

NATION FORD HIGH SCHOOL BAND

BOOSTER CLUB MEETING

Monday, October 27, 2008

Minutes

Jamie expressed great delight at the great turnout of people at tonight's meeting.

Previous Minutes

The Minutes from the September meeting were approved.

Financial Report

The Financial Report was approved.

President's Report

We have had a great year. We've had lots of success and lots of fun, and we are ready for a new phase. Thank you to everyone for their continued support and dedication: chaperones; Verizon workers; band camp volunteers; pit crew; etc., etc. The "parent" bus to Western was a definite hit. We may go this route again next year if there is sufficient interest, but there must be a firm commitment in advance, together with money, before any booking will be made.

Band Director's Report

Today Mr. Dickey shared with students the scores from the State competition. We won the music caption, which is always the hardest to win. Our goal is to win, but we cannot control the opinions of judges. A new scoring system was introduced this year, and the SCBDA is still ironing out the flaws. Both bands are committed to 2 years at their respective levels – Nation Ford at 3A and Fort Mill at 4A. These levels are based on the school enrolment numbers at the 45-day cutoff date at the start of each academic year. Mr. Dickey also showed the students the video of the State performance. The DVD is on YouTube. Next Tuesday will be the Pumpkin Palooza. It was a huge hit last year. We need students to help hand out candy to the elementary kids, and parents for crowd control. Mr. D. reminded the meeting that students need to be signed up for Region Band auditions. The fee is \$10. Friday night will be a football game. We are aiming to play music jointly with the York High School band. We will not be playing music from our marching show. Students may dress up in Halloween costume. The following week is Nation Ford Senior Night. Mr. Dickey reminded the meeting that students must return their personal information forms before the game. NF and FM will play on the field together at half-time. Five students will be playing in the Winthrop Honor Clinic on November 21st and 22nd. The Christmas Parade is on Saturday, December 6th, and the Winter Concert will be on Monday, December 15th.

Vice President's Report

We are awaiting the final report on the Verizon season. Verizon is a big challenge, but this fundraising effort helps to offset charges for buses, etc. We will need managers for the booths next year. Aramark will no longer be in charge, and this may make life easier. We may not need TIPS training. We also expect better cash registers to be installed. We are still facing budget issues due to a loss of revenue from concerts we did not work.

Committee Reports

Chaperones: Jefflyn gave a big thank you to all her helpers, and reminded everyone that there are still two football games left to work!

Hospitality: Julianne gave a big thank you to all her helpers.

Fruit Sale: Linda Tennant reminded everyone that the deadline for forms is November 7th, and for online orders November 14th. We will need lots of volunteers on delivery day – Friday, December 5th, at the FM shed. Exact time t.b.c. We will also need a forklift (Larry will be out of town). Pick up days are Friday, December 5th from 6-8 pm, and Saturday, December 6th (after the Christmas Parade) from 10am – 4pm.

Percussion Liaison: Beth thanked everyone for their support. She learned a lot.

Guard Liaison: nothing to report.

Oyster Roast:

This event will take place on Saturday, November 15th from 5-8 p.m. at the Field Trial Barn, Anne Springs Close Greenway. We need lots of help with ticket sales, and lots of help on the day. We will set up at 8:30/9 a.m. Please e-mail Jamie if you are able to volunteer in any capacity. There will be no beer sales. The meeting suggested that we might charge a cooler fee next year? If every band family could sell 2 tickets, this event would be a great success. Thanks to Susan Mize, we have a flyer online that gives all the details of the event. Please feel free to download this and advertise the Oyster Roast and Barbecue to your friends, neighbors, and work colleagues. The Fort Mill Times has been made aware of this event via Mr. D. and Jason Ford. We do not want to buy an advertisement.

York County Exhibition Program:

This item has been modified. We will now have a Commemorative Yearbook for each band. Two different scrapbooks will be produced at a cost of \$10 each. They will be produced in time for the Winter Concerts, and will include an insert for the program. Please submit your photos, congratulatory messages, and/or business adverts to Michele Henderson electronically asap. Susan Mize will produce the books. An e-mail will be sent out to inform parents.

End of Year Party:

This will be for both bands, and will be held at the Field Trial Barn at the Anne Springs Close Greenway on Friday, November 14th from 7-10 p.m. We will have a DJ (same guy as for the OR). Larry offered to contact the Hay Ride guy.

New Business

The meeting put forward the idea of producing a Pit Crew Cookbook as a fundraiser. We will check with the Board at the next meeting.

The meeting put forward the suggestion that the tractor that pulls the trailer should be an appropriate color. Perhaps we could arrange that in time for the Christmas Parade? Experts in the tractor/trailer department pointed out that we don't have a lot of choice. We rent our tractors from Penske because they are cheaper than Ryder, and so we are pretty much stuck with yellow!

Jamie is in discussions with the York County Fine Arts Commission regarding a joint music program between them and Nation Ford High School Band. If we could arrange for professional musical events to take place in our auditorium, this would serve as a wonderful way to promote our own music program. Mr. D. pointed out that such a school/community arrangement exists at Clover High School. They have a full-time director for their auditorium, and they have season ticket holders within their community who support the events throughout the year.

Mr. D. and Jamie have conducted "sound testing" in the NF Band Room, and the results have been submitted to the Superintendent. When the percussion plays in the band room the noise level reaches 120 db which is above the OSHA limit! The regulations state that students can only be submitted to this noise level for 15 minutes per day. However, it is only 90 db on the stage.

The next meeting will be on Monday, November 24th at 7:30 p.m.

There will not be a meeting in December.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by

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