

Band Boosters Board of Directors
Minutes -- Tuesday, September 15, 2009

Present: Gay Van Beek, Marianne Ofsonka, Teri & James Walker, Paul & Danielle Hough, Kathy Weeks, Liz Batchelder, Beth Rockwell, Lisa Packer, Brenda Jamerson

Meeting convened 6:10p

I. Uniforms.

- a. Confusion, re: to whom to make out the check; how to determine the size based on measurements for kids who don't neatly fit on the charts.
- b. Need to order by end of Sept to allow time for alterations. Suggestion: Have an optional uniform night to fit kids, determine distribution of used uniforms, and fill out forms. It could be after marching band practice while those students are already here. Check calendars for Tues, 9/22. Band closet has jackets in most of the sizes. Volunteers: Danielle H, Teri W, Beth R, Liz B. Teri will write up flier for Alan & Tracy to hand out in band classes/give out at Back-to-School nights.
- c. Goal: To get BB out of the uniform renting business after this year. Shift responsibility for alterations, cleaning, etc., to the kids. The order form will be on the website. Suggestion: Add a performance grade to drive the behavior, requiring kids have to be in complete performance outfit for performances.
- d. Mr J has provided Danielle with class lists and contact info. Tracy has not yet. Marianne needs both.

II. Tag Day;

- a. \$11,553.15 deposited, less \$382.62 for lunch. 90% is going to band.
- b. Breakfast, gift cards, and supplies were donated.
- c. Only kids were counted for time worked – not drivers – even if only band provided drivers. Five routes were not covered due to lack of time, kids, etc. Marianne will wait to see if any checks bounce before cutting checks for chorus and orchestra.
- d. Suggestions:
 - * If other music groups' students show without parents as drivers, then either band gets credit for providing drivers, or other groups' students should be sent home.
 - * Follow Hayfield's model: Tag Day is over 2 weekends; MB only; put a % of the funds collected in students' accounts as incentives.
 - * Specific instructions to the kids would be helpful; perhaps even role playing the script they are to give at the door; etc.
 - * Make it mandatory, just as other activities require fund raising participation.
- e. Action item. Need to recruit parents *now* to coordinate Tag Day next year.
- f. Complaints.
 - * Some groups were reported to stop and play in their homes while canvassing.
 - * Someone reported an unaccompanied girl collecting on one route.
 - * Several band parents drove orchestra students due to lack of orchestra parent participation.

- * Students reported people: not answering doors; slamming doors in their faces; making derogatory remarks to students.
- * Students not knowing what to say.
- * Some teams ran out of receipts, tags, etc., did not know to come back for supplies, and just left their routes unfinished.

III. Special thanks

- a. Marching Stallions Camp: All of the many parents who donated water, Nancy Ferrell for Buck-a-slice, Beth Rockwell for Ice Cream Man/Pirate, JJ Dickinson for Spirit Wear, Paul Hough for website updates, Dannielle for uniforms and everything Gay couldn't do.
 - b. Kathy Weeks for work on the Gmail Band Booster Acct.
 - c. Tag Day: James and Teri Walker,, for donating gift cards for the drawings; Marianne Ofsonka, for her Treasurer Duties; Connie Nedrick from Orchestra, for a super luncheon; Chorus for providing donuts and coffee; all the Band Parents who volunteered to drive; Even bigger thanks to the students for coming with such great attitudes!
 - d. Tag Day announcements on Keep In Touch and daily school announcements.
 - e. Action item: Kathy W send thank you's to community, via newspapers, for support of Tag Day. (See Liz for notebook of information, including those items.)
- IV. Minutes for July meeting. Marianne moved to accept as amended; Danielle seconded. Approved.

V. Treasurer's report:

- * Gay has new budget from Alan, will forward it to Marianne, and bring it up at next meeting.
- * Colorguard needs \$2500 for flags and rifles, \$800 over previous projected budget.
- * Students will be charged for lost uniform pieces.
- * Most items on target.
- * Budget anticipated 75 students; there are now 81 paying students (87 kids total).
- * Fund raisers are going better than budgeted.
- * Classroom fees are again going through the school, not SCSS Band Boosters. MS band syllabus/packet had missing/wrong information regarding fees. Liz will write up a flier with correct information to hand out at MS Back to School Night, Thurs 9/24/09. Danielle is tracking all the uniform information for both HS and MS. Liz will assist Matt Levine, Tracy's substitute, in tracking MS band fees in Tracy's absence.

- VI. Alan needs to remind kids to lock up their instruments. Some share band lockers if sharing an instrument. A violin was reported damaged when not locked during a practice.

- VII. (deedee not in attendance to report on Senior and MS Nights 10/31 or Marching Stallion Banquet 11/4.)
- VIII. Raingear:
- a. Danielle: Raingear is in cages in storage room. All are numbered and named already. If wet, they ruin the uniforms in the garment bags. Students need to be reminded to leave all items in the band room during games to be locked up for safe keeping and not left in the halls as during the previous game.
- IX. New business.
- a. Pies forms are coming in October; information to be distributed before next BBB mtg. Teri took the lead with the vender since the orchestra instructor left – it had been organized by orchestra in the past. Band’s order will be sent separately this year from other organizations.
 - b. Beth R: Possible fund raisers. Car antenna flag or rearview mirror dangle; *Stallion on Board* car window sign; lanyard or key chain. Lisa will look into it.

Meeting ended 8:05 pm.
Minutes taken by Kathy Weeks.