

**McQUEEN BAND PARENTS ASSOCIATION**  
**MINUTES OF THE April 7, 2010 MEETING**  
**McQueen High School Band Room**

**Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Darrell Clifton**

**Kaye Widmer verified that a quorum was present**

**Approval of Minutes:** Members received minutes from the March 3, 2010 meeting via email or in the mail.

**Motion: Approve the minutes of March 3, 2010 meeting. Moved, seconded and approved by voice vote.**

**President's report – Darrell Clifton** – Keeping the meetings to the scheduled time is important, keeping to Roberts Rules of Order, and taking new ideas and suggestions to committee chairs that it regards. Committee chair will bring to BPA meeting. His top priority is communication with parents.

**Director's Report-Rick Moffit-** Thanks for coming to the meeting tonight. Last month the Concert and Wind Ensemble bands received 1st division ratings at the WCSD band festival. They were the only bands in the district to receive first division ratings. The McQueen band will play at a baseball game at the Reno Aces stadium on Fri. May 7. The band will go via bus and play the national anthem and between innings. McQ baseball will play Spanish Springs HS or possibly another team. On Sat. May 8, the Jazz band and the seniors will travel by charter bus to Discovery Kingdom. The Jazz band will play in the park then enjoy the park. It is \$60 per person to go on the trip. On Wed May 12, there will be a percussion concert in the Little Theater by the Little Lancer percussion group. The \$25 participation fee includes a practice pad, sticks, and a book. Practices are currently on going. This camp gets 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders ready for marching band in the future. Fri May 14 is Fine Arts Dessert Night. Jazz, percussion, and color guard will perform. Fine Arts Dessert night is a fundraiser for the Fine Arts department at McQueen HS. Everyone in the Fine Arts department participates. Art is displayed, groups perform, and desserts are served. The BPA helps in the kitchen by keeping the dessert trays stocked. On Sun. May 16 the band will play at a Reno Aces game at 1pm. Tickets can be purchased through the BPA at \$5 per ticket for band members and \$7 parents. The tickets cost us \$5 and we make \$2 per ticket. The band will play the National anthem and then sit and cheer. The tickets are good for any Monday-Wednesday game for the entire season - general admission tickets (lawn area). Parents can upgrade tickets for better seats at an extra cost at the Aces stadium. We can sell tickets to other people to use on that day or another day to increase our profit from this fundraiser. May 17 is the Spring concert. May 25 is the Awards banquet. Thursday, June 10 the entire band plays at graduation. The next week is mini-band camp. Everyone will be there from 9am to noon Monday through Friday. Students will learn how to march, a song, and how to march in a parade. On June 19, the band will march in the Reno Rodeo Parade. Min-band camp and Reno Rodeo parade is a great way for new band members to feel part of the band. Mr. Moffit requested that the June BPA meeting focus on the new parents. He will talk about our organization, money, and the benefits for both the student and the parents to be involved. He will have some current parents speak about their experience in the band. June 16 will be the BPA general meeting. Summer band camp starts the first week in August. There are currently 53 incoming freshmen enrolled in band right now. He requested that we use the phone tree invite new parents to the meeting in June. Next years show is from the movies "The Mummy" and "The Mummy Returns". He wants the Pit, guard, and drum majors costumes to be creative and inspired by the movies. The band room will be painted this summer. After the Reno Rodeo parade, everything needs to be removed from the walls. He will supply pizza as an incentive. Band members and parents help will be greatly appreciated. A parent asked about how we were going to make room in the band room for more trophies. Mr. Moffit answered that we will be removing the nameplates off of the 7 oldest years of trophies. Nameplates will be then be put on plaques and hung in the band room. He hopes to reuse the trophies.

**Fundraising – Kevin Aylworth** – Introduced himself. He needs help on his committee. He passed around a sign up list. He suggested monthly car washes and to sell McQ band merchandise there. After discussion, no one had any concerns. Contact Kevin if you have any suggestions. **New Fundraiser:** Birdies for charities fundraiser – Reno Tahoe Open (RTO). Band members seek donations or pledges. For every birdie shot during the RTO, the donor/pledgee will give to the band. 100% of the proceeds goes to the band. Second, sell tickets to the RTO and a portion goes to the BPA. How much goes to band member account to be determined for each of these fundraisers. Look for more info. An opportunity has come up for the band to raise funds. On Aug 7, at a Hot August Nights cruise night parents will do traffic control. Training at 6:30pm and then the cruise from 7-10:30pm for \$500. Contact him if you are interested in doing this. He explained that the Escript, Raley's card, etc. needs to be renewed. Contact him to register for any of these programs. Kevin asked if we want to sell Entertainment books? After some discussion it was decided to table it and vote next month. First 40 new parents that sign up for BPA memberships, gets a prize. Contact Debbie Lewis to signup for your 2010-2011 BPA membership. Reno Rodeo- Trisha Watson- North bar from June 17-June 26. Booth is open from 6-10pm shift is from 5:30pm to 10:30pm. JP pays the BPA an hourly rate plus tips. She will need 3-4 parents per night. Fun and profitable event for the BPA. Be looking for an email sign-up sheet or contact Trisha to sign-up for a shift at twatson123@gmail.com.

**Office Report-Cindra Marandola-** She needs chaperones for the Reno Rodeo Parade, and the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Graeagle Parade and Reno Parade, and Graduation. The Graeagle parade is on Monday, July 5.

**Treasurer's Report** – Mary Devine reviewed the report. She went over Wells Fargo accounts debits and deposits. Mary reviewed the amounts made on fundraisers this past month. Zone concert Bake sale, merchandise, prom raffle tickets, an envelope marked Airnotes from Extravaganza was found with \$48 in it. Funds raised specifically for Fiesta Bowl will be listed separately on the treasurer's report until the event.

**Motion: Approve Treasurer's Reports of April 3, 2010. Moved, seconded, and approved by voice vote.**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Uniform Committee – Diane Wood** – not present – Monica reported that she will be asking parents to help launder the uniforms soon. Also, if graduating senior would like to donate their tuxes or dresses to the BPA, she will have a box to receive them after the Spring Concert. The donated items will be given to students in financial need next year.

**Food-Peggy Osborne-** She needs volunteers for the band awards banquet. She is open for suggestions for food for the event Kohl's will provide 5 helpers for 3 hours to help serve and give us \$500 for the event. Suzanne Milner, Denise Coleman, Christine O'Malley, Kaye Widmer, Roberta Duskin volunteered to help out with the banquet.

**Grant Writing-Tina Ford – not present.**

**Sponsorship-Brad Kirk-** On May 26, The Knitting Factory is having an event with a silent auction. They will be auctioning off tickets for an upcoming event with the proceeds to go to the BPA. He needs some parents to go to keep track of bids and promote the BPA and auction. Contact Brad at [mcqbandpr@yahoo.com](mailto:mcqbandpr@yahoo.com) if you want to help out.

**New Business-**

**-Audit committee-** An audit of the BPA books needs to be done annually. The audit needs to be completed by 3 non-board parents that are current BPA members. Darrell called for volunteers. Also, the audit committee is being asked to take the current BPA budget and see if the budget and actual expenses match. Denise Coleman volunteered to chair the committee. No one else volunteered to help in the committee. Monica will send out an email calling for additional members.

**-Fine Arts Dessert Night chair** – Donna Keislar volunteered to chair the committee. Sent around sign-ups for that night. Monica will send out an email requesting help with more details.

**Old Business-**

None

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm

Minutes submitted by  
Monica Anderson, Recording Secretary

Minutes accepted by  
Darrell Clifton, President

**Upcoming Meeting – WEDNESDAY May 7, 2010** in the Band Room. General Membership Meeting at 7:00 p.m.