



FCHS BAND BOOSTER MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2009

Kathy Hines called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Drumline Update – Tom Tucker

The drumline is going full ahead. Camp last weekend went great. We have a good show coming this year – “In the Heart of a Warrior”. It will have pieces about Courage, Love, Honor, etc. We are late starting, there is lots to do and he is way behind in his writing. We don’t know if there will be backdrops or props yet since we are still designing the visual part of the show. We are trying to keep it simple this year. First competition will be February 7. A fee letter/explanation will go out to parents at the end of the week?

Treasurer – Robin Vale

There is \$11,002.65 in the savings account, \$20,843.48 in the checking account. There is \$9700 outstanding fees from the fall marching season. We were \$5558 in the hole for the month. We got 2 checks from vendors at the GBC - \$498 for t-shirts and \$225 for videos.

Concessions – no report.

Props/Pit – Dale Shelton

Trailer repairs on the large trailer (Jaws) next week, he has a work team put together. The wrestling team is using it at the present time. Lanier Tire will put new tires on Moby – the money is in the budget.

Fundraising – Rudi Hulsey

\$7916/\$3958 were the gross/net sales in citrus. Our of 155 students, 55 participated at a rate of 35%. Scrip orders are due on Wednesday, December 10th. They will be back before school is out. We will be at Kroger on Sunday, 12/14 grilling and performing.

A question was proposed about the \$5K raffle – should we keep it for next year? How are we keeping up with the tickets – do we charge kids accounts for the tickets not returned?

Jim Cox suggested raffling a 4 wheeler – he can get one for cost - \$3000 or 3500 – maybe we could make some money with it.

We want to do some bigger organized fundraisers – we need someone to handle each individual event. It is not working selling things to death.

Sponsorship Committee – Bob Nelson (Maureen spoke for Bob)

A final cut of the sponsorship package (one to be delivered to potential sponsors) was shown to anyone at the meeting that wanted to see it. The package needs to be printed up so that the committee members can visit sponsors. For the initial run, probably a trip to Kinko's would be order.

Strategic Planning Committee – NormaJean Kieffer

NormaJean is asking for a committee of volunteers to help approach the school Board. Before we can speak with them, we need to get together and have a plan of action. The new wish list survey that was online last month evidently had a good band room response. The actual survey results should be available after the holidays. Many of the other high school directors were not aware of the survey. At the first cut, it looks like there was good support for the fine arts. Make a point of commenting on the Superintendent's Blog. Ask in January about the survey results.

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Bottom right of the page pull down the "select a link" and select "Blogs"

(The page will refresh)

Middle of the page select "Superintendants Blog"

This will then take you directly to his Blog where you can read past and present comments Mr. Evans has made concerning the county as well as comments from the locals. This month he has addressed his Blog to be about "Forsyth First", keeping the money spent in the county and the income it could bring to both the local businesses and the community in the sales tax revenue.

Directors Report – John Mashburn

Not much is going on since the last meeting – just recovering from a tremendous marching season. Sue and he had the opportunity to go to Grand Nationals in Indianapolis. It was very good. The place was a wonderful Dome with wonderful sound design. Both BOA and DCI had input for how it could be set up musically. The football team isn't too happy since it is not boomy to hear the home crows. There is a large curtain they run as a backdrop across the back line. We saw finals on Saturday evening. They had some good bands. We learned a lot – there were 93 bands on Thursday and Friday, 30 made it to Saturdays Semi Finals and 12 made it to Finals. Some of the 30 bands we beat in St. Louis. We could get through to at least that round. January 31 is the deadline to register. We will finalize our decision to compete at the January Booster meeting.

Don't forget the winter concert is Tuesday night. There will be a pie thrown in someone's face for having the highest scrip sales!

President's Report – Kathy Hines

The budget is being review in January and will be review by the executive board in January. Any changes will be reviewed at the January Booster meeting.

Kathy adjourned the meeting at 8:02 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Maureen Nelson

