



FCHS BAND BOOSTER MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, JANUARY 12, 2009

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

Thank you for coming this evening. Please make sure you check the online calendar – lots of dates are on there and there have been some changes.

Treasurer – Robin Vale

There is \$11,002.65 in the savings account, \$15,889.78 in the checking account. The winter fees have been billed so there is a total of \$26,501.11 in outstanding fees, \$8,342.50 of which is from the fall. Some parents still owe money for their GA Dome tickets – Robin will be in contact with you. Pay Pal has been updated with a drop down menu to give you payment choices for the indoor fees. If you wish to make a payment in an amount other than those choices, please send Robin an email and she will make those arrangements.

Drumline – Tom Tucker (Kathy Hines)

The Drumline is up and running and very busy. They are coming along with the opener just about complete. There is a floor design and we are working on the floor painting schedule. There will be some event fundraisers to try to keep the fees at \$750, including some kind of dinner, a possible poker run, etc. If you have any suggestions, please contact Kathy Hines. Connie Trent spoke of the “Battle of the Bands” that was held and that netted \$1300. If we can arrange another and invite the other high schools in the area, that could be successful. The calendar is being checked for February. Another idea brought forward was a movie night (outside weather permitting). Uniforms for the indoor drumline are in the works.

Concessions – no report.

Props/Pit – Dale Shelton

The trailer is done – Jim Cox should have it back to school this week. The inside is wonderful, however the roof is leaking and needs to be sealed. It will probably cost about \$400. The new tires are on Moby.

Guard – Sue Mashburn

The guard has half the show on the floor. There are 2 weeks before the first competition and the girls are working very hard.

SMI – Sawnee Mountain Invitational – March 14, 15, 2009. This is our second largest fundraiser. We are already at capacity with a waiting list for our event. Both winterguard and drumlines will be competing. Kim Morrow will be the Co-Chair with Kathy Hines. Kim reviewed the different chair positions necessary to make the event successful. If there is a committee you are interested in, please contact Kim or Kathy. The kids will be selling program ads soon as these are very important to the profit of our weekend. We use the program money to pay the judges. There will be several other SMI meetings prior to the event and individual committee signup will be at the next booster meeting.

Director – John Mashburn

We are having a new spring show...we need...(just kidding!). We need to decide about our competition schedule for the fall. In case you haven't checked, the fall schedule is up including the football games. The GBC will be on 10/24, the GA Dome is 10/31 and BOA Grand Nationals is 11/11-11/14. There will be 90 groups for prelims, 30 for semis and 10 for finals. Based on last year's scores, we should make it to semis. Registration for BOA is 1/31 – it will be \$800 for the Dome and \$900 for Indianapolis. The Lucas Oil Stadium is a great facility to perform in. The GA Dome is now a Regional instead of a super regional due to the number of groups. The tentative schedule would include the band performing/competing at the GBC, a local GA Show, the GA Dome and Grand Nationals. A motion to go with the proposed schedule was made by Jim Morrow, second by Wade Trent and voted – approved.

Don't forget to sign up for Smart Music if you haven't already. This is wonderful program and at \$25 per year it is the best substitute for a private teacher. Kids who don't have it will need to get their pass offs done before or after school since class time can now be used to learn!

We are starting a mentor program with the 8th graders at Otwell. We will be using seniors in the symphonic band class period to cross the street and help the 8th graders there as role models.

High School registration is starting already. We will have meetings with 8th grade parents – it would be great to have a booster parent liaison parent to pare up with an incoming parent to help them feel welcome and needed.

Tri-M Music Honor Society applications will be available after Wednesday when report cards go out.

General – Kathy Hines

We are working on a parent handbook to have for the new parent booster meeting (March 9). It will be a living document that will help answer any questions a parent may have with regard to their child's participation in the band.

We need a nominating committee to put together the candidates for the Booster officer positions for next year. We need three people to help find a VP, Co-Treasurers, and

Secretary. We also need a chair person to run the summer Band Camp and Saturday Camps. We need a Sales Chair and an Operations Chair for next years' GBC. There will be a finance committee and middle school liaison – please consider any of these positions and contact Kathy Hines or NormaJean Kieffer if you are interested.

The Jazz Dinner is May 2. This event was a huge success last year and hopes to be again this year. We are hoping to have tickets on sale during March. If you can help chair or plan this event, please contact NormaJean.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15.

Minutes prepared by Maureen Nelson