



**MINUTES OF THE
BAND BOOSTER MEETING
Seven Lakes High School
January 19, 2010**

Call to Order

The Board Meeting was called to order by Larry Miller, President, at 7:12 pm, in the Band Hall at Seven Lakes High School.

Members Present

A quorum was met.

Review of Minutes

The Band Booster minutes of Nov. 10, 2009 were reviewed. No changes were made and the minutes were approved as submitted.

Treasurers Report

Becky James, Co-Treasurer, reported that 138 students are currently signed up for the Spring Trip. The original estimate of trip participants was 220. Payments have come in, but a lot still need to come in.

Becky said that collecting money is challenging if the Treasurers don't know what the money is to go towards, so she asked that if writing checks, to please memo what it's for.

Becky also reported that there are still outstanding fees from Region band and Solo/Ensemble that need to be collected.

Dana Quinn, Lead Treasurer, pointed out the band bulletin board which is now entitled, "In the Dog House" that Becky created to bring attention to fees owed by students. Dana mentioned that Becky is very creative in getting the students to pay what they owe.

Dana presented the financial statement for review. She asked if anyone had any questions. Larry reported that the band is ahead with fundraisers. He said that Cheerleaders and Sapphires still owe money and invoices are still needed.

Membership

Daniel Bishop, VP for Membership, said that he sent out an email to get candidates for next year's Band Board, including an "Expression of Interest" form and a list of roles and responsibilities. He said this is also on the website. Daniel also mentioned that anyone interested can talk to him after the meeting. He commented that this is a great way to stay involved with the kids.

Daniel also said that Membership sent emails to the Jr. High band directors to be sent to 8th grade parents, in case they are interested in serving on the Board. He said he will follow up with this.

Daniel said that Membership has formed a Nominating Committee that includes he and Ben Bosco, VP for Membership, as well as one (1) representative from each class. He reported that the following parents will serve on the Nominating Committee: Maureen Racine (9th grade); Gail Arnoldy (10th grade); Amita Modi (11th grade); and Debbie Coyle (12th grade). He said that this committee will be introduced at the February Booster meeting. He also said that this committee will help select the slate of officers that will be presented at the March 8th meeting.

Larry Miller mentioned that if anyone has interest or knows anyone with an interest in being on the Board, to let Membership or him know. He said that most committees have "co" positions and that President is the only office that requires prior Board membership.

Uniforms

Kim Arnold, VP for Uniforms, reported that she and Cindy Cobb, VP for Uniforms, are looking at restructuring Uniform responsibilities. She said that she has people in mind and that Uniforms will still have 2 people on the Board, but that she will recommend subcommittees with specific responsibilities.

Fundraising

Coke Sales: Nancy Stevens, VP for Fundraising, reported on the Coke Fundraiser, saying this is a great, fast money maker. She said that the band will make \$1000 if everyone will sell one case. She confirmed that these are 20oz bottles and there are 24 per case. Nancy said the kids were presented a dramatization about it and that the information will go home, be sent out via email and also will be on the website. She said that orders will be due by Jan. 29th with delivery on Feb. 5th, the Friday before the Superbowl.

Trivia Night: Diana Pishkar, VP for Fundraising, said that Trivia Night will be held on March 5th. Diana gave a testimonial about the event, saying that it is a lot of fun and that the best way is to buy a table and fill it with family and friends. She said there will be dinner (Mexican food) and that there is a planning meeting tomorrow. Diana said that the 1 week use of a beach house will be raffled off again this year. She asked that if anyone has tickets to any events that they will donate to be used in the Silent Auction, to please let her know. She said she will also be looking for volunteers.

Holiday Extravaganza: Nancy reported that the event made close to what was made last year. She thanked those that supported the event and for donating to the baskets.

Car Wash/Plant Sale: Diana also mentioned that the band will have additional fundraisers. These will be a car wash and a plant sale.

Dana Quinn asked if there was a target for Coke Sales. Mr. Archer said there is no target but that the upcoming Plant Sale is the fundraiser to push. He then asked Diana about the profit made on the plant sale. Diana said that the band makes around \$8-\$9 per flat, depending on the product.

Guard Report

Jennifer Box, Guard Coordinator, reported that the Guard made \$1500 from their Gift Wrapping fundraiser that took place Dec. 19-24th. She said that there are leftover materials for next year and that they will still take donations of wrapping paper or supplies.

Jennifer reported that the Winter Guard's 1st competition was at Morton Ranch and that they did well. She said that they received a "1" in Scholastic A and moved up in class to Scholastic AA ("Double A"). She said their next contest will be at Dekaney High School in Spring and that it will be fun to watch.

Chaperones

It was mentioned that the Katy Rodeo Parade will be coming up that will require chaperones and that January 30th will be "Januween" (Halloween in January) for band kids only and that parent chaperones will all be needed for that event. After these, the next time chaperones will be needed will be for the Spring Trip.

Communications

Steve Hickman, VP for Communications, reported that information about the Spring Trip is on the website. He said if anyone should have anything that needs to be put on the website or if the website needs something to let him know.

Steve said that he didn't have the Coke Sales fundraiser paperwork, but will add it to the website once it's received.

Larry asked Steve to make sure the side calendar on the home page of the website is updated.

Band Updates

Damon Archer reported that great things are going on in the band. He said the Texas State Jazz Ensemble came to perform in the band hall; this past weekend the Guard performed and is doing well; Region Band just occurred with a busy Friday/Saturday; and tomorrow morning the US Marine Band will perform during 1st-4th period classes. Mr. Archer said that set up will be at 6:30am. Damon said he will get information to pass out to parents and formulate "thank you" and feedback to the Marine band so they can pass it along to their superiors.

Mr. Archer said that next week on Thursday/Friday, Professor Shinn from Texas Tech will work with Percussion and the Jazz Band.

Mr. Archer then stated that the big event, the biggest since opening SLHS, will be the Masterworks Concert on February 6th. He said that there is a joint-performance concert every other year, altered with the theater performance/play. Damon said that this will be an Americana concert. He said the Associate Director of the New Jersey Symphony, Jeff Grogan, will direct. He said that the music composer, Lowell Liebermann, who earned his Bachelor's, Master's and PHD from Julliard will come down from New York to work with the kids. Mr. Archer said that the concert will involve 70-75 of the band kids and also will have an orchestra of 140-150 and 65 singers. He said it is a big event and tickets will be open for students performing and their families first on Friday and that on Monday to the choir, orchestra and band students not performing. After that, tickets will be made available to the public/Houston area. Tickets will be \$5 for adults and \$3 for students. He commented that this event is likely to sell out. Mr. Archer reported that a large chunk of money will be taken out of the Holiday Extravaganza profit to pay for this event. He said the concert will begin at 8pm.

Mr. Archer then reported that February 8th is the next Booster meeting and that it will also be a concert. He said the 8th graders will perform with the Top Ensemble and they will play from the new Star Trek sound track. Damon said that he will give the 8th grade parents an FAQ information sheet. He asked that the Board wear band shirts so the 8th grade parents can identify Board officers and ask them questions, if needed.

Mr. Archer said that each band will take group pictures prior to the Feb. 8th meeting/concert. He said that the Wind Symphony and 8th graders will perform 1st, then the Booster meeting will take place.

Damon mentioned that before the next meeting, Area/All State will take place. He said sixteen (16) students advanced to Area and two (2) made it to All State: Charlie Yu and Michael Hanaoka. This will take place the 2nd week in February.

Mr. Archer reported that students have been actively getting ready for Solo/Ensemble which will take place on February 20th at Morton Ranch. He said that 114 students are playing solos and there are 60 ensembles. He said these are listed on the practice room door. He said that piano accompanist is being sorted out for those that need it. Mr. Archer also mentioned that this event is later than normal and that this gives the kids a better chance of being successful. He explained that a Class 1 solo, if played by memory, can earn a "1" rating and that those receiving a "1" rating will go to UT for the State Solo/Ensemble. He said that if an Ensemble gets a "1", they will also go to State.

Damon mentioned that things are different now from before and that the level is up. He said that the band will add 50-70 more kids next year. He mentioned that there's been a lot of talk about redoing attendance lines. Damon said that the problem is that Seven Lakes will be at 3500-3800 students. He encouraged parents to stay informed via the district's website and call the administration with any questions. He said that band issues will come up soon. Mr. Archer also said that he is very encouraged by Dr. Frailey and said that Dr. Frailey has a good heart and is good about kids.

Adjournment

Nancy Stevens made a motion to adjourn the Booster Meeting. Millie Wasik seconded and the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:58pm.

SIGNED AND APPROVED, this _____ day of _____, 2010

LARRY MILLER, President

MARY CARLSON, Secretary