



FCHS BAND BOOSTER MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, JUNE 9, 2008

Due to renovations of the band room, Kathy Hines called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. in the West Campus Chorus Room. We had a great turnout in spite of the very warm evening.

Maureen Nelson gave a summary of the minutes from the last (May) Booster meeting to bring everyone up to speed. The minutes are available to view on the band website.

Robin Vale gave the treasurer report – there is about \$21,000 in the Savings Account and \$33,000 in the Checking Account. These numbers reflect the first two rounds of fee payments. She had a copy of the monthly profit/loss report for anyone to view. If you would like one of your own, please feel free to contact her and she will get you one. Pay Pal is up and running and working out very well. At this point, there is not yet a button for you to input your specific amount to pay. If you wish to make your fee payment in full to take advantage of the early pay discount, feel free to input \$125 as many times as necessary and Robin will refund your difference. If you ever have a question about a payment, where it should be applied, etc, please drop her an e-mail at Robin@clearstar.net.

We sold water and fans at the graduation. We did very well. So far we took in about \$2500 but we don't know the breakdown of what is water and what is fan money. When we get that figured out, we will let you know. There is some water left over that will be used toward band camp.

Kathy opened the floor to fundraising suggestions/ideas. The following were suggestions made and in some cases, the parent making the suggestion is noted.

1. Poker/Motorcycle Run – Dale Shelton suggested this as an activity that would generate good income, but cost us very little to run. Basically, bikers would ride around to a couple of checkpoints collecting cards to build the best hand possible. There would be a fee charged for participation/cards and the winner would be the person with the best hand at the end of the day. That person would win a cash prize (\$150?). Cost to us would be flyers/donuts/coffee and cards.
2. Wayne Trent suggested the sale of Honey Baked Hams. He researched it with the company and we would be able to keep 20% of the proceeds from selling hams or gift cards for hams.
3. Wayne also suggested a gas card raffle – possibly at the football games on Fridays. We could buy a card, sell tickets during the week and draw the winner during the Friday games.

4. It was suggested that we do the Lil' Caesars' pizza sale again – this was very successful and approximately \$2800 was credited to student accounts.
5. Guitar Hero was tabled in May due to the short amount of time, expense, etc. There is still interest, we need someone to organize it and come up with a fee plan.
6. Friday night “Hang Out” was suggested as an opportunity for the band kids to come and spend time together for a few hours on a Friday night – admission would be charged and there would be games, music, movies, etc.
7. A Walk-a-thon was suggested. Kids would be sponsored or gather a straight donation.
8. Fruit Sales – we sell citrus each year and it does very well.
9. Scrip – gift card sales – Linda Verner and Sondra Gross will work on putting this fundraiser together – probably before the Thanksgiving Holiday.
10. The Jazz Dinner will become an annual event.
11. Jim Morrow suggested bracelets like the “live strong” bracelets.
12. A BBQ dinner/plate was suggested by Vickey Gourley and Rudy Hulsey expounded on the idea.
13. A Bingo Night was suggested by Vickey.
14. Norma Jean Kieffer suggested the Poker Run end with the Jazz Dinner.
15. Colette Gabbidion suggested a yard sale.

Rudy Hulsey is putting together a calendar to schedule/plan the fundraisers. Anyone is welcome to help organize the fundraisers. If you see one of these suggestions that you think you would like to take the lead on, please see Rudy.

There was a discussion of finances in regard to the budget. The Flash of Crimson has one band – one checking account and one booster organization. The Indoor Drumline and the Winterguard are part of that budget. In order to keep our “not for profit” status, all revenue from fundraising needs to go through the main checking account. We are required to keep accurate records. Checks will then be written as needed to meet the budget needs of the organization. The directors provide a budget or “needs” and the boosters help make it happen through their efforts. Band fees do not cover the total expenses of the band. There are some major fundraising events and some smaller opportunities for students to earn money (credit) to their individual accounts. The budget is primarily set in the spring for the fall. After Marching season is over, the Drumline and Winterguard review the budget and revise any parts to reflect the indoor winter expenses. It is not possible to anticipate this in the spring since many expenses are unknown until the fall. Norma Jean suggested a possible Finance Committee – a group representing the board, directors and a parent representative from the drumline and winterguard to help review need and provide input to the budget process.

Rudy Hulsey reminded everyone to check with their employers to see if they provide matching grants to any donations. She is also forming a sponsorship committee – a group to help sell sponsorships. This group would go out and solicit/market our band to business in the community.

Kathy Hines talked about the calling tree. It is working well, we can tell by the attendance at the meetings! We still need a clarinet parent to help make calls. Cheryl Booth volunteered to call trumpet parents. If you would like to help call for your section, please contact Kathy and she will give numbers to call.

The tower needs to be water sealed. Wes Young and Randy Dupree volunteered to take care of it.

Contact needs to be made with GA Power to get an outlet/power run to one of the poles near the practice field. Rudy Hulseby volunteered to make the arrangements.

Mr. Mashburn had nothing to report. No show announcement yet!

Mrs. Mashburn reminded the guard parents to make sure the girls have lots of water for practice.

Band camp is coming! There are signup sheets up front to help with camp in all capacities at any time of the week. Judy Hyde needs volunteers to help at the first aid tent – you don't have to be a Dr. or nurse to be able to help. Dr. Jim Morrow volunteered to help supply the tent and will be on call that week for us – Thank you Jim!

Connie Trent asked about the St. Louis trip (BOA) in October. We don't have all the details but will let you know as soon as we get them. For now, an itinerary looks like this: Leave after school around 3pm on Thursday, October 16th, Friday a.m. sleep in/brunch, Friday afternoon rehearse, Friday evening compete, Saturday – Six Flags amusement park, and if we make finals, compete Saturday night. We will return home on Sunday and hopefully be in by 11 p.m. The students are already paid for in their fees – we will have numbers (\$) for parents as soon as possible.

You will receive a detailed email before band camp letting you know what is necessary. Start cutting out the kids caffeine now and start them on water.

Mr. Mashburn reminded everyone to check the website for the latest information about the band, band camp, etc. Print the calendar once a week to make sure you have any updated information. He also suggested a FAQ area for the website to help new band parents understand how things operate and what we need to make the FOC the best it can be. If you have a question to add, please include the answer!!!

The meeting ended at 8:25 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Maureen Nelson