

Vicksburg Band Parents Association
General Meeting Minutes
April 18, 2011

Meeting called to order by Kelly Soekarmoen at 7:07 p.m.

Present:

1. Trischa Carr
2. Kelly Soekarmoen
3. Mandy Miller
4. Melissa Stiles
5. Margit Chiu
6. Julie Courtney
7. Don & Kathy Barnes
8. Karen Couk
9. David Westman

Approval of Minutes: - Trischa Carr

- Minutes were approved from the March, 2011 meeting. Melissa Stiles motioned to approve and Mandy Miller seconded. Motion carried.

Director's Report: - Ben Rosier

- Band Camp 2011
 - Tuesday's, July 12th thru band camp departure from 7:00-9:00 p.m.
 - Pre-Camp on Wednesday, August 3rd for rookies and leadership
 - Pre-Camp on Thursday, August 4th for all band members
 - Camp – August 6th thru August 12th at Lincoln Lake Camp in Gowen, Michigan. Leadership will go up on August 5th.
 - Practice Tuesday's after camp until school starts from 6:00-9:00 p.m.
 - Practice then on Monday's after school starts from 6:00-9:00 p.m.
- Colorguard Clinics – hope to have 24 guard members. Ben offered to the students a \$20.00 reward in their SAA's for recruiting colorguard members.
 - Clinics on Thursday, 4/21 from 6-8p.m., Thursday, 4/28, from 2-5p.m., Tuesday, 5/3 from 3-5 p.m. and Wednesday, 5/4 from 3-5 p.m.
- Drumline Clinics
 - Thursday, 4/14 2:45-4:45, Monday, 4/18, 2:45-4:45, Thursday, 4/21, 2:45-4:45, Thursday, 4/28 4-6p.m.
- Upcoming Marching/Pep Band Events
 - Thursday, May 5, 6:00 p.m. at Kalamazoo County Fairgrounds; 6th Annual Carnival to celebrate National Children's Mental Health Awareness Day
 - Sunday, May 8, 8:00-10:00 a.m. – Kalamazoo Marathon (exact place still yet to be determined)

- Monday, May 30, 10:00 a.m. & 12:00 noon; Memorial Day parades in Vicksburg & Fulton.
- Graduation June 5 at 2:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, April 19th, 2011 is Celebration of the Arts. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. for artwork displays, film festival, and dance recital. All musicians will report at 6:00 p.m. ready for rehearsal to rehearse the finale. We will be in concert tuxes and dresses. Concert starts at 7:00 p.m. and will last until 8:30 p.m. Please plan to eat dinner before arriving at 6:00 p.m.

Vice President's Report: - Kelly Soekarmoen

- We have had 2 meetings for planning purposes for the Jazz Dinner Dance Committee. I have 6 parents assisting in the planning and coordinating of this event.
 - Dinner tickets are \$20.00
 - Desserts/General Admission is \$10.00
 - The students pay \$5.00 – they will be getting pizza delivered
 - The DVD from the Sugar Bowl will debut at the dinner dance.
 - Mandy confirmed with Fazoli's and the venue will be at Lakeland Reformed Church and not Tobey. Mandy cancelled the Tobey location.
 - There will be raffles, \$1.00 dance, and request a song.
- I have sent three more thank you notes for the Friends of the Band. Since the form was re-created last fall, there were changes to the Friends of the Band form that have not been able to be completed since some of these items will occur in the fall (the time was already past). I will work on getting price quotes to prepare for the fall season for things on the Friends of the Band form.
- The Jazz Festival in Hastings over the weekend was a fun and worthwhile event from the perspective of a parent. It was great to see community involvement centered around music – jazz! The clinics were great fun to watch and listen.

Treasurer's Report: - Nanci Linebaugh (no report)

Assistant Treasurer's Report – Trischa Carr

- Still have not received information to update SAA's for February
- Current balance in checkbook is \$5,013.00
- Dave Westman asked if we had received a check from Tim Fuller. Ben confirmed that we did receive that check.

Middle School Director's Report – Ben Rosier

- Solo and Ensemble went really well. All the groups that went got either I's or II's.

Middle School Liason Report – Margit Chiu

- Same as what Ben's comments were.

Webmaster Report – Sandy Skinner

- Nothing new to report

Volunteer Coordinator's Report – Kim Miller

- Need more parents to volunteer

Uniform Coordinator's Report – Melissa Stiles

- Nothing new to report

Fundraiser Coordinator's Report – Mandy Miller

- Mandy will be meeting with Mark Borah regarding band yearbooks.
- Mandy has received information on t-shirts and flags.
- Mandy is working on the the pre-concert dinner for the middle school's concert on 5/24.

Vice-President's Report – Kelly Soekarmoen

- Thank you cards went out for recent donations.
- Kelly is currently working on the Friends of the Band campaign for fall of 2011.

New Business

- Ben Rosier stated that he received two applications for President - Melissa Stiles and Mandy Miller. David Westman had submitted an application, however, the application was received after the deadline.
 - Ballots were handed out to the attendees and the president position was voted on. Melissa Stiles received the majority votes and will be the new VBPA President. Congratulations Melissa!No other applications were submitted for the rest of the vacant positions.

Julie Courtney motioned to adjourn at 8:09 p.m. Margit Chiu seconded. Meeting adjourned.

Next meeting will be held on Monday, May 16th at 7:00 p.m. in the library.

Respectfully submitted,

Trischa Carr, Secretary