

Nation Ford High School
Band Booster Club
Minutes for July Meeting held 7/28/08

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

June Board Minutes

These were reviewed and approved as presented.

Treasurer's Report

Jefflyn was not present so Jamie presented the report for July 1, 2008 – May 31, 2009.

FMHS	\$17,256
NFHS	\$ 8,793
Points	\$ 5,640
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Crescendo	\$ 8,235
GHMS	\$ 223
FMMS	\$ 2,284
SFMS	<u>\$10,153</u>
Grand Total	\$52,820

A parent asked why SFES had such a large number and reasons given were late fundraising and necessary expenditures had not yet been made.

President's Report

Jamie indicated the website has all the latest information and is being updated regularly. The calendar (located on the left side) has the latest schedules. Student health forms may be downloaded and are due by the first day of band camp. Information regarding band camp schedules, what students should bring and items still need may be found on the website. Parents volunteers are needed for various roles and folks may sign up on the website.

Vice President's Report

We have had 16 concerts at Verizon so far. 114 different volunteers have worked at these events. 64 student accounts (last year 55) have earned a total of 2,764.5 points or \$5,529 to help pay for their fees. NFHS has worked 53.14% of the hours while FMHS has worked 46.86% of the hours. NFHS has had folks work more hours than FMHS at 10 events of the 16 events this season. 9 workers have worked over 50 hours at Verizon this year including 3 students – Lindsay Walters, Justin Lyons and Matthew Krieger. 12 families (student accounts) have worked over 50 hours at Verizon this year. Volunteers may go to the website and see who is signed up so they may carpool with others. It also saves on phone calls, etc. to sign up online. Lots of people wait until the last minute to sign up. Please sign up as early as possible so we can

see where we have needs. Chris Krieger updates the website as soon as Julia & Steve communicate emails and phone calls they have received. Working Verizon is hard work but fun and very rewarding for our bands. Verizon augments fees and fundraising. So far funds raised are 46% better than last year. Band fees would be much higher without this opportunity.

We have several concerts coming up this week and help is need for Tuesday (sell out), Wednesday, Saturday (16,500 expected attendance) & Sunday (sell out). Please try to get there at least one hour before the gates open. 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

Mr. Dickey received a detailed report today for all Verizon activity. In the 16 of 27 events so far the band's stands have sold \$360,000 that means \$36,000 raised for band that goes toward fees. Actual cost for band per student is \$1,000. This Verizon fundraising opportunity enables us to keep fees paid by student families to 1/3 – 40% of the cost. More volunteers are need at Verizon. 40% of the volunteers do 100% of the work. The booster club is a non-profit organization so that is why points are awarded. Mr. Dickey also spoke about why Knights & Panther games were not as productive because they required more volunteers and the schedules were prohibitive. Mr. Dickey also mentioned that when staff members work Verizon they work for the hardship fund. This fund makes sure each child gets to participate. Those children who receive assistance from the hardship fund are kept strictly confidential between Mr. Dickey and the Treasurer. 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 school board vote 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. Schools across the country are implementing fees. The band fees in schools such as Rock Hill are much higher (\$450-\$500 paid by parents).

Mr. Dickey praised our parent involvement and ownership of the band program.

Mr. Dickey presented the following updated band schedule:

22 August	Home football game	Fort Mill Stadium
29 August	Home football game*	Fort Mill Stadium
6 September	Band Practice <i>if drill not complete</i>	NFHS
13 September	York County Exhibition	Fort Mill Stadium
19 September	Home football game	Fort Mill Stadium
20 September	To be determined (BOA cancelled)	TBD
26 & 27 September	OPEN WEEKEND	
4 October	Olde English Competition	Rock Hill District 3 Stadium
10 October	Home football game	Fort Mill Stadium
11 October	Western Carolina University	WCU,
18 October	Upper State 3A	Woodmont (day)
25 October	State 3A Finals	Clinton (evening)
31 October	Home football game	Fort Mill Stadium
7 November	Home football game (FMHS)	Fort Mill Stadium
6 December	Fort Mill Parade	Fort Mill

BOA has cancelled all regional events due to lower participation due to economic reasons.

Band Camp Committee Report

Jefflyn and Julianne looking for volunteers for chaperones, and food prep/serving, first aid, etc. for band camp that begins Monday, August 4th. Information is on the website. Please contact Jefflyn or Julianne if you can help. There is also a list of items needed for band camp on the website.

Golf Tournament

This event is scheduled for this Thursday, July 31st at Regent Park. It is not too late sign up to play or donate. So far 96 players are signed up. There are three groups paying \$5,000 each signed up. There are multiple levels of sponsorship; for example, a hole sponsorship is \$100.

Other Committee Reports

Volunteers will be needed for the York County Exhibition for concessions, selling programs, assisting band line ups, etc. Volunteers will be needed beginning in the afternoon. This is an evening event.

The end of marching season band party will be held Friday, November 14th at the Field Trial Barn. A fall oyster roast fundraiser will be held on Saturday, November 15th at the Field Trial barn. Volunteers will be needed to assist. Ticket sales will begin in September. More information to follow.

OLD BUSINESS

Trailer Update

The trailer is being painted and body work is being done. Thanks to Jim & Debbie Grumbles for the donation of chrome wheels. Graphic designs are being reviewed. There are 8 sponsors. The goal is to unveil the trailer on the last day of band camp. Thanks to all volunteers (parents & students) who have worked on the trailer.

NEW BUSINESS

Band camp will begin next Monday. Parents mentioned carpooling needs. Students need to speak with their section leaders about rides need and a phone tree will be used. Students may be dropped off as early as 7:30 a.m.

There is also a bowling outing for students Wednesday, July 30th after band practice. Students will return on buses at approximately 4:30 p.m. Cost is \$10 student.

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 posted on the website. Items include: water, sunscreen, aspirin, band-aids, chips, crackers, other snacks.

The field has been treated for fire ants.

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

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by

Linda Turner