



FCHS BAND BOOSTER MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2007

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 by Booster President Daniel Arocho. Daniel started off by thanking everyone who helped with the GBC. It was a tremendous success. Thank you; also, to all who helped on Friday night – senior night – senior parents were able to enjoy the evening with their children.

Treasurers Report – Robin Vale

Robin passed out copies of the monthly profit and loss statement. The GBC has a profit of approximately \$22,294.97 and the Raffle tickets look to have earned us \$2282.50. Currently there is about \$8800 in outstanding student band fees. There is also a total of about \$6000 in credit balances in the student accounts. Several students can not pay their fees due to hardship reasons – if you are interested in donating your credit balance to help one of these students, please contact Robin or Mr. Mashburn. The income taxes for the year are complete and being mailed in tomorrow.

With the money currently in the checking account, Robin will meet with Cathy Hines to determine a way to start our “new uniform” fund, as well as see what kind of savings plans can be put in place.

Rudi Hulsey brought up the point that before we start donating to pay a student’s outstanding fees, we must first determine that they have made every attempt to pay those fees (fundraising, working in band room, etc.). It is very important that an effort be made on the student's behalf. Mr. Mashburn has had several “stern” talks with the students and has offered them an opportunity to work to earn credit – he hasn’t had a big response yet. With the fruit sales being calculated, the profits should help some of the students come up to date on their payments. We are still in better shape than we were at this time last year.

Fundraising Report – Rudi Hulsey

There has not been as much participation in the offered fundraising opportunities as was hoped. Goals based on sales by students have not been met. Those that are participating are earning credit toward their fees. There was a fundraising meeting held on Thursday, 11/8 with several parents. A possible calendar of events is as follows:

SCRIP Sales will be coming shortly with a due date to ensure Christmas/Holiday Delivery. Orders will be due 12/5, sent 12/10 and hopefully will be here before winter break. This is wonderful opportunity to get lots of shopping done and earn money for the band.

Dec 2-8 – Fruit should be delivered.

Jan 18th – Rock-A-Thon – sponsored fundraiser from 6pm to 8am.
Gourmet Soup/Coffee Sale in January
February – Tupperware/Candle Sales, Scratch off cards
March – Brusters Coupon books
April 26 – Yard Sale
May 10th – Jazz Dinner (we will need to start some committees for this)

Uniform Report – Cinda Holtzward

The uniforms will be out for dry cleaning shortly and back before the winter concert. Thank you to all who helped this marching season. We need someone to take over the responsibility for the uniforms for next year.

Chaperone Report – Cathy McKinnon

Thanks to all who helped this year. The book with all the health forms is in Mr. Mashburn's office for the indoor season.

Drumline Report – Cinda (for Mr. Tucker)

Indoor is starting up. A plan for a show is taking shape and we will have a very full schedule this season. The Drumline will perform for the governor on Sunday evening at the First Baptist Church. The calendar of indoor drumline performances will be in the web site shortly – please plan to come and see these kids.

SMI (Sawnee Mountain Invitational) will be hosted again this year on March 1 and 2. The event this year will include percussion. There will be lots of opportunities to help make this a big success.

Director's Report – Mr. Mashburn

Thank you so much for all of your help this season, especially the field crew who was amazing! We had a great season and the kids did a fantastic job at the Georgia Dome. It was the most memorable performance the Flash of Crimson has ever had and he will never forget that feeling in the tunnel afterward – the students knew how well they had done.

Marching season is over, now it is time to focus on the Concert/Jazz season. Cubbies are being cleaned out. There is a need for help in removing trash/unwanted stuff from outside the drum room. We don't have storage room, so we could use help keeping the 4x8 sheets of plywood for next year's GBC. What appears to be the lost and found at the back of the band room needs to be cleaned out – unclaimed clothing will be sent to The Place.

Band Trip

While there are outstanding fees, the prospect of a band trip usually encourages everyone to pay up so they can go on the trip! Scheduling is difficult due to the aggressive indoor season for the Drumline and Winterguard. It was suggested that an option may be in June after school is out. To get days off from school approved by the school, the trip needs to be educational in nature. We also need to decide how much money we want to spend. We will continue this at the December meeting.

We will not be participating in the Cumming Christmas Parade this year. It was asked if we have received a check from Sport Clips yet (no) – Cinda will investigate their tracking of this fundraiser.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Maureen Nelson