



FCHS BAND BOOSTER MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, JULY 13, 2009

NormaJean welcomed everyone and thanked them for sending the email receipts. This has been a big help in making sure we have the correct email addresses and you are getting our mail.

As we go through this meeting – please introduce yourself before you speak so we can get to know you. This is the intro meeting to our Fall Marching Season. We have lots of work to do but it promises to be fun and exciting. Hopefully you will enjoy!

Financial Report – Robin Vale

Currently \$27,909.02 in the Checking Account, \$11,112.42 in the Savings Account.

We are income tax exempt, not sales tax exempt. The only time we don't need to pay sales tax is if we are going to turn around and sell something. Things we buy for the band are subject to sales tax.

Payments – the deficit is getting smaller – we are getting there.

There were 40 students that have not made a June payment yet. Letters/emails will be going out offering choices – payment plans or suspension, etc. This is a new policy – there may be a need to suspend you if you are behind in your payments and you make no effort to contact Robin or NormaJean to make other arrangements.

The deposit and first payment have been made for the trip to Indianapolis. There is a 25K payment due in August, a 25K payment due in September and the balance in October. Please communicate with us if you plan to participate. If we don't hear from you, we need to assume you won't be making the trip.

Fundraising Opportunities – Karen Alum

Karen needs help for her committee. At present she is very busy at work and needs someone to work with her to come up with some opportunities for students to raise money for their individual accounts. Pizza sales will begin after band camp. There are plans to sell Scripts, Honey Baked Hams and more as the year progresses. NormaJean has forms if you want to purchase additional Brewsters booklets.

Sponsorship Opportunities – Jim Morrow (NormaJean since Jim is travelling)

The leadership team is working on a policy that will be fair to all sponsors. Please make sure you are aware of the program before promising a sponsor anything. You can use sponsors to pay for your child's fees – it is just not a tax deduction for the sponsor. The package is on the web site. We have a tremendous amount of marketing to offer a sponsor.

Directors Report – John Mashburn

It has been a great summer so far. He is looking forward to getting started on the new show. First song is being worked on – Mr. Tucker is now doing his part. This won't be a show like last years – not optimistic. We don't like to repeat ourselves. If you want to hear the music, go to www.hokoyama.com and listen to the Spiritual Planet. It can be downloaded via iTunes or amazon.com. At this point there are no plans for backdrops but there will probably be some kind of front prop. No voiceovers either. The music came first this time – the show is a work in progress.

Color Guard Report – Sue Mashburn

We need to decide/apply to SAPA to host SMI (Sawnee Mountain Invitational). We have hosted this competition for the last three years and have to reapply each year. The dates we are looking at are 2/27-28, 3/6-7, and 3/20-21. This application needs to be in by September 1st. Kim Morrow has agreed to chair the event again and needs parents to help her. We will be depending on full parent participation. Ad Sales for programs – both SMI and GBC will be announced shortly. This event is not just Drumline and Guard – it is a whole band event like the GBC. Please start thinking about how you can help. If you chaired a committee last year – Kim will be contacting you.

Preband Camp/Band Camp – this starts next Monday. The schedule is on the calendar on the website. An email will be going out with additional directions for parents/students to be able to prepare for camp. Please make sure they are drinking now – water or juice – no more soda. Students will need white t-shirts with their name in large letters front and back. Jeri is very organized and ready to go. She has the master schedule so far and it will be sent. There will be a daily schedule posted in the band room so you will know when snack or lunch break is. Check in each day to see where you are needed. Students who have to get schedules and lockers are to get to school early and do the best they can to be on time.

Your deposit for BOA Grand Nationals is due tonight. The cost for double occupancy is \$503. You can pay on pay pal – just send Robin an email and she can bill you. The deposit is \$100 per person. Consider fundraising or sponsorships to try and bring in funds for this trip. We need about 50 to chaperone this trip – minimum of 200 on the buses. Cathy will help explain what is entailed with the job. Duties will be in print.

Jodi Garcia – Field Striping Crew – Sunday at 1:00 p.m. and the field will be ready for band camp. Anyone interested in helping is welcome to join us.

Sondra Gross will be video chair for the season. Anyone who wants to help capture precious moments with the students is welcome to contact her.

Sherrin Arocho - Uniforms – Need help during band camp to measure students.

Judy is our “Medical Director” but all parents are welcome to help man the first aid station. Kristin needs help with the water station. Tom and Wendy will be working to get equipment plans ready.

Joel H. is working on the power to the tower.

NormaJean and Rudi will be starting GBC Meetings. Stay tuned for more volunteer opportunities.

Please plan to sit together at the home and away games to support the kids. When home, make sure you eat at our concession stand.

Thanks for coming tonight.

The meeting ended at 8:35 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Maureen Nelson