



**MINUTES OF THE  
BAND BOOSTER MEETING  
Seven Lakes High School  
February 8, 2010**

Call to Order

The Board Meeting was called to order by Larry Miller, President, at 7:00 pm, in the PAC at Seven Lakes High School.

Members Present

A quorum was met.

Review of Minutes

The Band Booster minutes of Jan. 19, 2009 were reviewed. No changes were made and the minutes were approved as submitted.

Treasurers Report

Becky James, Co-Treasurer, stated that names highlighted on the sign in sheets means that fees are owed. She reported that there are 80 students that owe on the Spring Trip and 50 others that owe for other things. She asked that parents go to Charms, where any fees owed are listed. Becky said that parents can call or email her with any questions.

Dana Quinn, Lead Treasurer, reported that so far net income is around \$57,000. She said that most will go to pay for the Spring Trip. Dana reported that any remaining net income will go to funding instruments and the marching show. She said to let her know if you have any questions and she gave the email address of [treasurer@slhsband.org](mailto:treasurer@slhsband.org).

President Announcements

Larry addressed the 8<sup>th</sup> grade parents. He commented that Damon and the directors always have the kids' best interest in mind. He reported that next year, it is estimated that there will be 325-350 students in band. He expressed that it's an amazing program.

Larry explained to 8<sup>th</sup> grade parents what band students get out of this program. He addressed leadership, teamwork, as well as setting and attaining goals. He gave a parent perspective and then introduced Jacob Bishop, Senior band student and Band President, to give a student perspective. Jacob gave his background and involvement and expressed that band had been a big part of his life and is one big family. He highly recommended being in the band program.

Larry commented on some other information important to 8<sup>th</sup> grade parents. He reminded 8<sup>th</sup> grade parents that all important dates are on the back of the t-shirt given to their band student. He ran through some important dates to remember, including: Trivia Night on Saturday, March 6<sup>th</sup>; 8<sup>th</sup> grade band auditions, May 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>; New Marcher Camp, May 10<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup>; Marching Demo and the rollout of the Marching Show, May 13<sup>th</sup>; Money Day, Aug. 7<sup>th</sup>, and recommended Study Hall for band students in the Fall.

Larry reported that freshman parents can expect to write a check for a minimum of \$250, but after that, it is much less. He said if parents have questions, they can contact Board members by going to the website for contact information.

### Membership

Ben Bosco, VP for Membership, explained that he and Daniel Bishop are responsible for forming a Nominating Committee that helps put together a slate for next year's Band Booster Board. He explained that this committee consists of a representative from each class. Ben then announced the Nominating Committee as follows: Maureen Racine (9<sup>th</sup> grade); Gail Arnoldy (10<sup>th</sup> grade); Amita Modi (11<sup>th</sup> grade); and Debbie Coyle (12<sup>th</sup> grade). Ben thanked parents for stepping forward. Daniel Bishop, VP for Membership, said that "Expression of Interest" forms are still available tonight and he will be available to answer any questions after the meeting.

### Uniforms

No Report

### Fundraising

Nancy Stevens, VP for Fundraising, thanked parents for their part in making the Coke Product Sales a success. She reported that the fundraiser made \$1000 and was quick and easy. She said that the band will continue this fundraiser as a tradition.

Nancy announced that the upcoming fundraiser is Trivia Night. She said this event is fun and easy. She challenged the audience with various trivia questions to give examples of questions to expect. She reported that the event will be on Saturday, March 6<sup>th</sup>, and forms will be due February 26<sup>th</sup>. Nancy also announced that they are offering a fajita dinner that evening. She reported that trivia competition is \$10 per person and the fajita dinner is \$15 per plate. Nancy also mentioned that students do attend and have a separate competition from the adults. She

encouraged parents to invite neighbors and friends. She also said there will be a Silent Auction as well as a raffle for a one (1) week vacation at the same beach house as last year. She said that parents will be sent information in the mail.

Diana Pishkar, VP for Fundraising, talked more about the beach house located in Alabama. She explained that it's on Dolphin Island, only an 8 hour drive from Katy by car. She said that there's a possibility that for only \$5, someone can spend one (1) week at a wonderful beach house that sleeps 6. She encouraged everyone to participate.

It was also reported that upcoming fundraisers will be the Plant Sale, and the Car Wash in the Spring. Parents were asked to watch for information about these.

### Guard Report

Larry Miller, Board President, reported that the Winterguard is doing well and that a competition in Austin is coming up for them.

### Chaperones

Laura Bohuslav, VP for Chaperones, reported that they are excited about the upcoming Spring Trip. She said that there is still a need for more adults to chaperone. Laura reminded everyone that the trip is to Austin and San Antonio. She said that if parents would like to chaperone or would like more information to let her know and she will answer any questions. She said the cost to chaperones is the same as for students.

### Communications

No Report

### Band Updates

Mr. Archer said that he has the 1<sup>st</sup> real draft of the Spring Trip. He reported that everything is finished and it's going to be a fantastic trip. He went over a brief schedule, saying they will stay at the Crown Plaza in San Antonio. He then explained that on Saturday all 4 bands and the Jazz band will perform at a festival, then the students will attend a Round Rock Express baseball game and will play the National Anthem. He said that on Sunday they will go to Fiesta Texas, have a BBQ dinner that evening and that will also be the evening for the Senior surprise. He said that on Monday they will go to a dude ranch with hay rides, roping and other rodeo activities. Then they will return back to Seven Lakes. He also mentioned that the day they are leaving on the trip is a ½ day of school plus UIL, so they will wait until after UIL to leave.

Mr. Archer reported that on Wednesday, the band has two (2) students going to San Antonio to compete in State. These students are Michael Hanaoka and Charlie Yu. He said that they will audition with top players in the state for a Saturday evening concert.

Mr. Archer said that this past Saturday's Masterworks concert was amazing. He reported that the guest composer was very impressed with our band program and enjoyed it tremendously.

Mr. Archer expressed that the directors are excited about what's been going on and asked parents to keep encouraging their kids so that they can get to a level where they can enjoy playing their instrument.

Adjournment

Laura Bohuslav made a motion to adjourn the Booster Meeting. Ben Bosco seconded and the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:07pm.

SIGNED AND APPROVED, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2010

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LARRY MILLER, President

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MARY CARLSON, Secretary