



**MINUTES OF THE
BAND BOOSTER MEETING
Seven Lakes High School
August 21, 2009**

Call to Order

The Board Meeting was called to order by Larry Miller, President, at 7:02 pm, in the Main Commons/Cafeteria at Seven Lakes High School.

Members Present

A quorum was met.

Review of Minutes

The Band Booster minutes of May 26, 2009 were reviewed. A correction was needed in the spelling of Mrs. Hunt's last name. Mike Roth made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. Lyn Miller seconded. The motion carried.

Treasurers Report

Becky James, Co-Treasurer, explained that she will update student financial information on Charms. She asked parents when writing checks to the band, to list the student's name and write what the check is for on the "memo" line. She stated the band has no ability to give change and prefers not to receive loose coins.

Becky also mentioned that there is a bulletin board in the band hall where she will post a list of outstanding bills and if any fees are owed by students.

Dana Quinn, Lead Treasurer, explained that she is responsible for the financial records of the organization as well as the disbursement of funds/writing of checks. She explained that the financial record given out tonight was reflective of 1 month and did not include June, which was a big expense month. She reported that net \$33,000 was spent for equipment and that she anticipated further large bills such as a marching bill that will need to be paid in the near future.

She also stated the band would be paying for uniforms that had been had ordered as well as will need to pay a deposit for the upcoming Spring trip.

Larry informed the Booster Members that a budget amendment was made and explained the need to move money around to fund the BOA transportation. He explained that the August Fundraiser budget of \$5,000 would only have \$700-\$800 worth of expenses and proposed \$3,500 be moved from the August Fundraiser budget to the Transportation budget. John Gowen made a motion to accept this amendment of the budget. Philip Arnoldy seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Membership

Daniel Bishop, VP for Membership, thanked parents for signing up to be Booster Members. He stated that the membership income was projected to be \$16,575 and that to date \$17,770 has been received. He said that 62-63% of parents are members and encouraged more parents to join and be a contributor to the band.

Daniel announced that Membership would have a ticket drawing for current Booster Members and anyone that joined tonight. Ben Bosco, VP for Membership, explained there were 3 sets of Astros Club tickets including parking that would be given away through a drawing at the end of the evening. The value of each set was stated to be \$250. Parents were encouraged to join the Booster Club before the evening was over so they could be part of the drawing.

Uniforms

Kim Arnold, VP for Uniforms, stated that she and Cindy Cobb, VP Uniforms, had the job of getting kids fitted for uniforms and ordering Money Day items. She stated that currently, with the help of volunteers, they had sized 231 marchers, ironed 332 hems, ordered 1474 items and will need help distributing those items. She ask parents to look for communication emails that will go out for helping with uniforms.

Fundraising

Priscilla Webking talked about Mums/the Mum Shoppe and explained that they account for 50% of the band's budgeted income from fundraising. Priscilla reported that volunteers have been hard at work since February and that Homecoming would be the last game of the year in November. She stated that more volunteers are needed and explained the different jobs.

Pricilla also explained that the Mum Shoppe was in the process of changing leadership. She asked parents to give any amount of time they could to help and that it was okay to bring kids. She announced that ring dings and ponytail holders would be on sale during the evening.

Nancy Stevens, VP for Fundraising, talked about mums and garters and explained that moms and dads sometimes buy mums for their student, too, and encouraged parent involvement.

Damon Archer thanked Gloria Hurliman and Monica Wunder for their past leadership with the Mum Shoppe and both were called forward, recognized and given a gift from the band.

Diana Pishkar, VP for Fundraising, explained the importance of providing funds for “extras” to the band. She gave examples such as extra tubas costing \$6,000 each and that out of town charter buses costing \$1,800 each for 5 buses for a total of \$9,000 every time the band travels out of town. She explained that the school district doesn’t pay for these things and that \$40,000 is raised above and beyond what the district provides.

Diana explained that the first fundraiser was underway and packets were passed out a week ago. She explained the letter and also told parents they could email vpfundraiser@slhs.org if interested in receiving an email version of the letter. She stated the letters hadn’t been mailed out but that they will be mailed out next week. More letters were available at the fundraising table or can be downloaded/printed from the website.

Nancy Stevens stated that the 2nd fundraiser would be the Band Car Wash scheduled for Sept. 12th. She explained it’s a community event and there will be a Doodle signup sent out to solicit help. She also stated that the Tailgate BBQ would be October 17th and mentioned other fundraisers include Game Night, and the Plant sale.

Guard Report

Michelle Mould, Guard Coordinator, stated that guard parents had sewn flags for three weeks. She showed the four different flags to the general membership. Michelle thanked everyone that helped.

Michelle also stated that spirit flags were made and sold at Spartan Spectacular and were on sale this evening for \$10.

She also explained that the Guard participates its own fundraisers and in September would be selling Candles from Prairie Candles. She also informed the members that in the Fall they would be hosting their 3rd Annual Cookies & Cocoa with Santa on December 5th, and they would also be wrapping gifts at Katy Mills Mall from December 19th-24th.

Chaperones

Laura Bohuslav, VP for Chaperones, stated that the goal of the Chaperone Committee was to keep the kids safe, hydrated, and healthy. She stated that over 100 people had turned in responses to chaperone and that they are in the process of compiling a list of chaperones for upcoming events. She said that they would post chaperones 3 weeks out for each game, so

chaperones will have time to plan. She also stated that an email would be sent to confirm availability.

Tim Gray, VP for Chaperones, stated that on October 24th there may be a need to travel to San Antonio and that chaperones may need to be able to travel to two events that day.

Laura told parents that she would be taking chaperone pictures for the photo IDs and will be set up in the back. She also stated that these were also needed for the Loading Crew.

Communications

Louis Barrios and Steve Hickman, VPs for Communication, gave a demo of Charms and explained how to navigate the band website.

Louis stated that he was in charge of emails and Steve was in charge of the website. The web address of www.slhsband.org was given as the band's website. They also provided their email addresses as communications@slhs.org for Louis and webmaster@slhs.org for Steve.

It was explained that there is a Charms calendar on the website and parents can log in with their student's ID to also update personal information to manage communication information. Larry reminded parents, however, that the Charms calendar can change.

They explained that officer emails were listed on the website and that on the photos page, they will post photos and videos after each game.

Steve mentioned that there is also a Color Guard page link on the website.

Director's Corner

Mr. Archer stated that the focus and purpose of the band was for the children to have a great time in the program and to be a skill they can learn and enjoy for the rest of their life.

He stated that the directors are very accessible and will get back to parents as soon as they can. He said the kids are doing fantastic. He also said they can't do it without the whole team, which includes the family...we're a big family.

Mr. Archer said he plans to put the game day itinerary on the website and for parents to plan to be at the game to see the kids march.

Mr. Archer explained that there would be a live auction for one of the donated cakes and they would end the evening with the marching show live. He stated that they had never been this far in the program as they are now. He also expressed the need to balance activity with family time and that if anyone had any questions to let him know.

Adjournment

Lyn Miller made a motion to adjourn the Board Meeting. John Gowen seconded and the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:52pm.

SIGNED AND APPROVED, this _____ day of _____, 2009

LARRY MILLER, President

MARY CARLSON, Secretary