

# **FORSYTH CENTRAL BAND BOOSTER MEETING**

**Monday, August 15, 2005**

Joyce Reid called the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M.

**Minutes:** Joyce Reid - Explanation of last month's minutes. Rudi Hulsey's computer crashed and we will have them if she is able to retrieve them at some future date.

**Uniforms:** Cathy McKinnon - Each band student should have everything in order. This includes their band t-shirt, black socks, dinkles and bibbers. Band camp fees must be paid in order to receive a t-shirt. This is part of the band uniform. If your student does not have this t-shirt at games, they will not be allowed to remove their band coat.

**Color Guard:** Uniforms will be in on Tuesday, Aug. 16 at the end of practice.

**Chaperones:** Cathy McKinnon - There has been great response from parents. All games are covered. However, if you still want to do this and haven't contacted Cathy yet, you can be put on a substitute list. Also, to the parents already scheduled, please double check your dates and make sure that these are the ones requested.

**Band Camp:** Peggy Bell – Camp went really well. All extra food was donated to the concession stand.

**Fundraising:** Joyce Reid and Cindy Sanders – We are experiencing a serious financial “crunch” due to unexpected loss of revenue and expenses from last year. (loss of concession stand) We must do all that we can with the fundraisers to try and recoup these funds and enable Mr. Mashburn and Mr. Tucker to run this band as it needs to be.

1<sup>st</sup> Fundraiser: Raffle Ticket with \$5000 cash prize. All proceeds will go into the band general fund. Each band student is requested to sell at least five tickets. This is an extremely important fundraiser and we need everyone to participate!

2<sup>nd</sup> Fundraiser: Cookie Dough, miscellaneous items sale – 10% to the general fund, rest of profit to student accounts.

3<sup>rd</sup> Fundraiser: Fruit Sales – This delicious Indian River fruit will be delivered in time for the Christmas holidays. We always get a lot of requests for this one from our past customers. Please contact Debbie Young to help us with this.

4<sup>th</sup> Fundraiser: Booster gear and 50/50 raffle (football games) – Janice Shaw, Steve and Cinda Holzgart, Lynn Eve – Volunteers are needed to help out with this during football games. The 50/50 raffle was explained for new band parents. Six tickets are purchased for \$5.00. The winner of the raffle wins half of all money taken in on raffle ticket sales with the other half going to the band. A web link for FOC booster gear is forthcoming. For now, if you wish to purchase an official band t-shirt to wear to the games, or any other gear, please fill out the order form and put that with your payment to FCHS Band Boosters in an envelope in the red box. These orders will be filled as soon as possible.

**Concessions:** Phillip and Margaret Reece – We need approximately 15 volunteers per game to work concessions. Interested parents can sign up for as many or as few games as desired. However, you must sign up and be put on the list. This way you will get a badge and be admitted into the games for free. The first home game is this Friday, 8/26. This is a great way to get to know other band parents!

**Director's Report:** John Mashburn – We are very behind this year in getting our show music at the level that it needs to be. The combination of students not practicing and interruption of class time by assemblies, etc. have led to this crisis mode. This is a new season in which we must defend our reputation as the best band around. Please emphasize the importance of practicing to your student.

**Classical Mystery Tour** – This is a group of musicians that perform original Beatles arrangements with approx. 30 symphony orchestras nationwide. This November 13, the group will be at the Gwinnett Arena performing with the Atlanta Symphony. Mr. Peter Miraldo gave an introduction to this group and provided information on a wonderful opportunity for selected band members and our drumline to perform with this group at the November performance. Group sales would be an excellent venue for band revenue. For each ticket sold, we would get \$5.00. If our group sold 1,000 tickets, we would receive \$10,000. Band parents voted and it was unanimous that we pursue this as a fundraiser. For more information on The Classical Mystery Tour, biographical information, and their nationwide schedule, go to [www.allyouneedismusic.com](http://www.allyouneedismusic.com).

**We need a committee chair and at least four committee members for the Classical Mystery Tour fundraising event. Please contact Joyce Reid if you are interested. We need to get started on this NOW!**

**Drumline Report:** Tom Tucker – I am very concerned over the quality of students work. They are not up to the level that they need to be at this point!

**Band Pictures:** Janice Shaw – Band pictures and sectionals will be taken this week. Envelopes for payment were handed out to parents attending the meeting.

**Telephone:** Marcia Seay – Please contact her if you are not receiving the recorded band messages.

**Equipment/Transportation:** Ted and Angie Sisk, Steven and Cinda Holzwart  
No problems or concerns to report.

**Publicity:** Mary Beth Brady – Someone from the The Forsyth County News took pictures during Band Camp and they appeared in the newspaper. Most were of the color guard. If anyone has some great digital pictures that they take this year of the band and would like to share them, please contact me.

**GBC (Georgia Bandmasters Championship):** Joyce Reid – This is our largest fundraiser – a HUGE event! Let's get going on selling GBC program ads. I know that several of you are already on the bandwagon, and that is GREAT! Remember, 50% of the ad price goes directly into the student account (to use toward band fees and band trip): Ad size sheets are posted on the web site so you can download them. The back page, back side of the front page, and inside back cover have already been sold! I have e-mailed these sheets to everyone I have e-mail addresses for. If you have not been involved in this event before, just talk to some of the band parents. They will tell you what it is all about and how much fun it is. It takes everyone to make this event successful. We will begin having GBC meetings in September. Much more to come on this event...

### **Other Business:**

Band Fees: Please make sure that your child's payments are up-to-date. The band depends on this money so make sure that your accounts are current.

Web Site: Check the web site at least twice weekly under the Booster section; this is where we will post minutes from booster meetings in the future, and list announcements and reminders. The web page is the first means of information for the band.  
[www.flashofcrimson.com](http://www.flashofcrimson.com)

Mr. Gonzalez has graciously provided a large grill for the concession stand. THANK YOU MR. GONZALEZ!! You are such a wonderful supporter of the band.

Needs: Odds and ends to finish preparation of concession stand. Please see Margaret and Phillip Reece if you can help.

Box truck or bus

Vacuum cleaner for the band room – Peggy Bell volunteered to donate one! THANKS PEGGY!

**VOLUNTEERS!!** Please sign up for at least one or two activities. We NEED you!!

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 P.M.  
Submitted by Beth Patterson