

BLUE AND GOLD BAND CLUB MEETING MINUTES

August 29, 2005

The meeting was called to order by Kriss Martenson at 7:39 pm. The minutes for the July meeting were approved as written with no changes.

Treasurer's Report- Chris Tough

- FMMS has finished their cookie dough fundraiser
- GHMS starting their candy bar fundraiser for Florida Trip
- Please pay fees on time. Some things have already been paid for and the treasury relies on fees being paid on time.
- Wendy Mize is hospitality chairman and this will be more cost effective since she will be cooking and serving food for the students rather than having to pay for meals from restaurants.
- If you volunteered and haven't been contacted yet by the chairman of the committee you wish to help with, check the website for e-mail addresses and send the chairman an e-mail. We need everyone's help!
- Treasurer's report accepted as given

Director's Report- Martin Dickey

- We need everyone to become involved if you are not involved already in the fund raising. The band cannot make it on band fees alone. The fees only bring in half of the money that it costs to run the band program. Mr. Dickey has a tremendous responsibility to raise a tremendous amount of money just to be able to teach the things he has been hired to teach. The more people we have involved, the more that can be accomplished and the more productive our organization can be.
- Golf Tournament is something that hopefully can be grown over the next few years to help with this need for funds. Thanks to Mike and Patti Goodnight who no longer has a child in the band but continues to work on the tournament. We as a group need to sell hole sponsorships and foursomes.
- Although we receive a small percentage of the funds from the district, TEC Dowling was able to increase the amount to almost double what the district used to provide. Current administration also supportive of the band. Mr. Dickey sits down almost weekly with principal to discuss needs.
- Mr. Dickey has been asked to look at transition of the band program from two middle schools and one high school to three middle schools and two high schools in an effort to provide a smooth transition. He will be talking to parents of future band students as well as community people who have been involved with the band in the past but no longer have a vested interest in the program as well as staff members. This transition may involve students already in the high school band program. Board looking at different options.
- Although the school is one of the largest 16 in the state, we are still classified as 4-A because the classifications are good for two years. We

will be 5-A next year (2006-2007) which will affect the competitions the following year. Mr. Dickey isn't sure how things will work out.

- **Q:** Will the band be combined after the new school opens?
- **A:** Maybe.
- **Q:** How will the new middle school be supplied with instruments?
- **A:** The bond referendum includes money to buy supplies for the new school as well as the building the building so there should be money allocated for instruments. There may be a need to move an instrument or two from existing schools but it won't be 1/3 of the instruments already owned by the existing schools.
- September 17 will be the York County Exhibition. Bands from Rock Hill, Northwestern, Clover, York, Andrew Jackson and Indian Land will perform as well as our band. There will be judges but no competition. The judges will give critiques and suggestions for improving their shows. Tickets will be \$3 and light concessions will be available. We will need help with ticket sales, concessions, drink sales, ushering, ticket taking, parking, etc.
- Saturday's practice was very productive. Our favorite movement person from the Cavaliers, Matt Heard, was there.
- **Q:** Do we know when we will perform at BOA?
- **A:** For Atlanta, probably a Saturday performance. For Indianapolis, most likely on Thursday for pre-lims.
- **Q:** Have hotels been booked yet?
- **A:** We're working on it.
- **Q:** Where in Atlanta will BOA be?
- **A:** in the Georgia Dome.
- **Q:** Has a decision been made on purchasing the buses?
- **A:** Contracts have already been signed for the three trips this year. Still working on getting the buses. Four identical buses are wanted to simplify maintenance. Working with district on this matter.
- **Q:** If a child is excused from school, do parents need to send in a note?
- **A:** Please call the band room (547-4111) and leave a message. Drum majors check the answering machine after taking roll. Calls are made to families of unaccounted for students to make sure there wasn't an accident.
- **Q:** Is someone ordering group tickets for the BOA's?
- **A:** Susan Longfield has volunteered to order tickets for Atlanta. She needs to have requests and money by September 17th. Her e-mail address is longusa@comporium.net. Is there anybody who would like to handle Indianapolis?

President's Report- Kriss Martenson

- If you haven't volunteered for anything, call or e-mail the chairman of the committee you would like to work on. We need everyone involved.

Vice President's Report- Betsy Dugan

- Discussion about Verizon and upcoming concerts. Ozzfest is September 2 from 9 am to 11 pm. Lots of people are needed to cover that concert. Please let Betsy know when you can be there. You are needed anytime you can work! Just let them know. Need people on September 7 and 9. The 9th is the first home football game. Not sure whether band will perform at halftime. Stadium will be dedicated then. If you can work, please do. There will be plenty of time to see our kids perform and we need to keep Verizon as a fund-raising activity. September 11 is the Weenie Roast. This runs from 3 pm – 11 pm. Please volunteer for any of these concerts!
- Please donate sodas for the exhibition. Any that aren't sold will be used for the band during the season.
- Fruit sale is coming up. Maryann Makowski is the chairman this year. She will need help sorting the fruit on the day that it comes in and help with distribution the next day. Dates to be announced.

Committee Reports:

- Q: Is the pit crew being formed?
- A: Several have expressed interest.
- Uniform moms still need help with sewing the uniform hems and alterations. Would appreciate any help they can get!
- Band store is taking orders for show shirts. Blue shirts are being sold again this year since they are more visible from the field. They are \$10.
- We have need for donations of masking tape, white thread, white socks, Shout wipes, and luggage carts for plume boxes.

Meeting adjourned at 8:29 pm.

Next meeting is September 26, 2005.