

Nation Ford High School
Band Booster Club
Minutes for June Meeting held 6/23/08

The meeting was called to order by Jamie Medlin at 7:40 p.m.

Jamie appreciated such a good turnout, and introduced this year's officers.

May Board Minutes

These were reviewed and approved as presented.

Treasurer's Report

Jefflyn presented the last report for this financial year. (The financial year runs from June 1st to May 31st).

Jamie explained that the booster club has to get out and raise money. He also explained that the budget is set each year based on the expenditure from the previous year. Additionally, all the fund raising efforts are for the benefit of all the schools in the band program, but we have separate booster clubs for administrative purposes.

Vice President's Report

We have had 6 concerts at Verizon so far. 67 volunteers have worked at these events. Sales are going really well. Many parents and students have clocked up over 20 hours or over 40 hours. Remember, you can also have friends volunteer and give points to your kids! And you don't have to be TIPS trained because there are plenty of other jobs you can do behind the scenes, and you can work however many hours you choose. You don't have to stay all night – you can work the early shift or the late shift.

We have two managers in training – Bill Pace and Shannon Nash. There was a TIPS training session at Verizon last week, so those parents who were in attendance are eligible to start working the events – you don't have to wait for your card – Chris Krieger can vouch for you.

We had a good report from the Health Department recently.

The next concert is Tuesday, 1st July. It is a sell-out and we need as many volunteers as possible. Please try to get there at least one hour before the gates open. We need helpers from 3:30 p.m. onwards. There is also a concert on Saturday, July 5th. Gates are early on Saturday (4 p.m.) so we have to be there at 2 p.m.

It's crucial we have enough people to man the stands because 70% of our income comes from these events!

For more information, go to the website to see schedule for times, car pools, parking details, etc.

Band Director's Report

Competition dates are as follows:

13 September	York County Exhibition	Fort Mill Stadium
20 th September	Bands of America Exhibition	Fort Mill Stadium
4 th October	Olde English Competition	Rock Hill District 3 Stadium
11 th October	Western Carolina University	WCU,
18 th October	Upper State 3A	Clinton or Woodmont
25 th October	State Finals	Clinton or Woodmont

More information can be found at: www.bandlink.org (SCBDA website)

Music can be accessed on: www.inspiremusicproductions.com/nationford

User name: band

Password: flight

You will find 2 minutes' worth of music

3 items that include the conductor's score (if you're interested)

4 pages of warm-up exercises

2 pages of music

MP3 file also available (1/3 of the show)

You can also go on later to get parts 2 and 3

Mr. Dickey told the meeting that our biggest expenditure is marching band. It is the most visible of all the activities the band does, it gives us the most recognition, and it serves the most students in the band program.

Mr. Dickey also touched on the recent newspaper article regarding new fees being charged to athletic students, etc. Chris Krieger made a presentation to the school board regarding our finances, fundraising efforts, and the band's willingness to contribute towards transportation costs for band events. In the end, the school board voted as it did, and the band will not have to charge extra fees for bus usage. Please thank Jan Smiley, Martha Kinard, and Diane Dasher when you see them for supporting the band program which is part of the curriculum. The superintendent is also on our side! However, this issue may come up again next year.

Golf Tournament

This event is scheduled for Thursday, 31st July at Regent Park. We need help soliciting teams and donations. There are multiple levels of sponsorship; for example, a hole sponsorship is

\$100. This money goes into the Crescendo account. Two years ago, the Crescendo account presented \$175,000 worth of instruments to the school district. This is one example of how the Band paid its own way. Last year we had 100 players, we raised about \$20,000, and we gave away good prize money!

This year we have Jersey Mikes and Chik-Fil-A sponsoring us. We also have various architecture firms and cleaning contractors sponsoring us. In addition, our music and travel company will be paying for two teams. Please ask folks to participate and/or sponsor. Try insurance companies, hair salons, dentists, individuals. Tell them they will get a tax letter. Remember, if you find a hole sponsor, your child will receive 10 points for his/her account.

In addition to instrument purchase, we now have an added mission. We want to start a scholarship fund for two seniors – one NF and one FM. They don't have to major in music, just continue to play their instrument or remain in color guard while they are in college. We have a goal of approx. \$80,000 fully funded. There will be a committee (principal, band director, guidance counselor) who will choose the students based on particular criteria.

Trailer Update

Jamie updated the meeting on the progress with the trailer, and thanked all the volunteers who have come out to help thus far. They have spent long, hot hours sand-blasting, painting, and caulking, etc. There is still a lot of work to be done. The guys meet Mon-Thurs @ A&E Workshop on Riverview Road in Rock Hill (near the Microtel motel) in the evenings. We need to apply decals, polyurethane, varnish, paint on the inside, etc. Steve pointed out there are no restroom facilities! We are taking digital photos – before, during, and after – to record the work in progress. 4 companies are working on decals for the sides. They will be silver metallic with red and black graphics. The goal is to unveil the trailer on the last day of band camp.

Carolina Crown Update

Beth thanked everyone who helped. It was a lot of work but also a lot of fun. They worked 8 hours a day and served 600 people. They also shifted day 100 coolers of ice in 104 degree temperatures! At the end of the week they watched the show. For their efforts, the band fund received \$2,500. Beth asked everyone to help out with this event again next year.

New Business

Band camp will be here before we know it and we need volunteers. Please check the website for details and sign-up. We will also need volunteers for the York exhibition and the BOA event.

In the meantime, please gather items to donate to band camp. They can be brought into the band room at any time. A comprehensive list was included in the recent mail-out, and it will be posted on the website. Items include: water, sunscreen, aspirin, band-aids, chips, crackers, other snacks.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by

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