



Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
Virtual Zoom Meeting | Tuesday 09.15.20 | 7:00pm

In Attendance:

Donnie Christian, Maria Singer, AJ Lewis, Lorraine Vuong, Norma Serrano, Harmony Decker, Joe Skelton, Roxanne Perales, Alexandria Cook and Ximena Flores

Directors Report

The executive committee meeting began 7:05pm with Donnie Christian discussing highlights from a district band directors meeting.

General questions:

Are parents allowed at the games? Yes, parents are welcomed at the games and can be used in the same compacity as in the past. No uniforms for the upcoming games, so that is one less thing the band parent must worry about. There is now a cold-water feature at the stadiums for student use to fill water jugs.

Are parents allowed at the school? Yes, parents are allowed on campus after school to assist with band activities but must follow CDC guidelines of wearing masks and social distance.

Spirit Items? Yes, they can be sold at the games but must develop a plan to sale them.

Game Day meals: Meals must be pre-packaged and or in a box so the students can grab and go.

Transportation: Transportation to and from the games will be provided for students and parent chaperones are welcomed but one to a bus. Proper behavior will be encouraged from the students with 6 buses instead of the normal 5 for use.

Parent seating: Seating will be the same, but band will be spread out according to new KatyISD guidelines and parents can continue to sit around and near the band but be aware of social distance and wearing of masks. Ms. Vuong wanted clarification on seating on the bus which will be 2 persons per seat and noted that pit crew and should leave before the band to set up before the band arrive to the stadium. She also stressed the need for to registration get going as soon as possible.

Competitions: Katy Marching Festival: 10/27/2020
UIL 11/17/2020

Waiting on other competition for confirmation.

Mr. Christian noted that he and the staff are developing a “wish list” of items for future use and purchases for the band instruments and sound equipment. He would like to use Capital outlay, which provides financial support for educational organizations such as the fine arts department which would be above the normal school district budget. Currently he is in talks for a base trombone which would be supplied next year or the following year. Current need would be to have the practice field painted and current quoted price is \$1,250.00 and should last at least 10 years. Mr. Christian discussed with Molly Casillas the need to purchase a new camera and video equipment for the band. She would like to purchase something that would be 4K and would capture great photos. Christian explained that he has a history of being a semi-pro photographer and would like to have a use it to develop keep sakes for the seniors and or an end of year presentation.

Ms. Singer noted that she would like a new generator at a price of \$2,000.00 and may not use sound or a synthesizer for this marching season. Ms. Cook stated that a new trap was needed to cover the gym floor for the school to use for performances and pep rallies and has other ideas for winter guard season and will discuss with Mr. Edwards to gather more detail.

Spirit Night: Ms. Vuong stated that Ritter’s which is a frozen custard shop located on fry owned by a former MCHS band member has agreed to host a spirit night. He has agreed to donate 10% of the sales that night to the band, still finalizing the date and times. Game day meals there are several vendors that provide boxed meals such as Jason’s Deli, Subway and more just need to finalize the contact for their services.

Registration:

General discussion of the 2020 registration and how payment could be made with minimal contact maybe through CANVAS or electronically. Was noted that there was no school on 09/25/2020 and there was no need for game day meals for that game and we had a little more time to gather all the information. Norma Serrano asked for clarification for pricing and preparation for registration for t-shirts and other items needed for the students because there are invoices and fees and a plan must be made. She asked of the smart music app fee and Ms. Singer clarified the fee is 20.00. Asked about gloves line item of 5.00. Ms. Serrano noted that there are extra water jugs for the freshman as well as cover for the jugs and will order more if needed. The payment plan was discussed maybe to be extended to more than three to help those who were affected by COVID issues. Final decision would be made before registration day which will be held in the lobby of the PAC September 22-24, 5-7pm. An email will be sent out to the parents noting fees and where and how to pay.

Uniforms:

Mr. Christian noted that the students will wear the t-shirt and shorts for the first few game due to heat and easy wash and care due to COVID and sizing for uniform would be completed later.

Winter Fireworks:

Mr. Skelton stress the need to begin planning for firework fundraiser due to the amount manpower needed due to the break schedules and to make plans with the manager and request the contract. He also stated that we need develop an annual budget for the year so there would be an idea of money that would be spent such as shirts and other items.

Treasurer Report

It was noted that the band was scammed out of \$5,300 as well as other organizations in the Houston area. Currently, Chase bank is working with Roxanne Perales to fix the issues.

Roxanne Perales gave the financial report and noted that there were no major changes except for the missing \$5300.00 and the three accounts from **Chase Checking, Members Choice Checking and Savings totaling: \$45, 866.00**

Band Showcase:

Mr. Christian stated that there would be a Showcase, but no finalization has been made at present date.

Voting:

1. Joe made a motion to vote on the painting of the practice field and it passed with no opposition.
2. Voting was made for the new band shirts which would replace the black shirt and green polo at a total of \$4,090.00 paid by the band boosters and that motion passed.
3. Digital Camera vote was placed on hold due to needing additional information for pricing and research. Current ones up for discussion are the A7R2 camera which would do 4K video and mega pixel photography. Alexandria Cook took the floor to advocate for her boyfriend, Alex Beaumier, to assist and or take over social media for the band for free. She explained that he has a history of working in social media and has taken photos for Rhythmic Force (percussion group based in Austin), DCI Cavaliers and other organizations. She noted that he has a \$700.00 camera and if he was to work with MCHS band he would want a newer camera so the quality and branding would be consistent and that the band could have a newer camera in stock. She suggested that the boosters should either vote on him at that moment or discuss it more. At that moment, Maria Singer began to praise Alex by saying that his pictures and other work was world class and suggested that we should use his services and to pay him. Joe S. wanted to gather additional information about his services and Mr. Christian was unaware that he was an option but eventual agreed to use him after Ms. Cook continued to convince him. Ms. Cook stated that he was willing to help and that she would send his resume and bio to board members.

Upcoming dates:

- Registration: September 22-24, 5-7pm in the lobby of the PAC.
- General Band Booster meeting 09/17/2020 7pm
- Spirit Night Willie's 09/24/2020
- Katy Marching Festival 10/27/2020 Legacy Stadium
- Region Marching Contest 11/17/2020 Legacy Stadium
- Area I Marching Contest (6A) 12/05/2020 Berry Center: Cy Fair ISD

Meeting was dismissed by Mr. Skelton