



**MINUTES OF THE
BAND BOOSTER MEETING
Seven Lakes High School
October 13, 2009**

Call to Order

The Board Meeting was called to order by Larry Miller, President, at 7:07 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 Sept. 14, 2009 were reviewed. No changes were made and the minutes were approved as submitted.

New Business

Larry, Booster President, thanked everyone that volunteered for the band. He then reported that the band was incurring an unanticipated expense with a third truck this year. He said that since this was not in the original budget, it is being paid for out of the instructional fund. Larry said that the band is asking for donations to offset this cost and that the cost is \$125/wk. He stated that they will budget for this next year and that an email will go out regarding this.

Treasurers Report

The financial statement was passed out for review.

Becky James, Co-Treasurer, explained that names highlighted on the sign-in sheets indicate a need for payment. She encouraged parents to utilize Charms to keep up with their child's account.

Dana Quinn, Lead Treasurer, requested for members to look over the financial statement. She stated that money is coming in and going out and that she has written over 150 checks. She

told parents to ask kids about money owed. She said there were a few that have over paid and that these people will be contacted. She also stated that if there was an overpayment, that money can be put towards upcoming fees.

Membership

Daniel Bishop, VP for Membership, requested that everyone go to Charms and update their student's information. Membership will be putting the band directory together and all data needs to be up to date. Daniel stated that they will hopefully get the directory out in 2 weeks. It will be posted online in Charms.

Daniel also reported that there are still students that have incomplete forms from Money Day that need to be signed and returned.

Uniforms

Kim Arnold, VP for Uniforms, thanked everyone for all the help they have been getting assisting with uniform check in and out, as well as washing. She stated that they have some outstanding sock and glove orders and that gloves cost \$5 and socks cost \$3. She reminded parents that if their child's name is on the list, they need to please pay the outstanding bill.

Kim also informed parents that they will be submitting a Fall Uniform order and order forms are available tonight. She stated that Concert Season is starting and freshmen will need tuxedo shirts. She said that these can be ordered through the band for \$14. She also stated that this information will go out in an email. Kim said that there should be a two week turnaround on orders.

Kim informed parents that they can still order polos and sweatshirts and there are spare polos from this year and previous years, as well as show shirts for sale tonight.

Kim also stated that the band had provided temporary tote and garmet bags to some students because of their supplier's inability to provide enough of the original order. She said that as soon as they receive the original, sturdy ones, they will trade them out.

Fundraising

Nancy Stevens, VP for Fundraising, stated that there will be football tickets available for presale on Friday at a discount. She also said that if the tickets don't sell, they can be sold to Katy fans.

Tailgate BBQ

Nancy reminded parents that if they didn't order a BBQ lunch for their student to eat at the Tailgate BBQ, they will need to make sure their child is fed. Students' only time to eat will be at the Tailgate BBQ.

Liz Giles, Co-Coordinator for the Tailgate BBQ, stated that they currently have over 720 meals ordered. She said that there is one last opportunity to place a BBQ order tonight. Liz also stated that people had signed up to bring coolers and canopies, but they would prefer to have more. She said they only had 5 or 6 canopies on the list, so if anyone had a neighbor that owned one and could be borrowed that would be great, but to please make sure names are put on all things provided for the band to use.

Liz said that they will load on Saturday morning at 6am and that the Tailgate will start at 10am. She stated that they need help loading the trailer. She said they have a crew, but they will need additional help. Liz said they will be in the band hall Friday icing down drinks. She reminded those donating coolers to make sure coolers are well marked. She stated that Saturday they will be loading tables and trash cans and will meet at the stadium around 7:15am to set up and start to make stuff. She again stated that the kids will show up at 10am. Liz said to email her if you can help and to come hungry.

Mum Shoppe

Angela Coggins reported on behalf of Priscilla Webking. Angela reported that things are moving along and that almost 300 mums had been sold. She stated that sales will continue through Friday, so if anyone needs to order a mum or garter, to do so this week.

Angela also said that they need volunteers for Thursday and Friday during lunch and in the Mum Shoppe constructing. She said that Priscilla will send out hours, but that current Mum Shoppe hours are Thursdays 3-6pm, Friday 11-2pm, and Sunday 11-4pm.

Car Wash

Nancy Stevens reported that the Car Wash is rescheduled for Oct. 31st. She said there are openings on every shift. She stated that parents can work the same time as their student, but don't have to.

Friends and Family

Nancy Stevens reported that \$8400 had been received from this fundraiser and with expenses around \$700, the band's net profit was \$7700. She also stated that an additional \$150 was received today. She thanked everyone for their participation.

Larry stated that every fundraiser had exceeded budget. There was a round of applause following this announcement.

Guard Report

Michelle Mould, Guard Coordinator, explained that the Guard participates in the band fundraisers, but also have their own to offset costs. She said that they will sell candles in the next few weeks.

Michelle also reported that December 5th is the Guard's annual Cookies and Cocoa with Santa. She said that this fundraiser usually brings in \$100. She said that pictures with Santa are taken and the kids are able to play with the flags.

Michelle also reported that they will be wrapping gifts at Katy Mills Mall from December 19th-24th as an additional fundraiser.

Chaperones

Laura Bohuslav, VP for Chaperones, thanked those that have volunteered to chaperone. She said they have a huge pool of volunteers so have been able to fill needed chaperone positions.

Laura asked parents to look at the website for upcoming events that list chaperones. She asked that even if your name is listed as an alternate and it's not a good date, to please let her know. She said there's been an average of 6 people per week not able to volunteer, but so far this hasn't been an issue.

Laura said that if your name is listed to chaperone the Morton Ranch game, that it could be a long day, because this is the day after BOA and the band may get a call to come back to finals. She asked that if you are listed as a chaperone and cannot go to San Antonio, to please let her know.

Communications

No Report

Director's Corner

Mr. Archer thanked everyone for their support of the whole band organization.

He explained that with tomorrow's PSAT and weather, he didn't have rehearsal. He said this is the first practice that he's changed and he will try not to do that again. He stated that at this point it wouldn't have done any good to practice inside. He said that rehearsal this week will be Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday.

Mr. Archer said that Saturday morning kids will need to be at the band hall by 6:30am to get their uniforms and load buses. He said that the band will leave at 7am because they will have rehearsal at Rhodes Stadium. He mentioned that UIL will be held at Rhodes Stadium, so this will be good practice. Mr. Archer said that the run through will end at 10am and then the

students will go to the BBQ Tailgate/8th Grade Day. He said that 8th graders should have gone home with new band shirts that say, "Future Seven Lakes Band" and list all important dates on the back, like a walking billboard. He stated that he's being proactive about getting information out since it's frustrating for parents to not know what's going on. He said that the 8th graders will be wearing this shirt instead of 3 different school shirts.

Mr. Archer reported that next week is the UIL Contest at Rhodes on Tuesday, Oct. 20th at 6:30pm. He encouraged parents to come out and watch the band.

Mr. Archer said that it's not on the calendar, but on the 21st, the U. S. Jazz Ambassadors (Armed Forces Concert) will perform at the Taylor PAC at 730pm.

Mr. Archer reported on BOA in San Antonio. He said that the kids will leave on Friday at 8am from school. He said they will travel to Seguin or San Antonio and will have a run through rehearsal at a different location. He stated that they will eat lunch and then go to the Alamodome for their 4:30pm performance. He encouraged parents that if at all possible to try to go to San Antonio, saying they will see a special event. He said that there will be 50-55 bands performing Friday and all day Saturday. He stated it's a big deal with the top bands from around the state and that the top 12 will be selected to go to the finals on Saturday night. He said it was a big challenge, but something the band was working towards.

Mr. Archer reported that Regional Orchestra Auditions will take place on the 26th at Taylor H.S.

Mr. Archer stated that on the 28th the 3rd and 4th period bands and drumline, along with two Cinco bands, will participate in a Picnic for Beck Jr. High to show 8th graders what the band does. This will take place at 6 or 6:30pm. Beck Jr. High will pay for bus transportation. All bands will play together.

Mr. Archer explained the state competition and that it used to be every year, but that the directors got together and changed it to every other year, because some schools concentrated only on one thing. He said that BOA is held at the Alamodome where state competition takes place, so on off years the band goes to BOA. He explained that 3A and 5A are in the same year and 2A and 4A are in the other year. He said that in non-state marching competition years, they have Honors Bands, based on Concert Bands, where bands send in tapes for competition.

Mr. Archer also reporting that the "Sounds of the Stadium" Concert will be in conjunction with the next Booster meeting. He said that this could be the "last hurrah" depending on the playoff situation. He said Seven Lakes only has to win 2 games to go to playoffs in our district and that playoffs will be right after the regular football season.

Mr. Archer reported that a lot of bands had done a lot for our band as a result of the recent tragedy. Some we saw and some we didn't.

Mr. Archer let everyone know that the band will be doing a combined show with the Taylor band for the Homecoming game. He said that they will have all 500 kids together and that he will be working with Mr. Bailey at Taylor. He said that after the performance they will have the homecoming ceremony. He said that this will be a great time and may become a tradition.

Mr. Archer concluded with information about the upcoming Spring Trip. He said that it originally was going to cost \$550, but he's trying to get the cost down so that it won't be over \$500. He said right now the payment schedule will be \$125 starting on Nov. 7th and continuing in December, January and February. He stated that their philosophy is for their culminating trip to be where students go to another venue to perform for the last time and do fun things as a team. He encourages all students to go, because it's hard to play when some parts are missing.

He stated that the band will travel by charter buses. He said there will be events in both San Antonio and Austin. He said there are a lot of surprises in the trip. He reported that they will go to amusement parks and do some really cool stuff, and that there will be team leadership type activities, also. A lot of effort is put into the planning of the trip.

Mr. Archer reported the following Spring Trip information:

- April 16-19: Leave Friday after Symphonic Band performs and back Monday night
- The band will stay at the Crown Plaza in San Antonio
- The band will perform at Jutson H.S. on Saturday morning at the DC Festival. This is a competition.
- A lot of events are still up in the air

Mr. Archer concluded by explaining that every 4 years the band takes a "Big" trip. He mentioned that two year ago the band went to Chicago, so in two years, they will go somewhere "Big".

Adjournment

Nancy Stevens made a motion to adjourn the Booster Meeting. Darla Kerkemeyer seconded and the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:03pm.

SIGNED AND APPROVED, this _____ day of _____, 2009

LARRY MILLER, President

MARY CARLSON, Secretary