis.

Ben will work toward having guard not having bare shoulders on colder days.

### **President's Report – Melissa Stiles**

No meeting next month

### **Old Business**

### **New Business**

DVDs what is status? Melissa needs to ask Ben.

Dave Westman motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:34 p.m. Terry Peterman seconded the motion. Next meeting will be held January 16, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Karen Couk, Secretary

