Nevada Music Parents September, 2011

WHO ARE WE?

We are the parents of band and vocal students in grades 5-12 and all community members interested in the Nevada schools' music programs.

WHAT IS OUR PURPOSE?

Our purpose is to give moral and financial support to our music programs.

HOW DO WE RAISE FUNDS?

- Each family is asked to pay $10 per year membership dues.
- Operating the concession stand during football games and track meets.
- Serving meals before some band and chorus concerts
- Donations – **Nevada Music Parents is a 501(c)(3) organization. Donations are considered charitable contributions and are tax deductible.**
- Specific Projects fundraisers – Past fundraisers include our *88 Keys* piano fundraiser, band instrument replacement, *Our Iowa* Calendar and *Best of Country Cookies* Cookbook fundraisers, and various *Raise the Curtain* auditorium fundraisers, including the *Keith West Magic & Illusion Show* and the Walking Taco Stand we are operating this fall during ISU's home football games.

WHERE WILL THE MONEY GO?

- Entry fees to solo and group contests
- Pins, awards and letters earned by music students
- Judges fees
- Flag Line contest entry fee
- Band Uniform and Choir Robe Fund
- Auditorium pledge
- Specific projects – The funds for these projects are raised through designated fundraisers. Past projects include replacing band instruments, purchasing two pianos and a *Raise the Curtain* Auditorium pledge.

WHAT ARE OUR GOALS FOR 2011-2012?

- Fund the various contest fees and awards requested by the music directors
- Build our Band Uniform and Choir Robe Fund for purchasing these items in the future
- Complete our pledge to the auditorium project
- Maintain a list of used instruments for sale and make the list available to parents interested in purchasing an instrument for their child

WHAT IS OUR HISTORY?

Nevada Music Parents, originally known as Band Mothers, has a rich legacy that dates back to the 1940's when it was formed to help the instrumental department buy uniforms and other equipment. In later years the organization expanded its efforts to include the vocal department as well and the name was changed to Nevada Music Parents. Although the organization is geared toward families with children involved in music, we welcome all interested community members.

The money we earn operating the concession stand during football games and track meets is vital to our organization. The Music Parents have operated a concession stand at the football field since the 1950's and possibly earlier.