

Plainfield Band Booster
Meeting Minutes

April 21, 2015

I. Call to order

Those in attendance are listed on the attached sign in sheets.

Tim Underwood, Band Booster President, called to order the meeting of the Plainfield Band Boosters at 7:34 p.m. on April 21, 2015 in the Plainfield High School Choir Room.

Tim Underwood welcomed everyone.

Our next meeting will be May 19, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. in the Auditorium.

II. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Minutes Approved as Corrected – Jeanette Vaughan noted that in Item VII a) the word “file” need to be changed to “fire.” A motion was made by Tina Hayes and seconded by Cassandra Hamner to approve the Minutes of the Booster meeting held on March 17, 2015 as corrected. All Boosters present voted to approve these Minutes as corrected.

III. Treasurer’s Report

- a) The Treasurer’s Report was given by Harriet Doss.
- b) We have about \$2,200 in the checking account.
- c) The transfer of \$2,000 to the savings account didn’t occur. However, we needed this money to pay expenses so it was better that it didn’t get transferred.
- d) We received a check from Chili’s for \$351.82.
- e) We sold \$875 in mulch and after paying Greendell 50%, we made about \$425.
- f) The spring fundraiser is currently going on, and the golf outing will be May 9th.
- g) We still have about \$5,000 left in expenses to pay by the end of the year.
- h) We are paying the staff to work with the wind ensemble. This is about \$500.
- i) We will still need to pay for awards night, the scholarship and bank fees in May.
- j) Harriet is estimating that at the end of May we should have about \$500 in the account.
- k) In June we will start collecting marching band fees, but we will also start paying out for marching band staff and drum major camp.

IV. Fundraisers - Jeanette

- a) We received the Chili’s check.
- b) Mattress Sale – if your child received credit for a mattress sale, please see Jeanette.

- c) We may have one more restaurant night before the school year ends.
- d) The Piper fundraiser (spring fundraiser) is going on right now.
- e) If you're purchasing gift cards for graduation, please try and use scrip so that the band gets credit.
- f) Also, make sure you use your GFS Fun funds for graduation parties and summer parties. At GFS our account is "Red Pride Band Boosters."
- g) Trash bags are available for purchase tonight.

V. Upcoming Events & Activities

- a) Organizational Contest is this Friday and Saturday. Volunteer spot has all of the spots available for workers and donations for food/drinks for the hospitality room. We have over 120 opportunities to participate. There are 4 volunteer sections: Guides for gymnasium, Guides for auditorium, Hospitality donations and All other stations.
- b) Mr. Carpenter needs help at 2:00 p.m. on Friday afternoon to move equipment into the correct spot throughout the school. If you are available to help, please let Tim and Mr. Carpenter know.
- c) The cafeteria will be a warm up area this year. Staging will be in the hallways. A discussion was held about what will be happening this weekend.

VI. Elections

- a) Tonight is our annual election of the Booster Board members.
- b) The candidates were listed on a ballot sheet which was passed out to every Booster member present. There were spaces on the sheet for write-ins. The ballot showed the following candidates:

President – [blank] (2 years)

Vice President – Harriet Doss (1 year)

Treasurer – Bill Wolfe (2 years)

Secretary – Carole Snyder (2 years)

Director of Operations – Troy Crum (ratification – 1 year)

Director of Revenue – Bev Flanigan (1 year)

Director of Communications – Teri Groeschen (1 year)

Director of Events – [blank] (1 year) – write-ins to share position are Tina Hayes & Dana Commander

- c) The office of President and the office of Director of Events did not have any names listed. Discussion was held about these positions, and Tim stated that he asked the Board for their approval to offer the Director of Events position as a position to be shared by two people. These

two people would work together and both be on the Board. After a lengthy discussion, Tina Hayes and Dana Commander volunteered to fulfill this position together.

- d) Tim told the Boosters that it has been a pleasure to be President and serve with the Boosters and Mr. Carpenter to serve the students.
- e) Tim also noted that he asked the Board to offer the office of President as a two-person position. The idea is to have an Administrative President and an Executive President. The Administrative President would get in the mix of everything going on. The Executive President would attend school board meeting, chamber meetings, etc. to build relationships with the community and school and to work closely with the school.
- f) After a lengthy period of discussion resulting in no one volunteering to step up to be the candidate for the office of President, a Motion was made by Beverly Flanigan and seconded by Dave Starks to postpone the election of officers until the May 19th Booster meeting. All Boosters present voted to postpone the elections until May 19th.

VII. Budget

- a) Tim brought the proposed budget of \$173,000 before the Boosters. Last year, our budget was \$136,000. However, we added two large events and will more than likely have many more students than we have had in the past.
- b) We also need to purchase new tarps for the drumline and winter guard which are figured into this proposed budget.
- c) Tim noted that to put one student on the field for marching band only, it costs about \$550. We charged \$325 last year per student. Our fundraising is where this deficit is made up. He also noted that just because we hold a fundraiser in the fall, it is intended to help fund spring activities.
- d) For drumline, it costs over \$1,000 to put one student on the floor to perform. Last year our fee was only \$400.
- e) For winter guard, it costs \$1,050 to put one student on the floor to perform. Last year our fee was only \$300.
- f) This year, in this proposed budget we are proposing to raise marching band fees to \$450/student, drumline fees to \$500/student and winter guard fees to \$400/student.
- g) Discussion was held about why the marching band will be attending a BOA contest this fall.
- h) Tim showed parts of the proposed budget on the computer projected onto the screen. After discussion, a Motion was made by Amy Griffin and seconded by Sonny Griffith to approve this proposed budget. All Boosters present voted to approve the budget for 2015-2016.

VIII. New Business

- a) Tim asked all Boosters to find a President or two people to share the President position for next year. We must have a President in order to continue.
- b) May 19th – New Marchers Night/Show Reveal. We will again this year do “Measures for Money” at this meeting, which is for every \$20 collected, the band will play one measure of the new show opener the night of the show reveal. Please plan on bringing some extra money (cash, check or

credit card) so that we can get a glimpse of the new show music. This information will also be communicated to the incoming freshmen so that they can help us to hear our new music.

- c) We will also hold a silent auction on May 19th for a "Band Camp Survival Kit" which will have items a student needs to be successful at band camp.
- d) The first marching band payment will be due around June 5th. It will be around \$100 to \$120. Statements and more information will be sent out via email.

IX. Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn the Booster Meeting was made by John Griffin and seconded by Jeanette Vaughan.

Tim Underwood adjourned the meeting at 9:11 p.m.

Minutes submitted by: Teri Groeschen on 4-22-15