



FCHS BAND BOOSTER MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2008

Kathy Hines called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. and apologized for the late start.

Treasurer's report: Robin Vale – There is \$21,002.65 in the savings account, \$19,199.78 in the checking account. There are still outstanding receipts from this weekend in Western Carolina of about \$16,000. There are 51 band kids who have part of the \$12,396 outstanding fees. All band fees are now considered past due since it is past the 10th. There are no late fees being assessed. This outstanding money “would” cover St. Louis. When accounts are past due, we do contact people by letters to offer help with payment options. At the end of the year, outstanding balances are turned to the school bookkeeper. Possible results could be the withholding of grades or diplomas.

Chaperone report: Cathy McKinnon – This past weekend went very well – thank you to everyone who helped and worked so hard. This week there are a few things to remember. Whether you are riding the bus or meeting us there, all parents attending will need to help with the kids. Thursday morning between 7:45 and 8:20 luggage will be checked in at the new gym. We need parents to help check luggage. Volunteers: Dale, Anne, Kelly B., Sondra and NormaJean. Make sure they have everything. If you making the trip to St. Louis please make sure you are here on time on Sunday to pick up your student. NormaJean was the last to leave after this past weekend and was there until 2:00 a.m. due to children without rides. We will be leaving here at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday. An itinerary will be sent out within hours. Keep it with you at all times. When there are stops made at rest areas, please keep students away from the vending machines. The rest stops will be for only 15 minutes – pee with a purpose! At the hotel, students will be 4 to a room, same sex. Parents will be assigned rooms to check, tape, etc. A reminder, make sure adjoining rooms have same sex students in either side. At Six Flags, the kids will be allowed to be in groups of four or more. No couples, no singles. Students will be required to check in periodically with chaperones at designated times and locations. There will be a main gathering at 4:00 p.m. at the front gate for the finals announcement.

Students will need to make sure they have money to cover six meals. They also need to make sure they have all vital parts of their uniforms with them – bibbers (pressed, clean), black socks (not short), dinkles and any black shirt necessary. Make sure they have practice clothes with sneakers – no flip flops.

Parking on Thursday – it is best to be dropped off. Mr. Mashburn will speak with Mr. Hampton about the parking situation. Do Not Park in the bus lanes in front of the school under any circumstances. Try to car pool – Dale and Alyson have room at their home, so does Carla Reid. There will be an email about parking tomorrow morning.

If you haven't already, make sure you sign up for the FOC Text. This is a tremendous help in communicating with the kids and parents when the group is travelling. T-Mobile may be a carrier with a delay. If you find something that belongs to a student, give it to Cathy McKinnon. She will be the central person to check with. There can be movies on the buses, but they can be rated no higher than PG13. There are some couples in the band – let's make sure there are no PDA's. We will find out at about 4:00 p.m. Saturday about finals – see the itinerary. Please encourage the kids NOT to drink energy drinks. If you see them with one, take it and get rid of it. We will send out the list of job assignments, rooms, etc. Passes will be handed out according to the job list.

Thanks to everyone – let's have fun on this trip!

Calling tree – we need to reactivate this. Parents like to be contacted personally. It also gives them a chance to ask questions and find out things if they can't make the meeting.

Water Report: - Rudi Hulseby We need 18 to 20 cases of water to cover St. Louis. Water will be travelling in coolers, trailers and buses.

Concession Report – Randi Dupree for the Youngs – Supplies are okay. We have not been stocking up since sales are down this year. We will be going over everything and getting ready for the GBC. We still need help selling food for the GBC – we have the chefs. Drinks will need to be restocked.

Drumline Report: Tom Tucker – Tom is not here but at this point, the drumline may not be. He wants to talk to the kids individually and we will see what happens. We took the award for percussion in our class.

Guard Report: Sue Mashburn – Sue is at practice with the girls. The flags are wonderful. NormaJean asked for a round of applause for Robin Vale and Maureen Nelson since they made all the flags.

Director Report: John Mashburn – Thank you for your continued support. I enjoyed this last band trip and the band did an exception job. The judges' scores are posted. Out of a possible box 1-5, we were in box 4 most of the time. I am very pleased with the outcome. The kids saw the DVD and learned a lot about what they can do. There will be 55 bands going to St. Louis, 14 states, 14 go to finals. It is possible. Can't bet on the kids, depends on what personality they will show. 11 of the bands were finalists last year. We are 3rd from the end to perform on Friday. We'll do our best. The Itinerary will be e-mailed in a couple of hours. Dinner on the way up is paid for.

The kids will need money, rehearsal clothes and no dress clothes. Make sure their bibbers are pressed and in good shape. Spending money depends on what they eat or buy. They will need to buy 6 meals – probably \$100 should be safe. It should be a pretty ride up on Thursday – colors are changing.

GBC – 13 bands registered, that should be enough to make some money. Let's keep our overhead as low as possible. Georgia Southern, Kennesaw HS and our band will perform in exhibition. All day camp for Kennesaw that day and it will give them a judges read on their performance. I don't know what I was thinking when I made this schedule!!!

Kathy Hines – last year's GBC netted 21K, I want to make more this year – a challenge!

Sherrin Arocho – Uniforms – make sure kids have long black socks that stay up – you can donate some if you want to. Black duct tape works.

Prop Report – fixed the one that broke on Saturday. Try to have a practice at the end of rehearsal tomorrow at the stadium (6:15 p.m.). We have some new names on the list and we need to practice. If you are with the props, pit – stay with the trailers until you are dismissed. Need fuel for the generator. Kathy Hines reviewed the list – if you heard your name great, if not, see her after the meeting. We should have enough passes, we may need to buy tickets for finals.

Rudi Hulsey – GBC – we are in good shape. Jim Cox is doing field equipment, needs 4 wheelers, quads, etc. We also need 4x8 trailers with mesh tailgates.

Karen Alum – need help ushering. Have 4, need 10.

We need all to help for post event clean up. Bring your brooms, blowers, etc. Does anyone know where the signs and shirts are from last year? Kit Turner is making new signs.

Hospitality – Connie Trent/the Bakers – need finger foods, list will be coming shortly. The next operations meeting will be 10/21 at 7:30 p.m. don't forget – we all meet at IHop at 7:00 a.m. before the GBC for a good breakfast! The start time for the competition depends on the number of registered bands. Schedule will be out soon.

Daniel Arocho – Sales. Daniel apologized for the slow start. We need ads for the program – that money goes to paying for the judges. We will need black and white, camera ready art. It needs to be to look good in the program. Art can be emailed to Daniel. Jpeg, tif, etc. works fine. Need ads by next Tuesday. We are getting wrist bands from procat video – they are doing dvds and still pictures this year.

T-shirts are being worked on by the vendor. If you know of a vendor that wants to participate, contact Daniel. We are using the same layout of the venue as last year. People will need a wrist band and a hand stamp to come and go. Geri and Charlie are handling spirit wear and spirit pops. We need someone to help with message grams. We need someone to help sell programs – this job doesn't usually last too long. We have help for ticket sales – cost is \$8.00 per person.

Proofs of band pictures of kids should be back this week. Jolesch.com will have the BOA and Western Carolina pictures.

Mrs. Baker needs to meet with the hospitality group after this meeting for a minute.

Rudi Hulseby – Fundraising update – 5K raffle tickets are due 10/23. Sell them and turn them in. If you are not selling, return the tickets. Next week starts the fruit sales, then Scrip will follow.

Robin has a few slides to show us from the weekend!

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45p.m.

Minutes prepared by Maureen Nelson