

BAND BOOSTER MEETING

July 21, 2015

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by President Harriet Doss. We had a full room. She introduced herself and Troy Crum as Vice President. The reason we made this meeting mandatory is because we have 4 events we sponsor and we need volunteers. Plus you get to buy spirit wear, meet the staff etc.

Directors Report: Mr. Carpenter stated that as you can see students are in band camp and getting farmer tans. This has been a great start to the season. He introduced some of the staff. Jose Rodriguez works with the color guard. He also is doing some dance routines with the band. He also did Tuba in drum corps and knows the musical aspect of it. He is in the Army and loves working with our kids.

Wes Winn, is working with the Brass and this is his first year with us. He is a Trumpet performance player, and has a degree from Butler. Joe Lewis is working with the woodwinds. This is his 3rd year with us. He loves working with the kids. He has a Music Ed degree from Ball State. Jason Schmidt works with the low brass and went to Ball State.

Ethan Simpson and George Stuteville work with the pit. George graduated from Plainfield in 2010. He enjoys working with the kids and teaching them new instruments.

Scott Johnson, is the asst. Band Director. He is the Anatomy teacher here. There are a few more staff members but they are still on the field.

On the original calendar, he assumed homecoming would be the same Friday as last year. Homecoming is October 2. Good news is we won't have two parades on the same weekend.

This Saturday is uniform fitting. Sign-up sheets are in the back. Emails will go out again. Saturday is the primary day. Make sure you sign up for one of the times. We need parent volunteers. We fit the kids from head to toe. Training will be Thursday night. If want to iron or sew, please come. Pictures are August 24, 2015 from 3 to 5 during their normal practice.

Our invitational is September 12. Decatur Central said if we performed at theirs they would come here so we may switch out the rehearsal and add in a contest. He will keep us posted.

Treasurer: Bill Wolfe stated we currently have \$14,981 in checking. We have sold uniforms and made \$6000. He transferred that to savings so there is \$16,000 in it. We have payments for band fees still coming in and you can pay online. There was a question on what percent have paid the band fees. We have 38 percent of fees paid. We should be closer to 50% but on course for where we were last year.

Fundraisers: Bev Flanigan brought samples of spirit wear. The show shirts have not been done yet. She showed what we had in the past and what we are using this year. She has 200 shirts to sell tonight. Avon sports apparel will put something on the back if like for .50 a letter. You don't have to have anything on back. Shirts are \$10.00 apiece. There are forms you can take home and you can find these on our sites and Teri Gretchen will email them as well. We are selling shirts, band signs, car stickers, magnets, head bands, and two jacket options. Order forms can be in by August 2, the yard signs, magnets stickers order forms are due September 4. Heather Suiter handed out instructions for Amazon

smiles. Whenever you order from Amazon, if you go to the smiles section our band gets money. Directions were handed out. Questions contact Heather Suiter.

Amy Griffin is heading up the Script program. They are gift cards for stores, restaurants etc. The band gets a kick back for every card you buy depending on the store. To buy the cards, go to shopwithscript, create your account, and start ordering. Every Sunday at 8:00 p.m. she will order for the band. Each Thursday she will be here as well. She will deliver them on Thursday. She handed out the directions. There is also the scriptnow where you don't have to have the cards. If questions contact Amy Griffin.

Share both of these ideas with friends and family. As long as click on Red Pride Band Boosters, we get the credit. Restaurant night was at El Cerritos we raised \$225 from that. She will try to do these periodically.

Lastly, Bev proposed us doing a banner for our seniors to hang at the football games. The cost of the senior banner is \$22.50 apiece and we have 31 seniors. Troy made a motion at the board meeting and we will use the \$25.00 from alumni friends to designate those funds towards that and the board would come up with any shortfall. Because it is over \$500 we have to bring it to you for your approval. Pictures will be from their junior year because the first home football game is August 28 and we want to get them on the field. The kids will keep them after the season. Troy Crum made a motion to do these for the seniors. Kelly Mazzola and Mike Doss seconded.

Harriet Doss gave out a Panera gift card to a parent attendee. We will do some sort of prize at our Booster meetings.

Band Sponsors: Jennifer King is in charge of Sponsorships. She stated if you get a company as a sponsor, let her know so we do not double to all. They will be on the bottom of the shirts for practice and show shirts. They will also get a sponsor sticker.

Presidents Report: We sponsor 4 major competitions, September 12, October 10, ISSMA, January 23, Color Guard and Drum Line February 13. It takes a lot of parents to help out. In an effort to keep band fees low, we need volunteers for these events. We are also saving for uniforms which we pay half for and will be needed in next couple of years. The expectation is that you sign up for at least 2 or 3 of these events. We need 400 people. We are asking people to sign up tonight for an event. We don't need to know the spot but what date you are able to help. Our kids deserve our attention and full support because they are working hard. This also will allow you to plan for those times on your calendar.

Events: Tina Hayes talked about the picnic. It is the last Friday night of band camp. We are hoping the weather holds. The picnic will begin at 5:00. The booster provides meat, cheese etc. Each class brings a dish. We also ask you bring chairs. A reminder will go out next week. We need help with set up and clean up. Keep checking on volunteer spot. If you have a problem with volunteer spot let us know. We also have a special thing Wednesday. Frigid Frog and Summer Song will be there after band with the option of purchasing cold treats. They will have menus. Have your kids bring a few dollars for that. Still need a few volunteers for first aid on Saturday mini camps and football game assistance as chaperones and water. The Drive for Buick event is coming up, as are other events. Most is on the band calendar. If having problem with volunteer spot, make sure your pop up blocker is not on.

Additional Comments: Sonny Griffin stated that lots of information has been passed out to you tonight. Don't panic. This will all subside and so don't feel overwhelmed. Don't be afraid to ask questions to someone who has been here awhile. It is a lot of fun!

Street beat Sign up is August 8. Sign up for it.

Motion to adjourn was made and seconded. Meeting adjourned. 8:42 p.m.