

**McQUEEN BAND PARENTS ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF THE January 14, 2009 MEETING
McQueen High School Band Room**

Meeting called to order at 7:10 p.m. by President Nadine Ferguson

Paula Cason verified that a quorum was present

Approval of Minutes: Members received minutes from the December 3, 2008 meeting via email or in the mail. Motion to approve the minutes was made.

Motion: Approve the minutes of the December 3, 2008 meeting. Moved, seconded and approved by voice vote.

President Nadine Ferguson announced order of the agenda might be changed.

Director's Report- Mr. Moffit- announced that the new calendar is available on the bookcase. Basketball game was cancelled on Saturday because the gym wasn't ready for the band. Principal wasn't aware that the band planned on performing that night so it was decided that the band wouldn't play. Mr. Moffit talked about the upcoming marching season next year. The season will be short ending 1st or 2nd weekend in Nov and band fees will be a lot less. Mr. Moffit encouraged parents to step forward to volunteer for the new board and committee chairs. Mr. Moffit reviewed how well the kids performed at the Tournament of Roses Parade (TORP). Thanked all the parents that helped during the trip. Thanked Mrs. Marandola for all her organization and leadership. Next Thursday, Clayton and Billingshurst Middle schools are playing a basketball game at McQueen. McQueen might play the National Anthem and/or more. Mr. Moffit pointed out a list of items the students have received from the TORP trip. Sadly, Winter Extravaganza has been cancelled because not enough applicants have been received.

Elections – Nadine Ferguson – nominations need to be received by the end of January. All positions need to be filled. Only two positions have returning board members running for office. All help will be greatly appreciated. Several board members urged parents to volunteer. It is a fun and rewarding experience.

Tournament of Roses Parade recap. Nadine announced that pictures are still available at Jolesch.com Pictures and video on KTLA.com.

Treasurer's Report – Anita Parker reviewed the report. She went over Bank of America and Wells Fargo accounts debits and deposits. She is still collecting receipts from TORP and she is hoping to have all of those by the February meeting. Anita stated that we haven't received promised deposits from the City of Reno and Reno Aces. Anita went over receipts turned in today. Anita asked for receipts or deposits. Several were brought forward. Anita reviewed the receipts. Kaye Widmer asked about the magazines that were sold. Mr. Moffit said that a check was received but not a break down. He is tracking that down and then he will have the credits dispersed to individual band members accounts at that time.

Charlene Albee explained about the Reno City Council donation. At the council meeting, Mr. Katzoff, owner of the Reno Aces, committed to donate \$7,000. The council resolved to donate money as well. In return, McQueen band will play at the opening game (April 14?) for the Reno Aces.

Motion: Approve Treasurer's Reports of January 11, 2009. Moved, seconded, and approved by voice vote.

Anita passed around letters and cards that accompanied the donations from the community. The letters were very moving and the donations were greatly appreciated.

Fundraising – Charlene Albee – February 18 fundraiser is the State Faire Crab Feed. The band members go and bus tables at the crab feed. Charlene will need 5 parents to help out. Mr. Moffit will sign up the band members for that night. They also offered us to sell Crab Feed tickets (\$50 a piece). All profits from the tickets sold by band members will go to individual band members accounts. Raffle tickets are for sale also for a box at the Reno Rodeo. Contact Charlene Albee if you have any questions and to get tickets.

Charlene reviewed the planned fundraisers for this coming year: Reno Rodeo working the beer booths in June. Trisha Watson is chairing it, but needs a shadow person because her band member is a senior next year and the shadow person will be able to take it over the following year. Hot August Nights fundraiser the first week of August. The Nugget Rib Cook Off Labor Day weekend. Board decided to not have fundraisers during the marching season. Next fundraiser will be Amazon fundraiser right before Christmas.

Office Report-Cindra Marandola- Zone concerts are on March 3 and 5. We will have a bake sale for each one. We will move the next general BPA meeting to the second Wednesday in March because of the two zone concerts the first week of March. Board Elections will take place on Wednesday, March 11, 2009 at 7pm. Mrs. Marandola went over all the items band members have received since coming back – state patch, State Farm pin, McQ black t-shirt, Rose DVD, and parade picture. They will be getting Disney t-shirts soon. Call time for basketball game on Friday is at 4:45pm. Mr. Moffit will let the band members know what shirt to wear. Each band member needs to sign in at each game. Participation at the basketball games is part of the students grades. Some regular band fees are still outstanding. She asked that parents keep making payments. Mrs. Marandola's new office hours are Tues and Thurs from 9am to 1pm. If you want to contact her here, those are the best times. She thanked everyone that helped on the TORP trip.

Uniform Committee – Jean Zordell (not present)- Trisha Watson reported for Jean. The Uniform trailer needs some repairs – new tires, spare tire, electrical issues. Another option is to get a new trailer because we have outgrown it. Trisha recommended that this be looked into. Ann Mink stated that there are several trailers dealers in town going out of business and that we might be able to get a good deal. Trisha will look into it. Trisha will bring some prices to the next meeting.

Food Storage Container – Paula Cason – Paula recommends that we replace the food storage container. We will spend more money to get it to last another season and it is not worth it. She has contacted Fundis trucking to get a bid for a new storage container. Paula is working on getting someone to take away the old one and deliver a new one. A special trailer is needed. She is expecting the cost will be around \$1500-\$2000.

New website – Nadine announced that the band has a new web master, Michelle Rickets. The new website is very nice. Terry Parrish, our former web master, was no longer able to be the web master for the band. To thank Terry Parish, we had a picture of the band at the parade and a parade jacket with her name on it with a thank you letter for all her hard work for the band over the past many years. Paula read a letter from Terry Parish thanking the band for being so nice for her. She was unable to attend the meeting tonight, but wanted to thank the band parents and band members for letting her be the webmaster for the past many years. Mrs. Marandola will deliver the gift to Terry for the band.

Old Business: none

New Business -Gail Gonzales proposed that the BPA purchases a laptop and software for the treasurer to do the BPA books on and to use to prepare grant proposals. She presented an estimate of \$800 for the laptop and software. Gail has information on the software and laptop if interested. Paula stated that with the elections so close, the new board needs to make this decision. Nadine recommended that a vote be held after the new board is seated. Gail is concerned that the new treasurer will not have a laptop and the necessary software to do the books and to give the grant writer the information needed. The item was tabled until the board-elect had the opportunity to look into the suggestion.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm

Minutes submitted by
Monica Anderson, Recording Secretary

Minutes accepted by
Nadine Ferguson, President

Upcoming Meeting – WEDNESDAY, February 4, 2009 in the Band Room. General Membership Meeting at 7:00 p.m.