



FCHS BAND BOOSTER MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, December 14, 2009

NormaJean opened the meeting at 7:30 p.m. Welcome to the first meeting after a very successful trip to Indy! Let's watch the DVD and enjoy the wonderful performance

Thank you for coming to the meeting.

Minutes – Maureen Nelson

The minutes are available on line at the FOC website. If you would like a copy emailed to you, just let Maureen know.

Treasurer – Robin Vale

There is \$16,114.52 in the Savings account, \$11,793.31 in the Checking account. All of the winter activities have been billed which leaves us looking to collect \$34,707.38 in fees, about \$10,000 of which is late fall fees.

This puts us at \$38,968.97 in the hole for the year. Hopefully SMI will bring in \$15K – that will help. Bottom line – fees must be paid.

Director Reports – John Mashburn

The Winter Concert is tomorrow night at 7:30 p.m. in the auditorium and it will be brief. We are using 1 large concert band (110) and there will be 5 numbers performed.

The Indoor Drumline is sponsoring “Breakfast with Santa” on Saturday morning from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. in the east cafeteria. Dale and Alyson Shelton will be Mr. and Mrs. Santa.

There will be a Winterguard Rehearsal on Saturday, Sunday and Monday. Drumline is also getting started with their rehearsals.

District All-State Honor Band – we have 3 students progress to the second round – Adam, Sally and Minh. Applications are available for the Tri-M music honor society.

We are in a new football region next year – Yeah! This will drastically improve our concession sales. The full region schedule is posted, there are no non region games – the top 4 make playoffs.

NormaJean – Discussion – Is this the beginning or the end?

We need to start talking about this, where the program is going, etc. Do we still want to support the BOA program? This year, the seniors will have completed the first 4 year cycle of BOA. What do we need and how much will it cost to remain competitive in this arena? The floor was open to discussion with Rudi Hulsey, Cathy McKinnon, Robin Vale, NormaJean Kiefer, Daniel Arocho, Monica and Juan and Maureen Nelson

providing input. When students were asked about continuing with BOA, the answer was an absolute yes – no question. The Williamson's added that their experience listening to people talk about the FOC – our band is now known in BOA.

How to raise some money? Selling doesn't work – our kids don't want to participate. They do like to participate in Service projects – working GBC, SMI or a car wash. We need to make more opportunities like this available. If it wasn't for the carwashes and the donut sales, we wouldn't have made it financially through the fall.

NormaJean – we need to step it up on larger events (like the Golf Tournament) and do less on the individual account sales. There were some connections made with other bands while in Indy – sharing ideas. Beth Haran has agreed to help Karen Allem with fundraising.

Can we go back to the Central Academy with Ponce? We need instructors and quality instructors cost money – we need to use our parent leadership to help in this venture.

Tom Kieffer – could Indy have been cheaper? Based on our needs, especially for the indoor practice facility, no. The travel company was the best way to go this time.

Some freshman parents spoke up – they have seen a huge change in their children due to their participation in this band program and their kids are totally committed.

The final word: We are in – we want to continue with the BOA program. Now to figure out ways to move forward.

Thank you to everyone for all you bring to us and the program. Please continue for the rest of the season – we are a year round program. We need your help. You can start paying your fees now if that will help space things out.

Starting after the holidays we need to kick it up. Connie Trent has a new job and we need a new calling tree coordinator – think about it and let us know at the next meeting.

SMI – Maureen Nelson for Kim Morrow
We have all our chairs (yay!) and will have a meeting after the break.

Happy holidays and good night. See you at the concert!

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35.

Minutes prepared by Maureen Nelson