

Band Booster Minutes | 12/14/2021

Attendee: Kim Corkhill, Bram Smith, Michele Hill, Susan Gee, Rose Frazee, Riddi Shah, Krista Barnes, Lee Sawyer, Sean Stewart, Lisa Yee

Call to order: Meeting called to order at 7 pm

Approval of minutes: Postponed approval of minutes until posted

Mr. Smith updates:

- Having pep band play at girls and boys basketball games – going very well. Will have them play through beginning of February with possibility of going a bit longer if teams are in the playoffs. About 8 more games, and then lacrosse games (boys and girls) in the spring.
- First concert of the year is 7 pm on Thursday in the auditorium! Multiple ensembles performing. Will be band and orchestra. Having practices after school.
- If anyone is planning on getting the state champ rings, the company would like to get orders in by end of winter break so they can start production – they can't start production until all orders are final. Takes about 8 weeks to do the rings.
- Hosting all-district band auditions first weekend in January (Jan 7-8)! Sent Ms. Sawyer how many people we need – about 36 audition rooms. Need 36 students in rooms + 20 runners. Also want help with getting equipment on Friday and setting up rooms that evening. Mr. Smith has been asking about orders for meals. Working with district on how purchasing of meals is supposed to be done. We will need continental breakfast in the morning plus lunches for the judges. s Advertising with different clubs and organizations to have kids volunteer. Will need parent help to get rooms set up and getting equipment – both night before. During the auditions, need help at registration table and making sure everything is running smoothly. Ms. Sawyer sent Mr. Smith update on signup – he was wondering how to make it simpler, but may not be possible.

Business updates

Budget:

- \$45,500 in checking account. Expecting \$1,700 (est) for marching band expenses.
- We had a budget of \$1200 for 8th grade night -we were over budget – spent \$1412.
- Susan will collect concert attire fee checks on Friday – Lee has had a few questions about it. Parents can always email Susan with questions.

Fundraising:

- Had Panera fundraising night last Friday. We can decide if we want to do more of those. Susan was there and the kids seemed to have a good time. Good excuse to get out.
- Worthwhile to do Krispy Kreme donuts fundraiser? All agreed it would be good. Lee had talked to Krista about doing it – Krista is happy to do it. Looking at February.

Organizational updates:

- Lisa Yee has offered to be treasurer for next year! She will be shadowing Susan.

Concert attire:

- Only one student has not picked up – hoping that individual will get it by tomorrow.

New business

Band independence:

- Started process with LegalZoom to set up individual 501c3 for the band. Wanted to discuss putting that into mothballs because we don't have the people/time to push that forward right now.
- We may have an issue with FAB. Per Sean Sullivan, the current FAB treasurer is going to proceed – so we're good.
- Michele: We should proceed, but not feel rushed. We already are incorporated. We have the information and the incorporation stuff – just need someone who is willing to do the tax form. Could also pay someone.
- Amy: Would like to help go forward – it's risky to depend on FAB.
- Mr. Smith: I need the boosters to exist so I can do things for the kids. If we could move forward to make it happen, I'd be very appreciative.
- Michele: Band needs to think years down the road vs. year by year – it's in our best interest.
- Susan: We may have a \$250 expense with continuing the process. Want to put that to a vote. It's an annual registration fee – we will budget \$300. Expected to come due in January. Motion made to spend the \$300 and passed.

Trailer wrap maintenance:

- Mr. Smith: We need to update the trailer – already doing new numbers. We could also do maintenance at the same time. Susan: We need to get estimates; we don't have budget for this. Mr. Smith: This would be for the visual end; the county takes the cost of the maintenance for the trailer functionality. We need to look at this item. Lee will talk to Diane VanDyke – she is already looking at that.

Budget requests

- We prefer to pay the vendor directly vs. reimbursement. When you can, Susan asks that you let band pay directly vs. reimbursement to individual. Please give treasurer an invoice.

Around the room

Marching Band plaque: Did the award plaque with the pic of the marching band and the kids names – it's not yet up in the band area, but will be soon!

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.