

## Minutes of the Band Booster Meeting #5 – October 13, 2005

With about 16 people attending, Mr. Faires called the meeting to order and went over the ground rules.

1. Minutes from the meeting on September 8<sup>th</sup> were presented and discussed. Minutes passed with no corrections other than typos.
2. Vanessa Stewart, Treasurer, presented the financial report and budget. We still have as of today \$2,233 outstanding in fees. Also still have bills for memorabilia and clothing items in the amount of \$4,136.38. Budget and financial report passed with no corrections.
3. Old Business –
  - A. **Fruit Sale** – Due to the magazine sale, the fruit sale will now take place October 28<sup>th</sup> through November 15<sup>th</sup>, with delivery still the first week of December. Mr. Dames suggested using ConnectEd to promote the fruit sale to the whole student body. Ways and Means came up with ideas for incentives as follows:
    - Pizza party for participation
    - High school band cash prizes of \$150, \$100, and \$50 plus an iPod Nano (1 each for middle and high school if we can get them donated)
    - Goal is 5 cases for each student, 1 chance in drawing for 5 cases sold, 1 more chance for every case over 5
    - Ms. Tomberlin stated for middle school band – with 1 case sold, get pizza party. If a student does not participate, they can still pay for pizza. Prizes for middle school students will be in the form of gift certificates, not cash.
    - Mr. Dames suggested we contact Dr. Chaney to see if we can get the iPods cheaper or donated. Also, to organize kids by having them make a list of 10 people they know; write a script for them to use and coach them with the script. Remind them to ask faculty members.
    - Ways and Means will spend up to \$400 of profit for prizes.
    - Mr. Faires will use can huggers as early-bird prizes for students.
    - These ideas passed.

### B. Band Merchandise -

- Some merchandise is not moving. Proposing we reduce selling prices on seat cushions from \$12 to \$8.
- Prices will be reduced after last home game.
- Motion made to offer quantity discount or bundle merchandise for lower price. Motion carried.

Win-Win card design was presented and voted on. Cards will be sold March 4<sup>th</sup> through March 18<sup>th</sup>. Varsity-gold will do the promotions with students and provide all prizes.

### 4. New Business –

- A. **Band Council Car Wash** – Car wash was a great success, with \$516 made. Questions regarding how to spend that money, whether to put in general booster fund or a separate item for future council events. The issue was tabled at this time, will discuss at next booster meeting.

How to organize future band council events was also discussed. Mr. Dames suggested having 1 or 2 adult advisors and to let them decide together how to spend the money they raise.

A member from the band council, usually the president, will need to attend booster meetings to bring ideas to the boosters. They need to let us know when events are planned so that we can organize chaperones for them.

- B. **Poinsettias** – Will be used for decorations for Christmas concert in December. Do we want to use this as a fundraiser where we charge more than our cost and the band keep

the profit? The vote was no. We will instead have a pre-order and use them for decoration, then the purchaser can pick them up to take home.

5. Director's Comments –

**Long day on Friday, October 14<sup>th</sup>.** Kids to test in class. Arrive at school at 6 pm. Will play in stands with Piedmont's band. Go from game to Benton Crossroads Baptist Church to perform for the WBTV Football Friday Night viewing party. We will arrive back at school at approximately 12:30 a.m.

**October 21<sup>st</sup>** is the last home game versus Sun Valley. Sun Valley has been invited to play in the stand with us.

**October 22<sup>nd</sup>,** Competition at Foard High School. Arrive at school at 8 a.m. to rehearse. Load buses at 10 a.m. Arrive at Foard at 11:30 a.m.

Students should bring money for concessions. We perform at 1:30 p.m. The awards for our division are at 3:30 p.m. We will return to school around 7:30 p.m.

**November 20<sup>th</sup>** is our Christmas Parade in Monroe at 2 p.m. No buses, will meet there. The uniforms will be in before then, we need to have them fitted.

**Winter concert** for high school band will be on December 8<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. in the high school auditorium. **Middle school winter concert** will be December 13<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. in the high school auditorium.

**Ink Cartridge Fund Raiser**—Ms. Tomberlin has a middle school parent who is handling everything and keeping money separate for middle and high school bands. Just send in all printer cartridges and we'll receive up to \$4 for each one.

**All district** – Need to purchase music for students who want to try out. Need 20 books at the most at \$8 to \$12 each book. Boosters voted to purchase books.

**Student Leadership and Band Council** -- Mr. Faires states that the leadership has worked very hard and he wants to reward them with a trip to the Biltmore House on December 9-10<sup>th</sup>. His brother works for AAA and can get travel vouchers. He can only get 10 vouchers and needs 12. Will the boosters pay for the extra? Many said no.

**Big trip next year** – Possibly to New York. Mr. Faires wants to alternate a big and little trip every other year.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.