



**MINUTES OF THE
BAND BOOSTER MEETING
Seven Lakes High School
September 14, 2009**

Call to Order

The Board Meeting was called to order by Larry Miller, President, at 7:09 pm, in the Performing Arts Center at Seven Lakes High School.

Members Present

A quorum was met.

Review of Minutes

The Band Booster minutes of August 21, 2009 were reviewed. Corrections were needed on page 4. The cost of tubas should be \$6,000 and color guard spirit flags \$10. Nancy Stevens made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. Darla Kerkemeyer seconded. The motion carried.

Treasurers Report

Dana Quinn reported the total income for the first two months is over \$108,000, with total expenses just over \$49,000, stating that a large quantity of this income and expenses were from Money Day. She reported that there are still a lot of bills to pay for uniforms, the marching show, the drill writer and techs.

Becky James reminded parents that when dropping off payments to put it in an envelope with the name and student on the outside and what it is to be used for.

Larry Miller also reminded parents to check Charms and to contact Becky regarding changes.

Diana Pishkar stated that she, Donna Duggan and John Gowen served on the Audit Committee. Diana reviewed the two audit reports, the first that ended May 31, 2009 and the second that ended June 30, 2009. Diana went through observations, change in financial position and recommendations. Recommendations included providing clear documentation for missing and

out of sequence checks, ensuring all supporting documentation is obtained for all checks, and having all bank reconciliations verified and signed by a second person.

She stated that the deadline to file the 990 tax return is October 15th and would be filed by this year's Treasurer. She also explained that there was a one month period (June 1st-June 30th) that was audited because the band's fiscal year changed to match the KISD school year.

She said that sales taxes were due from plant sales and were not paid as of the end of June, but had now been paid. She also corrected the audit report stating the cash balance of \$23,000 as of 5/31 should have been 6/30, which was also the opening balance of the Band Booster's budget.

Membership

Daniel Bishop reported that the band was 112% to budget for membership. He stated that membership is at 70% and right now they have 186 families that are members out of 265. He said that 73 families are not members and that 70% was too low. He said that an email was going out to raise awareness.

He stated that 26 band students have various Money Day forms missing.

Daniel also reported that membership had been very lucky with company matching and that \$300-\$500 had come in from emails sent to those that said their company matched funds.

Uniforms

Kim Arnold stated that they will be working on washing uniforms after the Baytown Lee game and that 35 people had signed up to help. She said that uniforms would be washed 4 times during the season and to look for emails to volunteer to help with this.

Kim reported that she gave Dana Quinn, treasurer, a bill for \$9,339.80 to pay for Money Day orders. She also reported that they had distributed everything that was paid for through August 14th and that there will be more orders coming in and dispersed.

She stated that Loading Crew shirts are in the uniform room and if you owe money for anything, put it in the band safe.

Damon Archer spoke about an 8th grade shirt that they are working on that would have important band dates for kids coming to SLHS.

Fundraising

Diana Pishkar reported that the band only has a balance of \$23,000 to start the year.

She reported on fundraising so far, stating that \$2,680 was made from the Pizza Night fundraiser and \$864 was made from the cake auction.

Priscilla Webking reported on the Mum Shoppe stating that they are getting ready and hope to sell 400-500 mums, depending on people volunteering to help.

She said that on Saturday, September 26th they would hold a Mum Open House and sales would begin that day. She also said that experienced mum makers would be there to help show others how to make backgrounds. She reported that the mums would officially go on sale September 28th and that October 31st would be the "hand out" day. It was suggested that the Main Commons be reserved for this day.

Priscilla also stated forms were available online.

Diana reported that the "Friends and Family" Sponsorship fundraiser was not reflected in the budget, but brought in \$7,160 so far with expenses under \$700, so approximately \$6,460 net was made.

Diana also mentioned that the car wash was rained out and would be postponed. Saturday, October 31st is the tentative makeup date.

Diana reported the Tailgate BBQ was slated for October 17th and announced that Liz and Marty Giles and Philip and Gail Arnoldy were coordinating the event.

Philip Arnoldy announced their biggest needs, beside volunteers, were canopys, coolers, and a trailer (15x 6 or 8ft). Amy Lester said she may be able to provide a trailer. Philip said that if coolers are dropped off, Mr. Archer can lock them up, but to make sure to put your name on them.

It was also mentioned that in previous years, the kids had prepaid for this meal and used their credit to get dinner, however, this year no meal was ordered for this game day, so band students will need to place a separate order for this evening's dinner.

Mr. Archer said that information about this/invitations to join in will be given to the Jr. Highs, the Saphires and the Athletes. Gail Arnoldy mentioned that this is a daytime game, so the meal will be served from 10am-12pm.

Guard Report

No Report

Chaperones

Laura Bohuslav reported that the chaperones were great and everything had gone well so far. She stated that the website had the chaperones for the next 3 games posted and that if you see your name and your schedule has changed, to please let her know so she can get a substitute.

Tim Gray reminded parents that no one, other than chaperones, should be in the band section. If someone is in the area that shouldn't be, to go to Laura or him and they will handle it or will get Mr. Archer, if needed.

Communications

No Report

Director's Corner

Mr. Archer read a list of names of band students that had earned their band letter/letter jacket. He stated they would be fitted tomorrow for jackets.

Mr. Archer said that he will send out information on the Katy Marching Festival and UIL. He reported that last year the band earned \$2,500 for working the Katy Marching Festival and that help will be needed again this year. He said that every Booster club does their part and that entry fees and profits go back to the Booster clubs.

He also informed parents that this coming Friday, Sept. 18th was Sr. Parent/Sr. Student night so parents of seniors need to be there at 6pm and will be recognized before the game.

Mr. Archer said that this Friday, Sept. 18th, was the entry deadline of \$20 for the Jazz Band.

Mr. Reynolds reported on the Drumline contest at CyFalls, on Saturday, Sept. 19th and said they would leave at 10am and perform at 1:30pm

It was reported that this Saturday would be the 1st Annual Picnic and Concert at the Grand Lakes Town Center from 7-7:30pm. Mr. Archer said he would send a map out and told parents to bring dinner and a blanket. He explained that the concert would start at 7pm and would last 20 minutes. He said the band would sit down and play things like "Stars and Stripe" and "Batman" and that it would be an Americana-type event.

Mr. Archer announced that next week, if students were interested in Regional Orchestra auditions, that they were due on the 25th.

He also stated that the Oct. 2nd Conroe game was an early dismissal and they may leave early so they don't get caught in traffic.

Mr. Archer announced upcoming events:

He announced the 1st marching show would be at Traylor Stadium in Rosenberg at 5:15pm. The contest is over at 5:45pm.

He also announced the 2nd KISD contest was in the afternoon around 3:15 or 3:30pm and may conflict with the SAT. He said there's a huge lineup for this and a lot of good bands will be participating.

He then announced the Spring Trip would be April 16-19 (leave on Friday and return Monday evening) and would be to the San Antonio and Austin areas. He said an email will go out and a deposit of \$75 would be required starting in October and payments would be scheduled on the 7th of each month. He said the trips are getting better and that the band will perform concerts and activities around the areas. When asked, he said the trip cost would be \$450 with a \$75 deposit and 3 payments of \$125.

Mr. Archer also announced that Jeff Choice, guard coordinator, was back in town and would be working with the whole band. He also reported that Cory Mills, who wrote the drill, would be there tomorrow to see how things are going. He then said that both would be back in town in October to do final "tweaking."

Mr. Archer mentioned that for the BOA Super Regional in San Antonio, the band will leave on Friday, October 23rd, in the morning around 730 or 8am. He said the students will miss school that day and will try to get to the TLU stadium to practice before they perform in the Alamodome. He said the band would march around 4 or 4:30pm. After the performance they will eat and then come back around 10 or 11pm. He explained that the next day the band would attend the noon game and that sometime during the game they will get word if they made the BOA finals. If they make the finals, they will get on the buses and head back to San Antonio. He said the finals begin at 7pm and would last until 1030 or 11pm and that they would return late to SLHS.

Mr. Archer thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and told parents to keep hydrating and feeding their kids.

Mr. Reynold announced that he had drumline hats on sale for \$10.

Adjournment

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

SIGNED AND APPROVED, this _____ day of _____, 2009

LARRY MILLER, President

MARY CARLSON, Secretary