



FCHS BAND BOOSTER MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2008

NormaJean Kieffer called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Kathy Hines was unable to attend. Derek, her husband, was having a heart procedure and thankfully, all went very well!

NormaJean asked that everyone sign in and take an agenda. We have a tough meeting tonight; there is a lot on our plate. In order for us to support our kids at the level of accomplishment they have attained, we the parents need to step up our efforts in all that we are doing. We need a 210% commitment to be there for them, especially during this very busy season. So far we only have 18 parents paid on the bus for St. Louis. We need 25 field crew and 20 chaperones. We have 53 adult seats on the bus leaving 35 unsold. Friday was the cutoff for committing and for turning in money. There is a bit of confusion over who is going, who is doing what and who is taking the bus, etc. Please work this out. Mr. Mashburn wants 25 Field Crew people to put the show on the field. If we don't get support from all the parents, we will not go. The Prop/Equipment/Field Crew had a meeting on Friday (9/5) prior to the football game. Dale Shelton reviewed the responsibilities and the timetable needed to be successful. The cost of the trip is in the budget. Money parents are paying for seats, hotels, tickets, etc. is going to recouping some of our cash. At \$85 per empty seat time's 35 seats, there is a potential of \$2975 in cost savings. Please consider riding with the band to St. Louis. Wade Trent pointed out that we have the man power for the field crew. Mr. Mashburn needs to submit a room list for people on the busses – it is already 4 days late and he needs a commitment from which ever parents are going. We are going to St. Louis.

Maureen Nelson reviewed the minutes from August. There were two meetings, the minutes from the Special Meeting on the 26<sup>th</sup> already being sent to everyone by email. Mr. Tucker will be posting all the others on the band web site. We have a domain to set up a web page for the Boosters. We could post our own information and have it linked to the main band site and Mr. Tucker wouldn't have to use any of his spare time. The primary band site needs to remain in the school server and needs to stay with Mr. Mashburn and Mr. Tucker. If there is anyone willing to help set up and teach Maureen how to maintain and update a web page, please contact Maureen at [bobmaureennelson@bellsouth.net](mailto:bobmaureennelson@bellsouth.net).

Treasurers report from Robin Vale. Robin passed out the P&L for the year. Due to dates of collecting contract money during May and June, the report show us earning 20K. This is not correct, we actually lost 11K for the 2007-2008 year. Currently there is \$43,435.44 in the checking account, \$21,078.78 in the savings account. There are still \$17,821.27 in band fees to be collected for this marching season. \$4,404.22 is 60 days late or 25% of

the fees are late. Statements will be going out once a month. If you have any questions in between that, please contact Robin at [robin@clearstar.net](mailto:robin@clearstar.net).

Uniform Report – Ruth Weaver. The Dinkles are here – if your child ordered them and have not yet picked them up, please do so. The bibbers are scheduled to ship on September 15. If they arrive on time, there will be a “hemming party” on Thursday, September 18 to get them ready for the football game on the 19<sup>th</sup>. If you can sew, please contact anyone on the uniform committee.

Saturday Band Camp - NormaJean – Thank you to everyone who helped make the day so successful, especially Randy Dupree – he was everywhere!

Chaperone Report - Cathy McKinnon. Thank you to everyone for volunteering. Our school busses are full to the brim with kids and help. If you are an alternate, please show up and we will probably be able to use you. For the St. Louis trip, if you are a chaperone, you will be assigned a group of children to watch at Six Flags.

Field Crew – Dale and Alyson Shelton. Wade Trent reported on the status of the group. They have enough volunteers. He asked Mr. Mashburn when the props needed to be painted – the answer was in the next two weeks. There will also be a prop available to go to Dale’s house to be worked on as a prototype. We are using 8 of the 12 from last year.

Concessions – Debbie Young. Thank you to all who worked. Sales are way down this year, about 44%. The visiting teams are not and will probably not be bringing large spectator crowds. The wall was built by the stand – it looks great – thank Mr. Hampton when you see him. Mr. Hampton also mentioned the possibility of the concession stand being painted. There are signup sheets up front for the next four weeks. We probably need to remind all of our band parents, visitors, etc. to eat at our concession stand. Mr. Trent mentioned that there were two other businesses selling/grilling food to promote businesses and that is in direct competition with our efforts. We will look into that with Mr. Hampton. We should also make sure we are using businesses that are sponsors of the band, like Backyard Burger. Bob Nelson will speak more about that in a bit.

Fundraising – Rudi Hulsey. Rudy put together a power point presentation discussing our present fundraising opportunities and the potential earnings from them. If you would like a copy of her presentation, please e-mail Maureen at [bobmaurennelson@bellsouth.net](mailto:bobmaurennelson@bellsouth.net).

Sponsorship – Bob Nelson. Bob gave a presentation about the planned sponsorship program. Thank you to all who have volunteered to help and anyone who wishes to join in, please feel welcome to sign up. If you would like a copy of Bob’s presentation, please e-mail Maureen at [bobmaurennelson@bellsouth.net](mailto:bobmaurennelson@bellsouth.net).

Band Report – Mr. Mashburn. To the gentlemen painting the practice field “I love you guys!” The painting has been working out wonderfully and has made practice so much easier. (Randy Dupree, Steve Weaver, Jodi Garcia, Tom Kieffer and Wade Trent).

Half the show is on the field. We had a great rehearsal on Saturday. By September 20, the next all day band camp, the whole show will be done. This is the hardest show ever written for the band and the most challenging for the kids to perform. They are still in learning mode and it is going well. Technology is going a long way to help. Drill, Music, MP3's, etc are all available on Angel. To give you an example of the difficulty of the music, an eighth grader graduates with level 2 concert band music. This show is being written at level 6! Last year, the first 2 movements took 14 pages of drill – this year it took 37 pages. All of the horn music is done, drill is up to 4 movements, the percussion is at movements 5/6. Mr. Tucker and Mrs. Mashburn have to wait for Mr. Mashburn to finish his part in order to do theirs. We have faced a many obstacles each day with the rain, heat etc. Everyday both the students and directors have to face another challenge to the job done but we are getting there. We need the parents to step up also. Your support is critical to the success of the program. This show has the potential to be amazing, a real chill bump moment when it is over. Star 94 is doing the voice overs we need for the different movements.

Mr. Hampton just finished the BOA classification application – we end up in AA Class. This is a calculation of enrollment of grades 10 thru 12. Our class has no bearing on when we perform; even the judges don't have class information while they are judging. They don't have any preconceived notions of where a band should be. The main impact on us is that we may be in better position for a class award. We will be one of about 50 bands in St. Louis and will perform on Friday. If we make finals, the competition is on Saturday night. In Western Carolina there are 25 bands, we are the only band from GA.

We will probably leave for Carolina early Saturday morning – about 7:30. We have a 10:30 rehearsal scheduled. We will be getting back late Saturday night.

Let's make sure someone had contacted Jerry Tucker (Moby's driver) about Saturday's game.

Drumline Report – Tom Tucker. The Drumline will perform at a United Way luncheon held at the First Baptist Church in Cumming this Friday, 9/12. The kids will be on a bus, we need someone to pull the small trailer. Maureen Nelson volunteered.

Instruction for the drumline is an issue. We have a new member of the staff to help us – Max Mullinix. Max helped us out at the end of the indoor season last year and the kids do well with him. He is very well qualified and will be a real asset to our percussion program. Jay Jernigan has a degree in dance and has been instructing both the horns and color guard. His experience and talent has been a tremendous asset to our show.

Color Guard Report – Sue Mashburn. Robin Vale reported for Sue. The girls are working very hard and the costumes should be in for the game on the 26<sup>th</sup>. The application has been put into SAPA for the Sawnee Mountain Invitational. They will tell us which weekend is available for us to host this fundraising competition in the spring.

Notes: The Prom is now May 9<sup>th</sup> – the day we proposed to do the Jazz Dinner – we are still working on this.

Connie Trent – Connie has offered to give CPR training to any booster volunteers that would like it. Mr. Mashburn suggested having a class a half hour before the next Booster Meeting in October. This would probably be a great idea if you are a chaperone.

GBC – Daniel Arocho and Rudi Hulseley. Daniel is handling the Sales side of the event. Rudi is Operations. There is a brief presentation outlining the different opportunities to work. If you would like to volunteer, please sign up front or contact Daniel or Rudi. If you would like to see the presentation to refresh yourself on the job options, email Maureen at [bobmaurennelson@bellsouth.net](mailto:bobmaurennelson@bellsouth.net).

If anyone has any questions for Bob, Rudi or Daniel, please see them after the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Maureen Nelson