

Minutes for Monthly Ridge Point Band Booster Club Meeting: August 2, 2016

Board President (Zvonek) called meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

In attendance: Joanna Davis, Lourie Moore, Christy Stephens, Michelle Henson, Ray Waters, Linda Jennings, Ruthie Linsenbardt, Elisa Garcia, Rachel Wallace, Cindy Seyler, David Busby, Mary Mauricio, Frank Mauricio, Carmell Zvonek, Stacey Phillips, Brandon Bendor, Mary Kay Bender, Lisa Landry, Lanie Hauschel, Scott Masters, Thomas Blanchard, Faridis Serrano, Jake Benson, Stacey Benson, David Steinke, Leah Smith, Jean Wall, Tracy Alexander, Meghan Harris, Leticia Castillo, Tammy Navarro, Kim Moss, Shelly Pack, Veronique Samson, Kristi Kohl, Heidi Matherne, Melannie Boullion.

Approval of previous meeting minutes:

Zvonek proposed that the Board approve the minutes from the previous meeting. Landry was the seconder. The motion carried.

Board Reports

President (Zvonek)

- School asked Band Boosters to host a staff breakfast on August 16. Zvonek will send out a Sign Up Genius for volunteers.
- Board has a vacancy. The Member At Large position held by Wendell Shepherd is now vacant because Mr. Shepherd's son is no longer in band. Zvonek asked that anyone interested in filling the position talk to her after the meeting. Zvonek also stated that this is an opportunity for Freshman parents to become involved in Band Boosters.

Treasurers Report (Landry/Hauschel)

- Band account balance \$39,000. \$12,000 received for band dues and will be deposited. More money collected before meeting to be deposited.
- 70 people have outstanding band dues.
- Amendment to the following motion on May 31, 2016: Stephens requested approval to pay a deposit to either Southwest Airlines or Allegiant Air not to exceed \$9,000. New motion: Hauschel moved to amend previous motion not to exceed \$9,700 to be paid to either Southwest Airlines or Allegiant Air. Zvonek was the seconder. The motion carried.

Directors Report (Barnes/Davis/Stahmer)

- Director Barnes introduced Director Davis. Summer band practice going well.
- Director Barnes explained "shadows". Directors look at grades, attendance, effort, playing ability. There are generally more freshman shadows. Shadows are necessary when students become ineligible, there is illness or

injury, etc. All students attend rehearsals, football games, and contests and are involved with the band.

- Director Davis explained the importance of students taking private lessons. Maximum district rate for lessons is \$23; most lessons are \$20. Contract is being developed for private lessons. Private lessons do not occur during the school day. Directors allow students to take private lessons during rehearsals.
- Director Davis explained Smart Music. Smart Music allows music to be uploaded on a computer, students play for a grade. Paid for through band dues. Students will receive subscription card. New students will also receive a microphone.
- Director Barnes is asked how study hall will be affected by the longer school day. Students will have 15 minutes less study hall time. Science lab times from AP Science are arranged between Dr. Barnes and Science teacher.
- Director Stahmer thanked individuals that helped with trailer build out.

Communications Report (Waters)

- New pictures from band camp online. More photographers needed for games, special events. Automated process for uploading pictures for the website to come.
- Newsletters have a 47% open rate. Newsletter currently being sent to previous year's list, which may have affected open rate. When all registration packets are returned, Waters will update list to current year's information.
- President Zvonek reiterated the importance of turning in band registration packet. The paperwork from the packet is important because it contains medical information, and permission to travel to events.

VP Fundraising Report (Navarro)

- March-A-Thon will be held October 22, 2016. Navarro plans on talking to band students in the upcoming week about the March-A-Thon packet they will be receiving.
- There are 193 band students, and the goal is for each student to raise \$200.
- \$150 donation for lawn concerts. Donors will have a list of songs to choose from. Band will play three songs for lawn concerts.
- Incentives will be provided to band members. Individual incentives include: every \$25 collected, student will have their name added to a weekly drawing for four weeks. Every \$100 collected, students will receive free balls for the dunking booth. Every \$150 collected, students will receive a March-A-Thon shirt. Every \$500 collected, students will receive a personalized YETI tumbler, and name entered for a grand prize which is yet to be determined. Section incentives for 100% participation will earn a pizza and ice cream party. Each subsequent section that reaches 100% will earn an ice cream party.
- Advertising flyers will be placed in schools.

- Band will be divided into two groups for March-A-Thon, and two routes will be marched. March-A-Thon will end at the Sienna Ampitheater. Water stops will be provided to marching students. Students will be fed lunch.
- Navarro needs volunteers/helpers.
- Possible involvement from Baines band—directors to arrange.

VP Sponsorship Report (Samson)

- Some donations from parents have been collected. Samson asked parents to consider sponsoring the band.
- More corporate sponsors needed. Samson asked meeting participants to contact her if any more company sponsorships are possible. Sponsorship incentives are: corporate name on band trailer, advertisement in newsletter and website.
- Samson asked for volunteers to help her distribute sponsorship packets, etc.
- Samson to distribute sponsorship packets, and follow up with businesses that received packets.
- Zvonek added that some companies donate money if employees do volunteer work.

Committee Report: Band Trips (Stephens)

- 134 students registered for the Disney trip, which includes orchestra. Anticipated number of total students to register around 150 or 160.
- Number of chaperones to be determined.
- May need to move to a different hotel (All Star Movies) because of numbers, price remains the same.
- Charter airplane did not have enough seats to accommodate everyone that is currently registered.
- Two separate commercial flights were booked with Southwest Airlines. Plenty of room to accommodate everyone; will cancel seats that are not needed.
- One flight is a direct flight, the other flight has a connection in Atlanta. Flights should arrive close to the same time.
- Ground transportation in Orlando to and from the airport is Magical Express which goes along with hotel reservations. All other ground transportation is booked.
- Dr. Barnes in process of checking on FBISD approval.
- Outstanding: ground transportation in Houston (which is being booked on August 3rd), Universal park ticket information, (family forms on the website), Disney tickets to be purchased in December, other miscellaneous.
- Fundraising help is needed.
- Projected cost \$1200 per student, chaperones around \$700.

Committee Report: Merchandise (Garcia/Wallace)

- New fan shirt is on the website, orders are being taken until August 17th. More information to come.

- New band mom shirts, more merchandise is being ordered and posted on the website.
- General merchandise (t-shirt, caps) without band name printed to sell as well.
- Pre-orders taken on the band website.

Committee Report: Uniforms (Jennings)

- New girls' band shorts to wear on game days.
- Uniform fittings on two separate days: August 6th for 10th, 11th, 12th graders from 10-4. August 13th Freshman and any new band members to be fitted.
- Band dues must be paid in order to be fitted for a uniform.
- Volunteers needed for fitting days, can volunteer on sign up genius.
- Jennings stepping down because son is not in band this year, but will stay on until she can be replaced. Position can be shared as well.

Committee Report: Meals (Shanar/Moss)

- Feed students before every game, wide variety of food offered.
- Some event days students will be fed twice.
- Sign up genius for volunteers to help with meals.

Committee Report: Chaperones (Cardenas/Henson)

- Seven busses this year, two chaperones on each bus, third chaperone on first bus.
- Meeting on August 16, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. at M. Henson's house (information in newsletter)
- Zvonek added that chaperones help with students' health and safety.

Committee Report: Band Garters (Bose)

- Garters to be made for all band and guard. No mums this year. Mum trinkets to be sold.
- August 9th, 11th, and 12th building of garters will take place at school. Morning session from 7:30-11 a.m., afternoon session from 1-4:30 p.m.

Old Business

New/Other/Business/Motions

- E-motions to ratify: \$869.24 to D. Stahmer for trailer build-out materials. \$555.68 to Proctor for trailer build-out materials. \$1,340.94 to Discount Dance for guard uniform items. Zvonek motions to ratify e-motions. Stahmer was the seconder. The motion carries.

Meeting adjourned at 7:14 p.m. Next meeting is Tuesday, September 6, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. at the band hall.

Minutes taken and typed by Melannie Boullion

Minutes approved:  Date: 10-18-16