

# ♪Fort Mill District Band Booster Club♪

## Minutes of Meeting

held on Monday, 31<sup>st</sup> August, 2009 at Nation Ford High School

50 people were in attendance

Jamie Medlin opened the meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the NFHS Band Room

The Minutes of the July Booster meeting were approved.

The Financial Report for the FMDBBC was reviewed by Julianne Best. She reported that NFHS has a \$26,855 cash balance. The report was approved.

### President's Report

Jamie sadly reported the loss of Martin Dickey's mother on August 30 in Virginia. A graveside service is scheduled for Wednesday, September 2, 2009. Donations can be made to the Boy Scouts of America in Bristol, TN/VA or NFHS band. Prayers were also requested for the family.

A big thank you was given to all volunteers. The requests never end but all of the efforts of parents and kids are appreciated.

Copies of activity calendars for upcoming band events were distributed. A parent charter bus will be secured for the WCU competition. It is anticipated that the cost will be \$25 per seat. An early departure time will be set for October 10.

The BOA Competition in Indianapolis will be held from November 11 – 14, 2009. They are working on obtaining a parents' bus and checking on pricing for hotels. The cost was supposed to be received by 4 p.m. today, however, Jamie had not gotten a price on the package at the time of the meeting. A bid for said packages was put out to two companies. NFHS is scheduled to perform on Thursday, November 12. They are looking into room closer to the Dome so that people are not "bus dependent." Attendees mentioned that they had found flights for \$69 one way on AirTran and others reported fares ranging from \$99 – \$159 round trip. Jamie encouraged everyone to go online to order tickets for the first 2 days (general admission) and the semifinals and finals (assigned seating.). Block seating will be purchased for the finals for the kids. SIDE NOTE: A phone call was received from Lancaster Tours during the meeting and Jamie received a quote of \$120 per night (double occupancy) and \$47.85 round trip for the bus ride to Indianapolis.

Friday night, September 4, Linda Tenant arranged for the band students and parents to have a celebration at the Chicken Shak. Contact Linda if you are interested in attending. Tailgating was expected to start at 4:30 p.m.

## Vice President's Report

Steve Turner reported that the Panthers game went smoothly over all. He learned that we can send volunteers home early and we can shut down the booths earlier too if approved. The Panthers organization was very impressed with our efforts. On Thursday night, September 3, more volunteers are needed. The Panthers have requested a list of volunteers five days in advance. He asked that volunteers handle carpooling amongst themselves and encouraged people to always check the website. The Panthers did say that cargo shorts/pants are allowed. We need more help in group and inventory leads, money leads are needed as well. A great start!

Verizon business is down prior to the Alan Jackson concert. The split of volunteers is 52% NFHS/48% FMHS. 163 people have worked so far out of 250+ families and lots of new parents have stepped up to the plate to help out. 25 of the 163 families account for 50% of the hours worked at NFHS. Top hours earner is Shannon Nash (90 hours)! The average worker put in 17 hours. The other hours leaders include: Jacob Lutz, Josh Nash, Art Harris, Bill Pace, Judy Lutz, Vicki Niedermeier, Steve Turner, Alison Harris, Nancy Olah and Steve Barnes.

Future scheduling issues/challenges were discussed. The dates include: the Panthers game (9/3), Lil' Wayne concert (9/4 – first NFHS home game), Blink 182 concert (10/1), Allman Brothers/Widespread Panic (10/3 and 10/4 – NFHS band competition on 10/3), Panthers game (11/15 – BOA competition) and Panthers game (11/19 – Thursday game).

## Band Director's Report

Jamie reported on behalf of Martin. The show is coming together – there is lots of excitement!

## Committee Reports

*Pit Crew* – Steve Niedermeier reported that the Pit Crew met earlier this evening and began laying out plans for completing props. Painting of the props is scheduled for Tuesday, September 1 at 6 p.m.

*Uniforms* – Robin Whitmer is still working on uniforms! There is still lots to do! Volunteers are needed to whip stitch props/uniforms. Kathy Sibley is heading up the sewing effort for the pit crew props.

*Chaperones* – Jefflyn Covington reported that the number of chaperones needed for games has dropped due to our having our own stadium (and not having to travel to FMHS).. One to two parents are needed in stands to hand out water. Those parents should sit near the band (along the side) and not allow people into the band area that don't belong. Chaperone needs will start heating up in October.

*Color Guard* – Jim Grumbles reported that he sent an email to Color Guard parents on August 30 requesting support and encouraging parents to volunteer for events. He also reported that help was needed to paint the railroad mallets for the Guard.

*Percussion* – Nothing to report

*Hospitality* – Julianne Best thanked all volunteers for helping with band camp and in every area involving the committee.

*End of Year Party* – Julie Howren reported that the End of Year party would be held on November 20 in the ASC Field Trial Barn.

*Band Store* – Julianne reported that the store website was scheduled to be up and running by the end of the week. The website allows for ordering online. The site was built by former band student Jordan Anderson.

*General Committee Business* – Jamie requested that all parents volunteers to assist the above committees.

### Old Business

The NFHS Cross Country team is going to sell Citipass books and as such, NFHS band decided it would not sell the books in order to not compete with the team.

As stated previously, this season is so exciting and the kids are doing great. It was anticipated that the third movement may be available by Tuesday or Wednesday of this week. The kids are working so hard and it is a great group!

Students should arrive on Friday afternoon (9/4) at 5:00 p.m. dressed in show shirts with black shorts and tennis shoes. The blessing of the field is going to be conducted by the FCA at 5:00 p.m. The field dedication is scheduled for 7:10 p.m.

Shannon Nash requested a volunteer to shadow her to learn the ropes for stand management for Verizon and Panther games. Assistance is needed particularly at Verizon. She reported that another manager from NFHS is needed in order to earn more funds for the school.

### New Business

Parents were asked to step up and “shadow” board members, committee heads, etc., so that next year, everything runs smoothly. This is necessary to develop a core/feeder group to support band activities.

Steve Turner asked for newsletter ideas to make the monthly newsletter more enjoyable. The newsletter is a combined effort between NFHS and FMHS bands. Some ideas he had included stories, hints, scrapbooks, where to look for things, students giving input, new developments and upcoming events.

### Questions and Answers

A question was posed regarding the Oyster Roast date and time. It will be held on Saturday, December 5, from 5:00 – 8:00 p.m. The Christmas parade and fruit sale deliveries will also occur on that date.

Individuals who have secured their own hotel room(s) in Indianapolis can pay to ride on the parent bus.

The next Booster Club meeting will be held on Monday, September 28 at 7:30 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:39 PM.

*Minutes Respectfully Submitted by*

*Mary Casey McClane*