

Porter Ridge Band Booster Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, January 13, 2009

Meeting called to order at 7:13 pm. Approximately 6 parents plus Ms. Tomberlin and Mr. Faires attended.

Secretary report: due to absence of secretary, last month's Band Booster minutes were not read. Mr. Faires has the minutes and he will get those to Lisa Crosby so that she can e-mail them to the booster members.

Treasurer's report: the Treasurer provided updated Profit & Loss and Balance Sheet reports. These were accepted without discussion. Michele did mention that our bank, Fifth Third, has a very high service charge schedule. She has changed the type of account in order to reduce the fees. She suggests that the band boosters look into changing the account to another bank.

Items discussed:

- We will need 4 rooms for All District Band in Mooresville January 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>. Band Boosters will pay for the rooms. The fee is \$40 per student and the band boosters will also write this check but the students will reimburse for this cost.
- We have 1 student that will be attending All State Band on March 7<sup>th</sup>.
- The directors used the county funds to pay for the music for the spring programs. There will be no further county funds available until October, 2009. Due to the current economy and budget changes, that amount is unknown and unsure.
- Mr. Faires discussed the need for a new drum line for the 09/10 marching & concert season. This would involve 4 snares, 2 quints & 5 base drums. The cost would be approximately \$6,000. We could get a payment plan. The possibility of trading in our current drum line was discussed – but if could keep these – we could use them for practices and save wear and tear on the new set. Mr. Faires is searching for the best deal. We might could replace the drums in segments.
- Wanda McSheehan (PRHS bookkeeper) is supposed to bill the band for the bus usage during marching contest season. Michele has not received any bills for that to date.
- PRHS will be hosting the Union County All County bands on February 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Faires would like to set up a director's hospitality both days. Deborah Luna will work on that. Mr. Faires also needs assistance with set up and serving of lunch on Saturday, 2/14.
- Deborah requested that we start working on the end of year banquet. Lisa Crosby is to check with her church, Team Church, about using their facilities. They are large enough and the audio visual equipment is in working order. We decided to try for May 28<sup>th</sup> or May 29<sup>th</sup> for the banquet.
- Mr. Faires wants to get gauntlets for all of the uniforms. He will be calling Fred Miller and other uniform companies for pricing on these. Our current uniforms have a 10 year life span.
- The show theme for 2009/2010 is undecided. The students want something serious and dark. They are looking at the music of Hans Zimmer.
- Drum Major tryouts will be held on Friday, 1/16.
- We will need a guard instructor, drum line instructor, and drill writer for the 2009/2010 marching contest season.
- Kevin Kitchen brought up that we are losing a trailer used for uniforms since Rob & Donna Orr will not have a child in high school band in 2009/2010. We will need to see what we can consolidate in order to get everything in our band trailer. Kevin will look into building shelves in the trailer in the spring.
- While we need the new drum line, we also promised the middle school that we would be buying instruments with the proceeds from the fruit sale. Middle school has a critical need for a tuba (\$3,000) and a baritone (\$1,500) at this time. They also need 2 french horns, 1 additional tuba, 1 more baritone and 1 tenor saxophone.
- We have a student teacher, John Page, now. He will be working with the 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade bands until March. After contest, he will begin working with the 8<sup>th</sup> grade and high school.
- 8<sup>th</sup> grade will go to concert festival on March 18<sup>th</sup>, High School will be somewhere the week of 3/31 – 4/3.

Meeting adjourned at 8:11pm.  
Minutes submitted by Beth Kitchen.