



FCHS BAND BOOSTER MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2009

NormaJean Kieffer called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. We are glad to see you all here tonight. We want to spend most of the meeting on the GBC but we will do our other business first.

Minutes – Maureen Nelson

The minutes are typed and posted on the website. If you cannot access them or wish to get a copy, I will happily email them to you. I can be reached at [bobmaureennelson@bellsouth.net](mailto:bobmaureennelson@bellsouth.net).

Treasurer – Robin Vale

The checking account has \$6,151.24 in it and the savings account has \$11,113.85. There is approximately \$28,000 in outstanding band fees. The car washes and donut sales are helping but not enough to cover the missing money. To date, we have had income/band/etc. of \$68,113. Our total expenses are expected to be \$106,076.26. There was no August band fee payment and we need to get the September payments (due tonight) in as soon as possible to help close the gap. We need it to pay for Indianapolis. We still need the parents attending Indy to pay their fees. Right now there is a projected gap of \$37 K. Hopefully we will be able to make this up with other fundraisers. We need to sell more donuts, do more car washes, etc. The donut sales didn't go as well as last time – there are 120 dozen left. NormaJean will be sending an email to all to see if anyone wants to buy donuts. We just made our September Indy payment of \$25,600. The balance for the trip will come due in October and should be between \$8 and \$10 Thousand.

A special thank you goes out to Wayde and Connie Trent, Sonny Leonard and Tom Jablonski for the amazing job they did at the car washes. The total for all locations, with 75 students participating with lots of parents, including donut sales was a little over \$1500. Thank you also to Debbie and Wes Young for getting up early to get the donuts early from Krispy Kream – 425 dozen after a long night working the concession stand.

Fundraising – Bracelet Raffle – Jim Morrow

Sales started at Friday's game and that was just the beginning. We need to get these tickets sold. We may want to sell them in the football stands like the 50/50 raffle. Jeri has the tickets at the Spirit wear booth. Do us a favor – write on the back of the ticket if it was a \$5 or a 3/\$10 ticket. We want to try to track our ticket sales. Tickets will be sold

until the last game. You may buy tickets if you want – get with Jeri Ewing. You may also buy tickets from Lances Jewelry store.

Bill Allem presented a fundraising idea to the group – the FOC 525. The intent here is to raise money by walking the distance in miles that it is to get to Indianapolis. A walk-a-thon of sorts. There is a huge money raising potential if the program is run correctly. Teams would enter to do their part – about 17 miles per team or 2 hours. There can be competitions between teams. It would be ideal if a team raised at least 10 – 20 dollars a mile. We could talk to local gyms, doctors, etc. And set it up as a good community idea as well. It would need to be well organized and well run, advertised etc. The object is to over the distance and raise money – and that needs to stay the focus. Parents need to be a vital part of this. There was a suggestion that the walk be held during a Saturday camp so the walkers and parents could see the kids in action. It seems that the timing is difficult at this point. Bill Allem is going to work on this and it was agreed that spring was a better time for this event. There is just too much going on at this point in the season. Someone asked if Indianapolis was an annual event. Mr. Tucker said most bands that go, go every couple of years or so due to the expense.

Sonny Leonard is heading a Spring Golf Tournament – possibly in April – stay tuned for more volunteer opportunities!

#### Percussion Directors/Directors Report – Tom Tucker

First of all, thank you so much for painting the practice field(s). That used to be by his job and you have no idea how much of a difference it has made in using time with the kids. We are starting the closer drill tomorrow at practice. Mr. Mashburn is ill and if he is in we will be setting drill. The FOC exhibition is on the 29<sup>th</sup> of September. The schedule has been sent out and will be posted. A question was asked as to why it was being held at West again for the second year in a row. Part of that is because they can accommodate the crowds and it will probably go between Lambert and West in the future. Is the income being split with all schools? Probably not, the band directors made a decision to help the newer bands get things they need for their new music programs.

A reminder – All State Audition Applications and the \$20 fee is due Friday. If you need more information, go to [www.gmea.org](http://www.gmea.org). Make the check to the FCHS Boosters.

#### Concessions – Debbie Young

Debbie is very happy so far with how things are going at the concession stand. Sales are up over last year. Funnel cakes are doing great! Try to make a point to use our concession stand at home games. Encourage the kids to go there also – the money is for them. If you see a parent in line to purchase at the other stand it may be time to introduce yourself and invite them to take a walk with you to our stand! The new parents are really working hard. A reminder to be there at 5:30 p.m. or you will have to pay general admission to get in to the game. Kids are asking for sodas from the concession stand. They may have water and they don't need to wait in line, it is set up back behind the

concession stand for them. Speaking of water, there will be an email going out to request more water for Tuesday/Thursday practices.

Transportation – NormaJean Kieffer

We have Jerry Tucker but no truck from Midway. The boosters are renting a truck for Jerry to use each event from Ryder. Lydia Kefauver negotiated a wonderful rate – thank you so much Lydia. Don't forget to support Ryder rentals in the future. We are blessed to have Jerry back since he not only drives but he is literally one of the band.

County Band Exhibition -Cathy McKinnon

We will be doing a show. We need volunteers and will have very limited passes to get in. Please get with your committee chairs and make sure we know who we will need. We will have badges for some of the workers. Make sure you wear your show shirts. Water cart – can we take the cart in a truck or trailer? Yes, we can. Lydia will over see the water cart this weekend.

We have band camp this weekend. The plan is to have dinner for the kids (Slopes) before we leave. Kids are reporting at 5:15 p.m. We will need volunteers to help serve and bring snacks.

Grand Nationals – NormaJean Kieffer

For your information the band will be staying at the Radisson Indianapolis Airport Hotel. If you are travelling up there on your own, you can try to see if they have rooms available.

GBC – Rudi Hulsey – Operations

Where are the volunteer t-shirts? They have disappeared. If you know any alumni that may still have a shirt, please contact them. There are signup sheets on the front desk for different areas that need help. We still need a parent to help with parking. We also need a parent to oversee housekeeping.

NormaJean Kieffer – Sales

She is in the process of contacting previous vendors. The cost will be \$125 per booth plus 10% of the net sales. It will be in a mall format. The contract can be emailed also. Some of the vendors may need electricity. We are looking at t-shirts, jewelry, Moonwalk, Mr. Video and possibly a dunking booth.

Terry Morgan is working on the advertising for this event. There has been a bit of an issue with the local paper and their cooperation – we need to get them behind us.

Jim Morrow – Program (Score Card)

Jim showed us a sample of the score card. It will sell for \$1.00 at the ticket booth and had our sponsors printed on it.

Also, if anyone needs signs for the GBC, get with Jim Morrow. You can email him at [docmorrow@bellsouth.net](mailto:docmorrow@bellsouth.net). He needs all sign requests by October 2, 2009.

Thank you all again for coming!

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Maureen Nelson