

MEHLVILLE HIGH SCHOOL
BAND PARENT ASSOCIATION
General Meeting
March 12, 2008

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President Jack Brickey opened the general band parent meeting and welcomed everyone.

- Trivia Night – Marie Masterson thanked everyone for their help and coming out.
- Raffle Tickets – Teri Hofius has received tickets back from approximately 20 students. We have sold \$1500. The drawing is scheduled for March 21st, so we need all tickets turned in to Mr. Brown by Friday or delivered to Teri by March 20th.

Chris Stuckle - Balances have been sent out. Need all money due by March 31st. Next meeting some time will be made to discuss the budget.

Sandy Lehn- Requests all parents to double check clothing to make sure they're clean and there are no rips or anything. Please take them to the cleaners if needed. Boys shirts can be washed in the washing machine. If anyone has any jewelry that has broke, please let Sandy know and she will get it replaced

This trip will be a little different. They will be staying at Hampton Inn in Stafford, VA. Dixie Classic Festival was canceled due to no one signing up. A Festival is an opportunity to grow and learn. In a festival you are competing against yourself to perform the music that you pick and play at a high level. We are graded based upon how well we play. We go to give the kids experiences and to help them develop. It also helps the directors grow to better help the kids. Another thing Mr. Brown likes is that this festival company goes after some of the top folks in the business. He looks at it as an opportunity to teach them to grow not to have a good time. This year the festival only got 2 bands signed up for the Washington DC and VA beach trips. The owner suggested that they contact a local band director from a college and work out a performance clinic for us. The VA Commonwealth Campus (VCU in Richmond, VA) is where the clinic will be held. We will do a performance in the concert hall and then

a clinic. We will make it an experience that we have control over and can have a positive experience. The way this worked out is that we were able to block a period of time and get one college professor for one hour to critique our performance. Because this is one on one it will have a lot of benefit, we have undivided attention and a concert hall. It will be an awesome experience and the kids will be busy and tired when they get home. The trip itinerary was distributed. We were able to get a lower hotel price by moving away from Washington DC. Mr. Brown likes to do things and go places with the kids that they might not do on their own. It's important to him that they get as much as possible out of their trip. They will have an experience that they will not forget and look back on it with appreciation. Hoping they will return from their trip in the late afternoon on Sunday.

There could be a possibility that Mr. Brown might not be able to make the trip. Mrs. Brown is now 32 weeks pregnant and she may be having the baby at this time. He is taking a few extra chaperones in case he can't make it.

There was concern about the way the district was going to change the staffing of band and now that is going to stay the same. Thanks to Mr. Brickey, Mr. Brown, and Mr. Smyth for getting this to work out. This is a very positive thing for us and the district.

- The band is going to be featured on Classic 99 on May 17th from 7pm-8 CST (www.classic99.com)
- On May 16th the classical music culture are doing a top 99 concert on Friday. They will give kids and parents an opportunity to go to the symphony for a cheaper price. He's thinking it's about \$10 per ticket.
- May 28th - the Cardinal Game where we will be performing. More information will be forthcoming
- Aug 1st at Genesis - Alumni Banquet, if anyone knows any Alumni, please let them know. They formulated the list from Mr. K's retirement.
- Senior Concert is Friday May 9th
- All District instrumental is Friday, April 4th