



FCHS BAND BOOSTER MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2009

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

Kathy introduced a couple of guests – Dr. John and Dr. Steve are part of the Discover Chiropractic office on Bethelview Road. Kathy has been a patient there and they have provided wonderful service. They were offering a possible fundraising opportunity, a \$20 introduction package that they wouldn't charge for – all proceeds would go to the band. It could be a fundraiser that could provide \$20 or \$25 to the band and it would be their way to give back to the community by providing an initial visit/consultation.

After they left, there was a discussion about this opportunity. Are they Sponsors? What is the band's liability in endorsing a particular practice? It could be a huge mistake for the band to recommend any particular health care provider. Kathy will check on the possibility of their sponsorship in another manner.

On another note, please make sure your children keep their cars locked in the parking lot – Shawn's car was stolen this afternoon. (At press time, the car was indeed found and the misunderstanding handled).

Freshman Festival is this Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on the West Campus. We need lots of band parents to attend to encourage the upcoming 9th graders to join the band. Wear your favorite show shirt and please come meet the new parents. The BOA Dome DVD will be playing in the band room.

Dream it Survey – some results are in and posted on line. There will be more information online as time goes on and it will expand to the 2010 Vision plan for the county. Our band room expansion was on the survey – make sure you check out the results on line at the county website.

Treasurer Report – Robin Vale – deposit needs to be made; there is still 8K outstanding from fall band fees. Letters and statements go out every month. In April the list will go to school administration to inform graduation seniors that they could be kept from receiving their final transcript.

Director Report – Mr. Mashburn – Freshman Festival is very important this year – we want the middle school registration for band class. Liaisons need to make personal contact to middle school students to get them to join the band. Call and invite them to the Freshman Festival. There are 50/60 kids in the Otwell program – we want them all. We need all the band members we can get – we are going to be impacted by the opening of

Lambert High School. Last week, Mr. Hampton said he will lose 22 teacher/staff positions. South will lose 50. This is a critical time and we need enrollment to keep our teachers and band classes.

There will be fundraising for students to apply money to their accounts, but it will have to be handled differently than in the past due to our non-profit status. The boosters will serve as suppliers – students will purchase items from them and provide two checks – one for the products, and one with the profit to be put on their accounts. This will mean a bit more work, but the benefit is great for the students. There will be a direction/information letter with each fundraiser to explain the procedures to the students. The first fundraiser will be rolled out at the next booster meeting (March 9) and will give students an opportunity to earn money toward their past due fees or their down payment for the fall. In April there will be another one.

Kathy described a scratch card that could be customized with the band logo on it. You pay the amount on the card that is scratched off and the card has lots of coupons on it. The students/parents need to purchase the cards and then sell them, turning in the money for their accounts.

Grand Nationals news – Kathy and John reviewed the package that Mark Ferral of “Music Travels” proposed. The package works out to \$400 per student/person and this includes all meals, admissions, transportation, hotels, etc. It also provides time for practice at an indoor rehearsal facility and a social gathering for the students. We will need to provide a \$1000 deposit by May and another payment in July. We hope to know which day we will perform in Mid March. The Grand Nationals are held in Lucas Oil Stadium.

Drumline news – the floor looks great. The first competition scored 73.9. Jimmy Haskell (a WGI judge) was very impressed. There was also confirmation from Mark Thurston that we are indeed classified as a Scholastic World group.

Is Moby a possibility for this Drumline season – we need to consider a backup plan for Jerry Tucker. It could be that Midway won't be able to support us come fall due to the economy. A decision was made to not run Moby this drumline season to try and save money.

Guard News – the uniforms will ship this week. The first competition at East Hall, the girls scored second in their class.

SMI – Kim Morrow – there are signup sheets for every committee, please come forward and find a committee you would like to help with. The chairs will coordinate the coverage. Our next meeting will be February 18 at 6:30. Ads for the program need to come in very soon – each student should be selling at least \$100 worth of ads – please turn them in as soon as possible.

Moby – Daniel Arocho – logos and stickers are on order for Moby; hopefully they will be in next week. Daniel needs a list of current sponsors from Kathy or Robin.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15.

Minutes prepared by Maureen Nelson