

MEPA Parent Meeting Chorus Room
August 15, 2019
6:30pm

—a good turnout from parents.

Called to order at 6:40pm

President's Message:
Franci Gargaro

Will post all meeting slides on Charms from now on—as with the meeting minutes.
Franci went over events completed to date—see charms for more info on dates.
Franci filled us in on the reorganization that has been done in the Band Hallway—New Guard room build out and sponsored by the Rodriguez family.
Voted on upcoming dates—ALL DATES APPROVED—see dates and events as follows:

Eagle Regiment Car Wash— August 24, 2019 participation is mandatory
Flanagan Competition—October 5, 2019
Bands of America Orlando—October 12-14, 2019
FBA MPA—October 19, 2019
Park Vista Competition—Nov 2, 2019
Cypress Bay Comp—Nov9, 2019
State Championship—Daytona—Nov 22-24, 2019
Guard Friends and Family—MSD—Jan 24, 2020
Guard Show—MSD—March 7, 2020—volunteer participation mandatory.

For car wash—all money due to band safe by aug 21 or money turned in will go to general fund and not child's individual account. Money or tickets must be turned in.

Director's Update:
Steve Rivero

Filled parents in on his talk with the students—having fun without letting go of expectation.
Reintroduced Robert “Mr R” Rivero
Mr R added a couple of Saturday rehearsals to make up for rain days that happened during Band Camp 2—New practices on Sept 14th and Sept 28th.
Looking to have a Fall Concert on Oct 16th or 23rd.

New and exciting opportunities shared—Eagle Regiment will be performing at pregame ceremony at Super Bowl in Miami in February
—Eagle Regiment will be participating in New Year's Ever parade in London, England 2020/2021
All details coming as they become finalized

New concert uniforms—restructuring for affordable consistency—all female students will wear same uniform through all levels and all male students will wear same uniform through all levels.
—details will come soon as dates, etc get finalized.

BOA and Magic Kingdom Parade:

Kids will participate in BOA on saturday, Oct 12. Sunday they will participate in parade at MK and then be free to enjoy the park in groups no smaller than 3 students. They are currently

voting on which park they would like to visit for the 14th of Oct. Students then return to MSD. All details will be communicated as finalized and will be posted on Charms.

Gloria and Emilio Estefan have invited ER to participate in charity event at their restaurant—Estefan Kitchen—on Thanksgiving. Students will perform. Details will come as finalized.

November 8th—ER has been invited to perform at the Waterford 5K —mostly senior students will be performing and the organization will make a \$4000 donation to the band organization.

Mr Rivero is working on a Stoneman Douglas Honor Band camp to take place in January—bringing in clinicians and middle school students to work with current MSD students.

Football games: Students will have a stands rehearsal after school on these days, followed by dinner. No students will leave campus until after the football game. Can bring a sack lunch or place a meal order with our meal coordinator for these dinners. Approximately \$8 will be assessed for each student meal.

Competition day schedule changes: Students will come for rehearsal in the mornings, chill/shower/clean up, eat lunch, dress for competition, go earlier to competition than we have in the last couple of years in order to watch other bands perform, perform and return to MSD. After release it is a tradition for students and families to head over to Wings Plus (who stay open just for us).

VP Operations:
Jeff Wolfe

Jeff thanked all volunteers who've helped this season at band camps, olympics, uniform fitting, office and gate supervision, etc.

Thank you for all drink donations

Jeff encouraged ALL parents to participate in some way in our program.

Introduced Tricia Yaipen—volunteer coordinator—

looking for help to collect donations for parking at football games—a strong fundraiser for the marching season. Politely suggesting a \$3 donation.

Signup Genius will be used for all volunteer coordination.

This year we will have a formal chaperone training meeting before Flanagan competition.

Pick up protocol for parents arriving at end of rehearsal to pick up their child. Please park in a parking spot in the lot and not in the fire lane near red gate—safety issue and traffic congestion problem when kids are dismissed.

Financials:
Kathy Sandidge

Kathy reminded parents to update all contact information on Charms

Financial statements will be sent out monthly

Please bring payments up to date.

We now have Zelle as a payment option—email for recognition purposes for zelle is stonemandouglasmepa@yahoo.com—please note this is not an email for communication purposes. If prompted for a username please use Kathy Sandidge.

Trip fees are TBD and will be posted as soon as possible.

All scholarship applications are due tomorrow—Aug 16th.

Field Crew:
Karl Liin

Looking for more members. Lots of different jobs—everyone welcome.
Started building props—will work together on props at the school this Saturday.
We will need help to load and unload trucks during the season—lots of props and most likely still have skirts this year.

Guard:
Erin August—Franci presented

All dress code requirements are due by Friday.
All dues are required by Friday.
Great job on recruitment for JV guard at Westglades—15 new names showing interest in guard next year.
Please bring contact information up to date.
Follow MSD Guard FB page for announcements and reminders specific to guard.

Fundraising:
Catherine Walker

Looking for fundraising leads to work as points of contact for individual fundraising events.
Cheesecake fundraiser new this year—mandatory for all students—kicks off Oct 3/4th with deliveries made just before Thanksgiving.
Will be passing bucket at Pops 'n Pies to collect donations for building out our fire pit prop which has added to the budget more than expected.
Cheesecake rep will be at Pops 'n Pies.

Coupon books coming in—sell for \$20 and your student will receive 10 points—equivalent to cash—in their charms account. Buy 5 books and get 1 free.

Pops 'n Pies—Jeanine Muller chairperson—explained the event, as fundraiser and a fun first chance to see kids perform what they've learned of the show so far. This will be the first time for the band to perform on the field and in uniform.
raffle baskets, information booths and band store will be available.

Sponsorship—banner program:
Jeff Wolfe
businesses can advertise their business on a banner that will be on the outer fence of MSD. Points go to student's account for each banner sold. MEPA gets a portion and so does the athletic department.

Vehicle wrap—Eagle 3 needs a wrap and the front wrap needs replacing to make room for new names (of donors) —fundraising goal is \$5300 total.
\$150 per name on front of Eagle 1 and \$100 for back of Eagle 3—this truck travels during concert season and winter guard/winter percussion.

Store:
Now online—can prepay and child will get items at end of rehearsal or you can click to bill. When child pays then items go home.

Eagle Regiment Dress Code for events—all items need to be in hand now!

BOA—Oct 12-14
Rooms are already assigned—kids who failed to choose rooms/roommates in timely fashion were assigned rooms. No changes will be made.

Cost TBD

Chaperones are already assigned.

BB&T

signups will be sent out this weekend

Alcohol training—mandatory—for working BB&T—Sept 17, 18, Oct 2, 3. Sign up for one.

All volunteers can sign up for 7 dates per student to start so all get a fair chance for dates.

Looking for inventory and cash leads.

Have to be 18 yrs old to work BB&T but can do training before 18.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:25pm.