

Parent Association Bylaws

Article I: NAME

The name of this organization shall be the Mankato Area 77 Lancers Marching Band Parent Association, referred to herein as the Association.

ARTICLE II: MEMBERSHIP

The parents/guardians of all Lancer band members shall automatically be members of the Association. Membership in the Association commences upon registration of the band member with the Mankato Area Recreation Council, the sponsoring entity of the band. Membership continues until the member's child or ward is no longer a participant in the Lancer band program. Parents/guardians of band members who have not graduated from high school shall continue to be members of the association throughout the school year following the band's summer season.

ARTICLE III: PURPOSE

The 77 Lancers Marching Band being only a summer program of the Mankato Area Recreation Council, the Association shall exist to provide continuity in various ongoing band related functions. Specifically (but not be way of limitation) the Association shall engage in the following activities:

- a) *Fundraising for any and all band activities of for the purchase of any band related equipment or clothing.*
- b. *To assist the music director(s) of the band by recruiting, planning, chaperoning and such related requirements as from time to time may be required.*

In fulfilling its purposes, the Association shall work closely with the music director(s), staff and the Mankato Area Recreation Council. All funds raised by the Association shall be expended in furtherance of the band's activities.

ARTICLE IV: MEETINGS

General membership meetings shall be held at least three times per year: (1) during the opening week of band rehearsal in June; (2) immediately prior to the final concert of the summer; (3) at least once during the winter.

ARTICLE V: EXECUTIVE BOARD

The Executive Board shall be the decision making body of the Association. The board shall consist of eight parent members plus the music director(s) of the band. The eight parent members shall be elected by the general membership of the Association at the Final Concert membership meeting. Members of the board shall serve two year terms with one half of of the terms expiring each year. The Executive Board shall hold its organizational meeting on the first Tuesday of September at 7:00 p.m. and shall thereafter meet at such times and places as it shall deem necessary. At its organizational meeting the board shall elect its officers to serve for the year. The officers to be elected by the board are President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. Meetings of the Executive Board are open to all members of the Association.

ARTICLE VII: COMMITTEES

The Executive Board may from time to time form either standing or ad hoc committees as the need shall arise. All members of the Association are eligible to serve on such committees.

ARTICLE VIII: ADOPTION/MODIFICATION

These bylaws are adopted by the Association on July 24, 1988 at a general membership meeting. They must be amended by the affirmative vote of a majority of the membership in attendance at any regularly scheduled meeting of the Association.