



FCHS BAND BOOSTER MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, MAY 12, 2008

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 by Booster President Daniel Arocho. Daniel welcomed all the parents to who came to enjoy the tailgate and the meeting. There are lots of new faces and we are really glad to see you.

Daniel introduced Chris Read who will be producing this year's Band DVD. Each year Chris makes a compilation DVD to capture the season and document for the seniors the four shows they marched. Chris needs pictures for the slide show to be used at the Band Banquet. Please have all pictures to him by Wednesday, May 14th. They can be emailed to him at eaglefilms@gmail.com or dropped (disc form) in the box in the band room. The DVD's will be available to order at the Band Banquet for \$20.00.

Students – if you came to be measured for your bibbers, Cinda is at the uniform room – please make sure you are measured so they can be ordered in time to arrive this fall season.

Make sure you check the band website on a regular basis. This is the main channel of communication for the Flash of Crimson. The calendar is critical and is updated frequently. If you are not receiving e-mail's from Mr. Mashburn (at least weekly), please make sure you send him a note and get on his distribution list – this is the best way to get current updates. All the dates for the fall marching season are on the calendar as well as rehearsals in the summer and fall. The first day of Pre-Camp is July 21st.

Incoming parents – the best way to be involved and help the kids is to just jump in. There is a lot to do to get this show on the field and all help is wanted and needed. Whatever your talent – we can use you! Daniel introduced Kathy Hines, our Vice President. Kathy encouraged that spirit of involvement by mentioning what a great way to reconnect with your child volunteering is. High School is a time that usually causes some separation of children and parents, but your volunteer efforts will help rebuild that very important bond.

Saturday we had our first annual Jazz Dinner Fundraiser – it was an astounding success. All who attended had a wonderful time and if you missed it, make sure you don't miss out next year! Thanks to all who made the dinner possible, especially Cinda Holzward and all who came to help decorate. The student wait staff did a great job.

Daniel passed around a meeting attendance sheet – please sign in and let us know you are here.

Band Camp – we need volunteers to help run our band camp. There are signup sheets on the front table. At band camp, we give the kids a mid morning snack, lunch and an afternoon snack. Any bit of time you can give would be appreciated – whether it be 2 hours or several days. We also need help with the first aid station – we have someone on site every day to help the kids with any problems they may have. If you are a nurse or are good with first aid, please contact Kathy Hines or Judy Hyde. Perhaps the best way to make sure your child has a “healthy” band camp is to make sure they are hydrated. Please, start to hydrate your children the week before camp. There is lots of water provided during camp, but if they start out ready, there will be less problem – no one want to be the first to “go down”...historically, Band Camp turns out to be one of the hottest weeks of the summer.

Did everyone receive a phone call about tonight’s meeting? (lots of hands) This year we are going to try to give more “personal” notice to our meetings and activities. There are sheets on the table if you would like to help with your “section” phone chain. The more help we have, the quicker to make the phone calls.

Robin Vale (the booster treasurer) gave an update on the budget. Copies of the proposed 208-2009 budget were distributed for review. Time was given to review the minutes. She also had the monthly profit/loss statement. If you would like to view any of these documents, please feel free to contact her at any time. She also sent out statements to all band members – you should have received them. If you have questions, please let her know.

The Jazz Dinner raised \$1027 for the general fund! Pay Pal is up and running. Stay tuned for updates on options added to Pay Pal (enter your own amount, etc.).

After everyone reviewed the budget a question came up about the increase in amounts. Robin explained that there was a 5% increase across the board on all numbers. A move to approve the budget was made by Norma Jean Kieffer, second by Bob Vale, voted and approved.

The representative from the Little Caesar’s fundraiser was present to provide samples and to remind everyone about the project. Each kit sold will give your child’s account \$5.00. All orders are due by Friday, May 16th.

Mr. Mashburn introduced Tom Tucker and Sue Mashburn. Mr. Tucker is in charge of percussion and the drumline. Mrs. Mashburn is the director of the marching band color guard and winterguard. Mrs. Mashburn talked about the great winter season we just had and the WGI Scholarship won by Anna Hatzispiros. Mr. Tucker also updates the band website. We website needs pictures – please provide a disc to him (edited already) of any pictures you would like to contribute. If you have an edited video, that would be welcome also. Booster minutes are also available on the website. Mr. Tucker will not be able to attend the band banquet this year since he will be in Chicago at an important WGI council meeting. This is our opportunity to provide input on policy decisions that affect our kids and their competitions.

Cinda Holzwart is involved with all aspects of our band volunteers/committees and has a graduating senior this year. Next year we need several people to fill her shoes – the first need would be with uniforms. Please contact her if you can lend a hand.

This is Daniel Arocho's last booster meeting as president. We need nominees for a new VP, Secretary and 2nd Treasurer (to work with Robin next year). The VP will become the President the following year; the Treasurer will take over the following year. Please consider any of these positions. If you want to be considered, please contact Daniel Arocho or Kathy Hines. We have one Secretary Nominee – Maureen Nelson. Motion to vote made by Norma Jean Kieffer, second by Robin Vale, vote approved – Maureen Nelson is new Secretary. Motion to approve Kathy Hines as new President by Norma Jean, second by Dale Shelton, vote approved – Kathy Hines is new booster President.

Details – the RED BOX – for those of you who are not familiar with the red box – it is located on the side of the cabinet at the front of the band room. Two people have keys – Robin and Mr. Mashburn. You can put any payments or forms in the box – it is checked often. There are usually envelopes available to use to identify what you are depositing.

Last year was the possible trip to China, not this year. Due to timing, it didn't work out.

If you brought a dish to the tailgate – please take it home with you – Thanks for sharing.

Band Fees may seem overwhelming, but they are still the most inexpensive in the county. Please try to keep them that way by participating in fundraising activities. Most of the fundraisers will be a 75/25 split of the PROFITS with the 75% going to the student's accounts, 25% going to the band general fund.

Our next fundraiser will be the Guitar Hero Tournament - \$20 entrance fee, \$5 to watch. Prizes will be awarded – this money goes to the general fund. We need volunteers to help run the evening – Saturday, May 17th.

We will sell water again at Graduation at the fairgrounds. This was a great opportunity last year. We need volunteers to sell the water (senior parents need not apply). Bruce Haygood volunteered to handle the money for Robin. Debbie Young will handle getting the water and icing it down. There is a sheet at the front to sign up to work. Bring a chair!

At Christmas time we will have the Scrips (gift cards/certificates) sale again – stay tuned.

Daniel adjourned the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Maureen Nelson