



FCHS BAND BOOSTER MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, MAY 11, 2009

Kathy Hines called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m.

First Band Fee Deposit is due tonight as well as a bibber payment if necessary – fitting is going on now in the uniform room. There will be another bibber fitting TBA.

Robin is making extra copies of all forms in case you misplaced yours, they will be at the front table.

Band Banquet: Chris Read

DVD had the year recap as well as 4 years worth of shows for the seniors. Send in your pictures as soon as possible if you wish to contribute. There is a slide show during the banquet of the pictures as a preview. Send them to Chris@eaglefilms.net or bandpictures@eaglefilms.net.

Band banquet tickets are on sale for \$15 each – please buy them as soon as possible so we will have an accurate headcount. There are still 3 seniors that haven't handed in their information sheets – Mr. Mashburn needs these for recognition. Heather, Mimi and Andres Espinosa. Also, Cinda needs pictures of your senior – a toddler and a current band picture. Pictures will be returned after the banquet.

Battle of the Bands: Wayde Trent

This Saturday night there will be 8 bands performing from 7:00 to 11:00 p.m. Admission is \$5.00 at the door or in advance – we get ticket proceeds. Mitch from Jeff Hardy Music will be here at 4:00 p.m. to set up the PA systems and the mics. At 5:00 p.m., Tom Kieffer and Dale Shelton will be setting up the floor. At 5:00 the front door ticket table will be set up. We need help for the floor. 5:00 p.m. – Gini Kieffer will be starting security to make sure the 4 doors are covered. The front door is the only one to be used and if you leave, you will need to pay to reenter. The Youngs and Duprees will be setting up concessions. Kathy Hines will be ordering the pizzas. NormaJean will be helping with security in the parking lot – all parents that are available are urged to attend this even to help. The doors open at 6:30. There will be an award ceremony when the last band performs at 11:00 p.m. Boxes will be available to vote on bands. Clean up is at 11:30. If successful, we can possibly do this again in Sept/Oct. It is a great way to get involved and meet people before Band Camp. Take some flyers home and pass them out. Jodi Garcia will be our chief bouncer and in charge of cleanup.

Jazz Dinner: Rudi Hulsey

The Jazz Dinner was great! Johnny's Jazz Café was the place to be for a wonderful time. Daniel Arocho's Gigolo was awesome. Robin Vale will head the dinner for next year and with an earlier start, hopefully attendance will improve. An idea was presented – start spreading the event to adult communities you see in town – if you know of a particular location, let Robin know so she can contact them. The dinner netted \$1291.71; not as big as the GBC or SMI but good.

Treasurers Report: Robin Vale

The checking account has a balance of \$32,917.30; the savings account is \$11,111.68. Bills have been paid; there are still some outstanding membership deposits. Bibber payments can be made tonight. If you want to pay your whole balance on PayPal, email Robin Vale and she can bill you. As a reminder, her email address is robin@clearstar.net.

Belk Charity Days: Lydia Kefauver

Great parent participation. Belk said we did a wonderful job. We don't have final numbers yet.

Graduation

Graduation is May 23rd, two weeks away. The Symphonic band will be performing. We are once again selling water. We need underclassman parents to volunteer – 6 or 8 for water, 4 to sell fans. Please call Rudi Hulsey if you can help.

Fundraising: Rudi Hulsey

The Cookie/Pretzel sale is over and the product will be in on Thursday at 2:30. The students sold 254 pieces with \$1235 going to student accounts, \$148.20 to the band's general fund.

Chaperone Report: Cathy McKinnon

There is a signup book in the band room. Please check your calendars and see what dates you can help with. If you have any questions, please ask.

Freshman Parents: Kathy Hines

Thank you so much and welcome to all of you. If you hear something you don't know about or recognize (bibbers, dinkles, etc), please ask us. We need each and every one of you to volunteer and help where you can. If you are not sure of a commitment, show up when you can and we will put you to work. You will get to spend time meeting other parents and time with your children, seeing their accomplishments. Senior Parents –

thank you for your many years of service. You have helped shape this organization and we are grateful.

Drumline: Tom Tucker

We have finished up fall auditions and had a really great turnout. The placements are posted and you may notice there are multiple instruments assigned to each student. This means they have this summer and band camp to prove/lock in on their instrument. Mortal combat, duke it out, etc. Basically, if you practice, you will get the spot. There is still time to earn a spot. Tom will once again be in Chicago for the WGI Percussion Advisory Board Meeting of which he is a member (do to our World Finalist status). The meeting is this weekend so he will not be at the banquet or Battle of the Bands. This is a great opportunity to form policy and mingle, learn from other Drumlines and Directors. Congratulations to our kids – 9th place is awesome. Now it is time to focus on next year, the fall, etc. Successes this year are from last year's results – need parents help. Fundraisers, Manpower, etc. Staff is a huge part of the program and it is the most expensive. Even if your child is not part of it, all kids benefit from the fundraisers to bring in the staff necessary. We need staff to cover the whole band.

Director's Report: John Mashburn

Thank you and to all you freshmen – make sure you get fitted for your uniforms. There have been some calendar changes to the football game schedule and Saturday band camps. Please make sure you check the updated calendar on the website.

Thanks to all the parents and students for helping with the Jazz Dinner. If I could take these guys on the road, I would – they did a wonderful job!

Officer Clinics are over and we had about 40 students try out. We are still deciding on Lieutenants and the rest of the Leadership for next year.

Exemption of finals – letters are coming out this week – list is posted on wall.

BOA – next year and at this moment, 25% have not paid their band membership deposits. 10% of that number is new guard/drumline that just found out. The 21st of May is their payment due date.

This is expensive – are we still committed? The economy is bad and we are not sure of the reason. I am concerned about fees and try to keep it low. Mr. Mashburn and Mr. Tucker write the shows for free and they are very expensive. Our fees end up being \$575 if paid by July 1 – another High School in the county has fees of \$1350. Band Fee is comprehensive – includes the trips and there are no surprises. There is sticker shock but it is very expensive to do BOA. Do we have 10-15% of the band not go because then can't afford to go? We have to make choices and we have to decide. If 25% don't pay, we need 14K over and above to make it up. We need to do 2 BOA shows to make it worth it and BOA requires a whole different level of achievement. July 1st is the next

payment date and a decision has to be made based on the number of members paid. The “Band” does it due to its level of achievement – performing ensemble – everyone has a key part of the show. Once the show is written, drill matters, we can’t perform with holes due to non payment. We need to know at the beginning of the season (Band Camp). Juan Gonzales spoke on behalf of the programs benefit to his two children. He considers being part of the band family both a blessing and an honor. He has been a loyal supporter of the band program since the Pirate Show!

The June payment is due at the next Booster meeting. All members should have made some payment by then. We are now AA – our numbers are way down and this is based on High School enrollment, not number of students in the band. These kids can do it; they can’t do it without money. We don’t want to take out 30/40 kids with potential and hopefully it won’t come to that. Fundraisers benefit all the kids, even those who don’t need it because the whole band is necessary. We will wait a few more weeks to decide. Don’t forget the sponsor forms on line – kids can be out getting sponsors for themselves as individuals as well as the program as a whole. There are businesses that want to sponsor students. Remember to check with your employer to see if they have a matching grant program.

Remember to check the calendar on a regular basis. Booster meetings are held on the second Monday of each month at 7:30. Kathy Hines – this is your last official booster meeting. Thank you so much for all of your efforts and hard work on behalf of the band.

Band Camp signup sheets are on the table up front. Whatever you can do would be appreciated. If you already signed up on your volunteer form, you do not need to resign.

Quick note: Please take Battle of the Band flyers. Good news, Jerry Tucker is back and will be driving Moby!!!

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35.

Minutes prepared by Maureen Nelson