

♪Fort Mill District Band Booster Club♪

Minutes of Meeting

held on Monday, 28th of September, 2009 at Nation Ford High School

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 and approved. A question was posed about the Crescendo Account. Martin Dickey explained that it was established four years ago for instruments and miscellaneous expenditures.

President's Report

It is marching/competition season time! The first competition is on Saturday, October 3rd at N. Lincolnton High School. This begins our 7-week schedule for competitions!

Vice President's Report

- **Verizon** – We will not make the budget for this year (3/4 of budget has been met). Three concerts are left.
- **Panthers** – We had a great start and it certainly was a long day! If you do get there early before the booths are set up, please let the managers handle set up and then get started. There are three positions that set up the stands: Stand manager (oversees all operations); inventory manager (counts and keeps track of all inventory); and, cash manager (collects cash throughout the game). In the first regular season game, we had \$20K in sales. A reminder: the Panthers ask for a volunteer list five days prior to the game. They will charge us for volunteers if they have to pull them from their volunteer pool.
- **Volunteer hours** – 4,300 points have been posted to student accounts. Ninety-nine families have accrued such points. We would like to spread that out among more families.
- **Fruit Sale** – Linda Tennant is heading up this effort and more information will be forthcoming!

Band Director's Report

Two sheets were distributed outlining schedules. A press conference will be held at 2 p.m. for the U.S. Army All-American winners (Claire Sibley, Jaclyn Turner and Chris D'Avanzo). The three winners will be performing in San Antonio, TX. Thank you to all of the 99 families (out of 120 kids' families) who volunteer! A reminder that 1/3 of your child's grade is behavior, participation, etc. Martin will review rules and regulations for the November Bands of America competition in Indianapolis. All parents will be well-informed of said rules and regulations.

The band transportation budget was reduced by 50%, to \$11,000. Transportation for state events will be covered, regardless of the distance of the trip. The band will not attend any away games with the exception of the FMHS game. On October 3rd, we will pay \$125 per bus (4 buses) in transportation costs. We will have charter buses for the WCU event (on October 10). We will also pay for \$125 per bus (4 buses) for the competition in Shelby on October 17th.

NFHS will be hosting a one-time event (BandBeat) at our stadium on November 7th. NFHS and East Lincoln High School will staff the event. There were not any stadiums available in the Charlotte Mecklenburg School District on that date and Beverly Bowman offered to host the event at our school.. East Lincoln and NFHS get \$5K each to help run the event. Carolina Crown will purchase the concession stand food; we will prepare and sell the concessions and will get no money from concession sales. NFHS will be responsible for the following: parking, dressing rooms, concessions, tickets and ushering.

On Friday, October 2, 2009, Fox News Rising will be featuring Claire Sibley, Jaclyn Turner and Chris D'Avanzo between 8 and 9 a.m.

Committee Reports

- *Band Beat:* ELHS and NFHS will be performing between the preliminary and final events. Twenty-two bands will be featured at the event.
- *Pit Crew:* Thank you! We need hand trucks! We also need folks to help transport props and instruments. We do need artistic painters and sewers (train – Cathy Sibley and uniforms – Robin Whitmer).
- *Bus Trips:* We have 43 people signed up for the WCU parent bus. The bus holds 57 people. We will leave early in the morning and arrive very late at the high school. The cost per person is \$25 and we will perform at 2:45 p.m. There was not enough interest in the bus package for Indy so that effort will cease. Julie needs a list of where people are staying, transportation arrangements, etc.
- *Uniforms:* They will be ready this weekend! Many thanks to Robin Whitmer, Zaira Cardenas, Tracy Drake, Maggie Boyle, Ann Reising, Stephanie Thiel and Kathy Thomas. And thanks to Esther Clonts for sewing the flags!
- *Chaperones:* Everything is great!

- *Guard:* The uniforms are coming together! Ray is working on the second uniforms. Tracy Drake took uniforms how to work on and we thank her for that!
- *Percussion:* Nothing to report
- *Hospitality:* Nothing to report
- *End of Year Party:* The DJ is booked for the event to be held on November 20th from 7 – 11 p.m. We are looking for food donations (finger/party foods). We will have a hayride, bonfire, food and DJ.
- *Oyster Roast:* The Oyster Roast will be held on December 5th from 5-8 p.m. This will be held on the same day as the Fort Mill Christmas Parade and fruit delivery. The event can be run with 12 – 15 volunteers.

Old Business

Jamie and Beth Medlin are looking into engineer hats for the pit crew.

New Business

Senior night will be held the last home game of the season. Dennis Howren volunteered to be the announcer.

Questions and Answers

- Band Beat will be held from 8 a.m. – 9:30 p.m.
- The Oyster Roast tickets will likely be \$25 as in the past but may be dropped to \$20.
- The Pit Crew needs to be at the school at 6 p.m. on Friday. The band will be performing pre-game at 7:10 p.m. for Homecoming. They are going to practice pushing the trestles down to the field.
- If you would like to shadow a board member, speak up!
- BandBeat volunteer meetings will be held prior to the event.

The next Booster Club meeting will be held on Monday, October 26 at 7:30 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:33 PM.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by

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