
Band Booster Club Minutes

July 14, 2009

In attendance:

Jonathan Nix, Donna Sweeney, Cherie Williams, Janet Fanning, Danette Dykema and Sharon Odom

Band Director's Report

Due to the Freshman Orientation trip early the following morning, no band director was able to attend the meeting. However, the following upcoming band events were mentioned:

- Freshman Orientation trip July 15-17
- Drumline/Pit Camp July 20-23
- Color Guard Camp July 20-24
- Band Camp Aug. 3-7, performance Friday a.m.
- Summer Band Rehearsal Aug. 10-14
- Monday evening Band Rehearsal starts Aug. 17

Parents are encouraged to attend the performance on the Friday morning of band camp. Booster Club officers will be present to accept membership forms and payments. Danette volunteered to provide her portable canopy so we can set up in a more conspicuous place to attract more attention. Sharon will bring the drinks left over from the concession stand. If you sign up to be a member, you get a free drink, or these will be available for sale.

Jonathan Nix volunteered to provide water to each of the morning band practices Aug. 10-14 as well as the Monday evening practices which begin Aug. 17.

Also, Sherry Ueckert purchased several boxes of snowcone-style cups for use with the band's water jugs and she needs to be reimbursed for those. We will need to purchase more cups for the Monday night practices.

Treasurer's Report

Donna Sweeney, Co-Treasurer, reported we have approximately \$9,125 in the treasury. She was only given the books at the start of this meeting so will have a more complete financial report at the August meeting.

Fundraising Report

The following fundraising activities were discussed:

- Concession stand for volleyball games will start in mid-August. Danette will make the schedule and distribute to the membership to sign up for slots.
 - Bean Barn starts with the first football game on Aug. 28. Hershel Dykema will distribute a sign-up schedule for this as well as the other four home football games. Also, Sharon sent a note to Steve Rose, the Athletic Booster Club President asking if the Band Booster Club could sell slices of pizza and noisemakers from the Bean Barn. As of this writing (7/22/09) no response has been received. Sharon will follow up with Steve. It was reported that large pepperoni or cheese pizzas could be purchased from CiCi's in Forney for \$4.99 each. Additional toppings are \$1.00 each. Each pizza includes 10 slices, so if
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- we sell each slice for \$2.00, our profit would be approximately \$15 per pizza. No delivery is available, so someone would have to pick these up prior to each home game.
- It was decided not to have a booth at the Cotton Festival this year.
 - A candle sale is planned for the first of November, with delivery in time for Christmas. Cherie mentioned Just For Me Candles are very good and are made locally. Those present at the meeting liked the idea of supporting a local business with our fundraising efforts.
 - Jonathan mentioned seeing bake sale type items for sale at RPM Racetrack and will check to see how the Booster Club could sell items there and also at Thunderbird Speedway.
 - It was discovered that the Gold Dusters' golf tournament is scheduled at Indian Oaks on Oct. 3, so we decided to change our tournament to Oct. 24 so there's a 3 week separation of the two tournaments. Sharon will call the golf course to set this up. If at all possible, everyone needs to be involved in the golf tournament since it has the potential to be our biggest fundraiser of the year. We all need to contact businesses concerning donations for raffle prizes, as well as recruit golfers to play that day. We need someone to be in charge of the golf tournament who will coordinate all the activities both ahead of time and on the day. If you're a golfer or have been around golf tournaments, we could certainly use your experience. Please contact Sharon or Danette if you would like to volunteer to head the golf tournament committee or if you'd like to serve in a specific capacity.
 - We hope to have a rummage sale this fall and, again, need a volunteer to head up this effort. Please contact Sharon or Danette if you're willing to take this on.
 - A Texas Hold 'em tournament is scheduled for Feb. 27. Angela found out that one of the new metal buildings on 175 near the Combine exit can be rented for this purpose for \$300. As we get closer to that date, we'll be asking for volunteers to help with this effort.
 - Sharon reported that Linda Hodge had forwarded an email from the sponsor of a drill team in Lewisville after she noticed some girls in t-shirts from that drill team cleaning up a condiment station at a Fletcher's Corny Dog stand at the State Fair. The sponsor let Linda know that this was set up with Fletcher's which they've been doing for 10 years and is a great fundraiser for their organization. He recommended contacting Fletcher's directly to see if our Booster Club could get involved. The discussion then turned to similar opportunities that others had heard about, including working at concession stands at the Ballpark in Arlington, or possibly the new Cowboy Stadium. We could really use someone to head up finding out about such opportunities that are available in our area. It would mainly involve internet and phone research to see what's available as well as what the requirements are. If you could spend a few hours working on this for us, please let Sharon or Danette know.

Other Business

It was discussed that we need to not only market to parents of band students, but also to grandparents, other family members and friends. This way we'll have more members to support our fundraising and band support efforts.

Danette volunteered to write and submit an article to *The Communicator* concerning the Band Booster Club.

We discussed designing a new band t-shirt. Sharon will check to see about designing a t-shirt online. We thought white t-shirts with gold and black would be cooler than a black t-shirt. Also, we want to have both women's and men's t-shirt styles available. Cherie offered to help "bling" t-shirts for those interested.

In order to promote the Bean Barn at football games, it was suggested that the band learn the music to the song, "Beans, Beans, the Musical Fruit" and play that in the stands during home football games. Of course, the final decision on adding this to the band's repertoire rests with Mr. Nutt. (See what you miss by not attending meetings – we have a lot of fun!)

Our next meeting is Tuesday, August, 11, at 7:00 p.m. in the Crandall/Combine Community Center. Starting in September, we'll meet on the second Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the CHS Band Hall. Hope to see you there!
