

DSF Band Booster Meeting Minutes

November 14, 2016

Attendees: Cornelia Corbett, Tom Grahek, Julie Black, Jill Blouch, Rob Blankenship, Brooke Davis, Calypso Gillstrap, Sema Wray, Julie Black, and Alan Edwards

Cornelia Corbett called the meeting to order at 6:40 pm

Executive Board Reports

VP Volunteers: Jill Blouch – Brunswick Stew sign up is slow. We need to send extra pleas out this week; Holiday concert will have a reception and Jill will send out information about the reception to Strings and Band parents.

VP Ways and Means: Fundraising. Steve Deren is out of town, so Cornelia reported for him. 250 quarts have sold. Need to sell 900. The deadline will be extended until the 19th. Brooke will ask Alpha Graphics about a quote for making yard signs that are reusable. “Band Brunswick Stew Sale” or something similar will go on the signs. Kids will make posters and signs. Cornelia will make coffee/tea early. Steve will contact Ms. Criswell about opening up the baseball concessions before 3:30pm on Friday for Brunswick Stew folks. Steve will bring bagels. Sign posted in band room for kids to volunteer. Cornelia will bring coffee, tea, poster boards and markers.

Secretary: Brooke Davis submitted minutes in early October. Minutes were approved.

Treasurer: Julie Black – Currently we have about \$28,000 in the bank. By next meeting we will be basically done with fund raising. Sema Wray will send out an appeal to Strings parents to remind them to join boosters. Only three students have not paid all of marching band fees for the year. Better than usual. There will be some expenses for competitions in the winter. Some equipment purchases will come out of the current budget. Stew and Tin Pan are the last fund raisers of the year. We are in about the same place as last year with fund raising, but without a Spring trip there should be some extra money to carry over for next year.

The audit was done and submitted to the county. Thanks Tom Grahek and LaJuan Lewis. Our first tax return is done thanks to Julie Black.

Future Expenses: We will look into buying a video camera for next year, so that we can video tape all performances. Cornelia has been using her own.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **Hospitality:** No report. We will ask Dell to help with Winter Concert reception.

- **Spirit Table:** Tom Grahek reported that we made money at the playoff game, but overall, we are down from last year. There have been few home games and few with good attendance.

Recruitment: June recruitment/parent meeting will become a mandatory parent meeting. It will bring in revenue. Parents will need to make a deposit for next year's fees.

Concert attire: A reminder needs to go out again to order for the December 8 concert. Mr. Blankenship will remind the students in class.

MR BLANKENSHIP'S REPORT:

- Rob's suggestion is to get TMS parents of rising 9th graders to come to a band booster meeting after course selection AND to invite new parents to the end of the year party.
- HCPS gave band directors some money to buy equipment. Mr. Blankenship showed us the new drum set and a marimba he purchased. He is still hoping to get some new tubas.
- Kirk Jackson at TMS will meet with Rob to start a drum line at TMS. They will use old drums we are no longer using at Freeman. Our drum line kids would help the TMS kids build their program to use at basketball games and pep rallies.
- Friday night is the last playoff game, we think. It is away at Highland Springs. Mr. Blankenship can't go so the kids will carpool or go with Calypso and Brooke as county chaperones.

New Business:

- District Auditions January 7 at Atlee.
- We will not meet in December, but will vote if needed at the Winter Concert.
- There may be some subcommittee meeting between now and January meeting.
- Curriculum Fair in February – we will have a table.
- Spring Trip – April 21-22 is the projected date for a Festival in Williamsburg/Virginia Beach. Maybe will need an overnight? There is also an option of a single day trip. Julie will research cost and include a competition. We will try to find a cheaper option. We would like to keep the cost below \$200.

ADJOURN

No other business was discussed. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm

Next Band Booster Meeting, January 9, 6:30 pm.