



FCHS BAND BOOSTER MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, APRIL 14, 2008

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 by Booster President Daniel Arocho. Daniel started by thanking those parents that came to the meeting for being there. He reminded everyone to keep up with the calendars and the website. Our next meeting will be on Monday, May 12 and will be the election meeting. We need nominations for Vice President and Secretary. Please contact Daniel if you are interested in either position.

Band Camp is scheduled for Monday, July 21, 2008. There is a signup sheet for people to help organize and work Band Camp. This is the big week of the summer where the show gets a huge jump start. We need lots of help.

Daniel spoke of Cinda Holzwart. Cinda, as you may know, handles many of the jobs necessary to keep the Flash of Crimson, Drumline, etc. running. She handles the Uniforms, Band Camp, Trailer Driver, Band Banquet and most of everything else. Cinda has a graduating senior and therefore won't be here next year on a day to day basis. Your help is needed in all areas. Please consider what you would like to contribute and contact a board member and/or Cinda. Many hands make light work and our kids deserve our support.

Treasurer's Report – Robin Vale

We are gradually reducing our "late" band fees – there is \$4058 still outstanding at this point. Statements were e-mailed and mailed last month. \$2487 is from the fall marching season, the rest of the balance due is drumline and winterguard fees. Please continue to get these fees paid. Remember, contracts won't be offered to students with outstanding balances.

There is currently \$15,409.27 in the checking account. \$10,000 was moved from the money market to cover outstanding expenses for Drumline and Winterguard. As fees get paid, our liquid funds will be replenished. Our Tupperware fundraiser (\$302.84 in sales) cost \$198.10 to purchase the merchandise, \$73.60 in students credits were issued. The general fund received \$30.28. Robin has the monthly profit/loss statement available for anyone to view.

There will be a meeting before the next Booster meeting of the executive committee and anyone who is interested to help form the new band budget for next year. At the present time, we are planning to attend 2 BOA Competitions and a competition at Western Carolina. The trip to St. Louis (BOA) will be a combination competition and band trip for the kids (Six Flags and a visit to the Arch). Once the remainder of the expenses is

submitted by the Drumline (after Dayton) and the Winterguard, most of the necessary numbers will be available for the budget meeting. If you are interested, please attend the meeting. It will be a great time to ask questions and understand how the band fees are set. After the meeting the budget and new band fees will be presented to the general membership at the May booster meeting.

Daniel reminded everyone that elections will be held at the next meeting (May 14). Maureen Nelson has nominated herself as a candidate for secretary. There is a need for nominations for secretary and vice president. The person elected vice president would become the president the following year. Kathy Hines will be the president for our booster club next year. Daniel will be the “consultant” president.

Drumline Update – Tom Tucker

World Championships are this weekend in Dayton, OH. The kids have put in some excellent practices and will be leaving Thursday morning. The preliminary competition is at 12:07 p.m. on Friday afternoon. If we make finals, we will compete on Saturday evening. Competition this year among the world groups is probably the best yet – all groups are strong and it will be a real show down. If you cannot attend in person, you can go to the WGI website (www.wgi.org) and signup for the live webcast of the competition.

Mr. Mashburn – Update

This year is at a very fast spiral to a close. Time is running by. Please help the kids stay focused and check the calendar often. Next week will be the Drumline/Color Guard clinics/auditions for the fall season. Please encourage incoming 9th graders to participate. There is a huge color guard graduation class of seniors and we need to fill in the ranks.

The SAPA Championships were in Macon, GA a couple of weeks ago and our Central Guard earned a bronze medal! The Crimson Guard went to Dayton, OH for their WGI World Championships. The girls had a great show – the best they have had all year! Anna Hatzispiros was awarded a WGI Scholarship!

The week of the 28th is the start of the Officer Clinics for fall. After that there is Prom, Band Banquet, Spring Concert, Jazz Dinner, Finals, and Graduation! Please refer to the calendar often.

West Georgia College will perform as Exhibition at the GBC this year.

There will be renovations to the school this summer – the band room will be getting a new floor that should help with the sound quality.

Tom Tucker mentioned that if we make finals, he will be offered a seat on the Percussion Advisory Board. This has come up in the past but the meeting is the same weekend as the Band Banquet. This meeting is a chance to make/change policy as well as “mingle”

with organizations and make deals (like our Pearl, Innovative, etc). This year if he is invited, he would like to attend. The meeting will be held in Chicago and would cost us hotel and airfare.

Kathy Hines has Belk tickets to their Charity Day. They are \$5.00 each and are good for the morning of May 3. You get \$5.00 off of your purchase (your money back) and discounts on merchandise in the store. This is a ticket only event so sell as many as you can. We get to keep all the money we make on tickets. We can also pre-sell at the store this weekend and on the morning of the sale.

Daniel opened the floor to any questions. Kit Turner asked about getting Cumming Signs to make a deal on some permanent signs for GBC, SMI, etc. If we can get them to donate that would be best. If not, we might offer them a sponsorship.

The meeting was adjourned by Daniel at 8:12 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Maureen Nelson