

Band Boosters Meeting Minutes Sep 15, 2021

I. The President called the meeting to order at approximately 7:05 pm.

II. Officer Reports

A. Amanda Reed (President) welcomed everyone and thanked all of the volunteers who have helped so far this year. She encouraged everyone to keep an eye on the Signup Genius and sign up for additional events.

B. Jane Brown (Vice President) introduced herself and also thanked volunteers. Jane mentioned that she leads the hydration for the band during the games and carries the first aid supplies.

C. Wanda Berk (Past President) indicated she had nothing to report but mentioned that she creates the Signup Geniuses. She encouraged everyone to come see the kids on home game nights as they march through the school (down Golden Bear Blvd). Helpers are needed to hold the doors for the band at 6:30 on those evenings.

D. Christine Foulke (Treasurer) introduced the Assistant Treasurer, Noelle Fox, and presented the financial report. This team has created an email address, uambtreasure@gmail.com, that people can send receipts to for reimbursements. Christine also said that if you make purchases but intend to donate them, please still send her an email about it so we can budget appropriately for the future. Christine mentioned that in the future band fees will likely be higher because of band camp expenses.

E. Katie Petronella (Communications Manager) explained the change from Charms to MailChimp for communications and mentioned the uabandcommuns@gmail.com email. Katie ran through the list of important dates for the year, as outlined in the most recent email communication to the Boosters.

F. Brian Scheltz (Travel Manager) reminded the Boosters that chaperones are needed for the away games, including this upcoming Friday night. Brian showed the group the lanyards that can be used for volunteers' SchoolSafe ID badges. Brian reminded the group that anyone who volunteers with the kids must have a SchoolSafe ID badge. The high school now has a kiosk for these.

G. Becky McClung (Development Manager) updated everyone on the 99 Pledges fundraiser. She also introduced Julie Easterling who can help with social media for our fundraisers. One upcoming expense will be the purchase of a new trailer. Becky asked people to think about any companies that might be interested in sponsoring the purchase in an effort to reduce our costs. There was a brief discussion of the trailer purchase which was then tabled until New Business. Becky's report ended with a reminder about the donut sales during home games.

III. Committee Reports

A. Amanda presented Suzanne Smith's report on senior night. Senior night will be Oct 22. Parents who do not have seniors should plan to help out.

B. Mickey Merritt presented the report on uniforms. A lot of items are missing from the transitions over the summer. We are short on squad leader cords and large gloves. We also

need to get new tags for the hangars. Most importantly, Mickey needs help with uniforms and someone to transition the job to for the future.

C. Amanda introduced Shannon De Jong and briefly mentioned 8th grade outreach. She thanked Laura Skoracki and Phebe Barrett for organizing the spreads. The next after party is at the Berks' house.

IV. Old Business

A. Mr. Fessler brought up the combination of the Nov 4 concert with the Bandquet. Some activities that had been held in January will be held prior to the concert that night. There will be food and a celebration of the marching season. It will be as efficient as possible but will highlight the kids' hard work. Nancy and Greg Stevens will create the slide show. Please send pictures to Nancy for consideration for the slide show.

B. Wal Ozello brought up the concerns about the photographer and moved that we replace the current photographer with someone new for senior night and moving forward. The motion was seconded. There was significant discussion with Boosters describing less than acceptable work from the current photographer. The additional cost was discussed as a concern. The motion was amended to propose that Jurriaan De Jong will reach out to other photographers and report back to the executive committee on options. The executive committee will vote on this. The motion passed.

B. New Business

A. A motion was made to set aside \$20,000 for the purchase of a new trailer, as the old trailer leaks and is unsafe for long distances. The motion was seconded. Discussion included issues related to the sale of the old trailer and other details that Mr. Fessler will need to address with the district. The motion passed.

V. Directors' Report

A. Mr. Fessler thanked the Boosters/volunteers. In particular, he thanked the Fox family for the new cart for the percussion equipment. He demonstrated its features. Mr. Fessler also mentioned that the band room is too loud. Acoustics were not completely addressed during the construction of the building. He is working on solving this problem and also recommends ear plugs. Kate Ozello suggested sending emails to Mr. Theado, Mr. Imhoff, and the school board.

Prior to adjournment, there was a discussion about possibly changing the meeting times each month to avoid a conflict with the school board meetings. The Executive Board will look into it.

VI. Adjournment

A. A motion to adjourn was made and seconded. The motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Katie Petronella, Communications Manager