

Band Booster Minutes

October 9, 2017

Present: Calypso Gilstrap, Rob Blankenship, Cornelia Corbett, Brooke Davis, Leslie Harris, Heather Gavin, Liz Siebers, Mark Slack, Karen Cohen, and Elizabeth Vranas.

Welcome/Call to order at 6:35 pm

Meeting Minutes for September 11, 2017 were approved September 13th via email by executive officers.

VP /Volunteers -No report from Elizabeth

VP- Fundraising – Mr. Slack reported the Backyard Grill fundraiser has been successful. The Tavern is coming up and Mark will create an advertisement; Chipotle is November 6 and the night before the election; Mattress sale has been canceled. Merchant cards going well. The stew sale was very successful.

Secretary – Brooke had no report. She thanked the executive board for approval via email.

Treasurer - \$48,000 in bank; \$28,000 is earmarked for the trip; We will find out what the trip will cost in early November; Marching band has collected all but 4 student's fees. Mr. B will follow up with these kids and try to start payment plans. All we still have to pay for marching season is the truck rental and some jackets for percussion. We may want to include the show cost for next year in this year's budget. Membership and direct contributions are up. We are close to \$5000 budgeted for contributions. Brunswick stew will net about \$4000. Concessions is starting to make money after having to purchase a lot of new stickers early in the season; Kroger is going well. Tin Pan is May 21. In the past that has been very successful. We are losing the mattress fund raiser, so we may need to do a different fund raiser or work harder to selling merchant cards.

Stew Report – LaJuan was not able to attend, but reported to Calypso that 773 quarts sold with \$3865 profit; we need a date for next year with All Stewed Up catering; they were easy to work with. October 6, 20, or 27 are potential dates; LaJuan does not want to chair again, but can advise.

Hospitality – No report from Dell, but she did remind students to bring \$3.00 for subs on Friday.

Spring Trip – 85 folks have paid a down payment; 22 adults have volunteered to chaperone; The actual cost of the trip will come in early November. Cornelia and Rob are working out logistics with county forms and vendors. The next payment is due November 19. Merchant cards are the way we can lower the costs over the next few weeks. We will try to get strings to help sell. Chorus is also selling cards.

Middle School – Heather Gavin came with questions about the next few events; Rob explained that the Showcase will run 6-9:30 pm and is free, but families are asked to bring a canned good for the Christmas mother; Powhatan, JMU will charge admission for audience; VDODA charges as well. Pit crew and uniform volunteers can get in free if they travel with the band. As it gets cold students may wear jackets or other street clothes after performance is over. Cornelia suggests a backpack with snacks and extra clothes. The JMU trip on October 21 will leave at noon and will get back about 1 am.

Homecoming – We lead the parade from TMS on October 13 at 5:45 with a 6:40 show (before the game); At half time the band will play music while the seniors are announced at half time.

Spirit Table – no report from Tom

Uniforms – will be back from the cleaners by Wednesday am. We are using Regency but they do not deliver. They charge \$1.95 per piece. We worked out a PO system, so the county let us use them this time.

Concert wear – A message about attire needs to go to all kids not in marching band, ASAP. We also need to make sure Julie sends it to strings.

Mattress fund raiser was canceled; Nate Poe is the owner and never talked to Rob – so we ended up getting cut out because they picked a date we can't participate. Strings were not interested in helping so we are not doing it. Girl's basketball already did all the work, so they will get all the credit this year. We may want to come up with a replacement fund raiser – maybe a jazz night or quartets playing with food, held at DSF.

Food on Friday nights – we are making about \$100 per night with this fund raiser; some kids are liking it because it is easy; others like walking to off campus places. There are growing pains with payment and ordering issues. We may try a different approach for next year with pre-payments online or collecting money upfront with fees.

Pit crew shirts – 40 were ordered for regular volunteers, many have disappeared. We were hoping to reuse them. Please wash and return.

8th grade night – parent tickets for the football game - 50 were purchased, but only 16 parents came; 44 had asked to have one. Ms. Criswell helped resell the extras, but will not do it again.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:08 pm

Next meeting November 13, 6:30 pm