

NATION FORD BAND
MINUTES OF BOOSTER CLUB MEETING

Held on Monday, January 26, 2009

Jamie called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

The Minutes from the November meeting were approved.

The Financial Report was approved. The meeting had one question. How much money have we raised so far in the Casey Wood fund? Mr. Dickey said he would find out from Kathy Krieger. Post-meeting up-date reports that the fund currently stands at \$3,112.

The President had nothing to report except to say thank you to everyone for coming out tonight.

Vice President's Report

It's time to raise money again! The update on Verizon is that the people who won the catering bid will sub-contract to Aramark, so we will be working with them again. The first concert will be Jimmy Buffett on April 21st followed closely by the Dave Matthews Band on April 24th. Chris sent Steve information on the Bobcats Arena. There are lots of packages available. He wants someone else to look over this with him. The background to this issue is that we were trying to find a fundraising event closer to home to *supplement* our efforts at Verizon because Verizon requires late hours and a long drive. Bobcats would be an easier journey with the light rail facility. Steve is also awaiting further information on a possible opportunity at Carowinds. The main drawback to that is our people could be placed anywhere in the park, in any weather, inside or out, and they would have to work a fixed shift.

Band Director's Report

Mr. Dickey reported that the account is in good shape because he is trying to maintain a reserve. (The School Board had warned not to count on the same amount of money next year.) The meeting asked if the School Board gets a copy of our accounts. Mr. Dickey said they do. Mr. Dickey reported that he now has an Assistant Band Director – he introduced Mr. Ray Linkus who will be working part-time this year, but will be full-time from this summer. Mr. Dickey reported that the School Board voted 4:3 that starting next school year juniors and seniors will be offered an Honors Credit Band Class. This will be optional and auditions will be held. This class will help students to maintain their class rank. A score of 100% in the class will earn a 4.5 GPA. Finally!!

Region and All-State Auditions have taken place. 35 students made Region and 9 made All-State, plus 4 alternates. We have 9 students participating in the Clinic at Coastal Carolina this week. (They will stay until Sunday.) Our concert band will go down for the day on Friday and will perform in the evening (no overnight stay). It is an honor for us to be invited to play and the kids are excited. Region Band will take place the last weekend in February at FMHS, and All-State will take place 13/14/15 March at Furman.

The Winter Guard performed this past Saturday at Winston Salem. The remaining competitions are closer to home.

Committee Reports

Guard:

Tina told the meeting that there was no storage on the bus. She took the tarp in her car. She would appreciate more parental help at the next competition. Larry Bunch asked if Mr. Dickey could find a cart to help roll/carry the tarp. Mr. Dickey said he could probably find one in the band shed. Steve agreed to send out an e-mail to ask for helpers. Jefflyn told Tina she would arrange health forms and chaperone bags (containing band-aids, Tylenol, etc.)

Percussion:

Jamie reported that rehearsals are going well. Information should be coming up on the website soon. The numbers of students has fluctuated. The ensemble will no longer be doing a marching show.

Region Band:

This event will take place on Friday and Saturday 27th and 28th February at Fort Mill High School. We need parents to help with concessions. Susan Longfield is organizing the volunteer list for NF. Please contact her if you can help.

Oyster Roast & Silent Auction:

This event will take place on Saturday, 14th March. Michelle Henderson from FM is co-chair for the silent auction. We still need a volunteer to head up the NF effort. Please contact Jamie if you can help. We need to get publicity organized. Susan Mize agreed to produce a flyer again this year. Jamie has received confirmation that the Onepo Brothers will play for us again. Jamie should have tickets ready in two weeks. We need someone to head up the ticket sales. Please contact Jamie if you can help. Jamie asked the meeting to start soliciting items from friends and business contacts for the silent auction: gift certificates for spa treatment, golf day, dinner, etc.

Springfest:

This event will take place on May 1st at the Walter Elijah walking park. We will have 2 tents this year selling fried okra, fried pickles, chicken wings, fried Snickers, fried Twinkies, and funnel cakes. Julia Harris and Susan Longfield are co-chairing this event. Please let them know if you can volunteer.

Yearbooks:

These were successful. We still have some left. They will be on sale at the Spring Concert.

Cookbook:

Peggy Gray is heading up this project. These will be ready for sale at the Oyster Roast in March. The deadline for recipes is February 1st. Please e-mail your tastiest tail-gating recipes to Peggy.

Old Business

The issue of the decibel level in the Band Room is ongoing. Mr. Dickey is trying to get a jazz band from the Colorado Air Force Base Academy to play at NF. He has already booked the auditorium. However, they are currently looking at their travel budget. Watch this space for updates.

Jamie has been investigating the possibility of working with the Town of Fort Mill's Art Commission to have musical performances take place in our auditorium. Unfortunately, they are not looking at this issue the same way as us. David Witmer asked if a faculty recital would help this matter along. Mr. Dickey said he is looking at several ideas. Jamie said we need to pull in the community to support us on this.

New Business

Jamie reported that JR Fountain has donated a small trailer. It needs work – painting, etc. Jamie said he would organize a work crew to sandblast and scrape, etc. Please let him know if you would be willing to help. We could probably work in the FM shed. Steve Niedermeier and Larry Gibson will head up this activity.

Next Meeting

The Booster Club will meet on Monday, February 23, 2009 at 7:30 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:19 p.m.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by

Susan Longfield