

18-19 Cougar Band Booster Club

Minutes

February 12, 2019

7pm CSHS Band Hall

1. Call to Order - Melissa Garza @ 7:01
2. Review and Approval of Minutes -
 - a. Motion to approve by Dennis Macha and seconded by Markus Nimocks
 - b. Minutes were approved
3. Financial Report - Jon Diamond
 - a. Budget Matters
 - i. January is a slow month. Some income as collections for Winterguard have started coming in.
 - ii. Expenses: We bought the trailer! We've started paying for next years marching season
 - iii. We are a little over budget on marching show this year due to the guard doubling in size. We will increase budget for that next year. Overall we are still under budget because we budgeted \$10,000 for clinicians and only spent \$5,000, due to Mr. Eaks having additional district money for clinicians.
 - b. Fundraising Income Status
 - i. TCGC is coming soon. That is our last fundraiser for the year.
 - a. Motion to approve financial reports was made by Marcus Nimocks and Mary Finch seconded. Financial report was approved.
4. Booster Volunteers and Committee Reports
 - a. Chaperones - Jackie Hahn & Jennifer Halling have no report
 - b. Membership - Candice Bellis has no report
 - c. Uniforms - Heather McCulley & Cassie Schatz
 - i. This week we will begin fitting for concert uniforms. The students will need them in March
 - d. Fundraising - Markus Nimocks
 - i. We are making plans for March a Thon next year. We will still use Fund Team and do the online portion the same, but may make adjustments to the parade event. More info to come.
 - ii. Corporate sponsors will be able to buy ads on the back of the trailer
 - e. Procurement - Mary Finch & Leigh Neaves have nothing to report
 - f. Spirit Shop - Laura Kirk
 - i. Laura is starting design our products for next year. If you have a request on something you would like to see in our Spirit Shop, let Laura know. This year we will open orders in May and keep them open through the last day of registration. (Last year some people missed out because they didn't realize the order had closed.) We hope to deliver all ordered items at Hot Dog Howdy.
 - g. Events - Lora Nolen
 - i. TCGC State Championship is two weekends long in Reed Arena. All four local bands provide the volunteer hours and we are paid by how many volunteer shifts we fill.
 - ii. The Guard weekend is March 30 and Percussion is April 6. We have 96 slots to fill each weekend. After March 1, our slots will be available to other schools to fill, which means they will get the money for those slots. We need volunteers for the percussion weekend the most (Bryan and Rudder will not be there that weekend)
 - iii. Continue to watch for reminders to sign up to help
5. Band Updates - Mr. Eaks
 - a. Mr. Seale & Mr. Eaks are going to San Antonio this week with our four All-State band kids. The kids will be in rehearsals & clinics while the directors attend the TMEA convention. This is the biggest convention of music educators around. 30,000 people will be there, and it creates life changing opportunities for these kids.
 - b. We are preparing for UIL concert & sight reading. March 5 is the Pre UIL concert. High school groups will perform during the school day. Middle school groups will be in the evening.
 - c. School funding decisions are coming up mid March. We will push for a third band director again. We didn't get one last year, but we are past the enrollment numbers to need one. The funding issues are not the district's fault. The state does not fund education properly. Encouragingly, both the Texas House & Senate have proposed increases in school funding. Last year CSISD had to give back \$6 million in tax money to the state for recapture funding. This was the first year we were considered a "rich" district and had to give back. This year we will have to give \$14 million.

- d. New marching show update: Title: It's All in the Stars. Theme: stars in the sky. It's a space sort of show. All the music has "star" in the title. It will be 6 to 7 pieces run together. The last movement will feature Coldplay "Sky Full of Stars" Our show designer from Oz is continuing with us for the visual element. Simple concepts work best for visual and musical elements. We introduced the idea to kids last week. The music is picked. The music writer will start to write the music soon. Once the music is done the drill writer will write the drill.
 - e. Night of Percussion Feb 23. Everyone come out and watch solos and ensembles that are all percussion. Middle school kids perform too.
 - f. Next year we are considering having all 3 bands first period for fall. Guard & jazz band would stay 7th period. Then in the spring we would break out into three bands. The PROS to this idea are: We would start practice before school and rehearse into first period. There would be no afternoon practice. We would start at 7:00 outside and go until 8:20, then come inside for first period. It gives us more flexibility, is logistically better for kids and staff, and is a more effective use of our time. The CONS to this idea are: When we shift to three periods in the spring, about 130 kids would have a schedule change. This creates a ripple effect throughout the school. This idea is not set in stone, it is being considered. Freshman parents have had a positive response to it.
 - g. We currently have about 200 students in band. Our school has peaked out on growth, and we believe the band has as well. We strive for band membership to be about 10% of the school, and that's where we are.
6. Guard Updates -
- a. We have had 2 competitions. We have 23 members with JV and Varsity. JV is improving. Varsity got third place in their first show and first place in their second show. Wednesday February 20 they are having a "Show Off" in the gym at 7:00 pm. Everyone is welcome to come encourage the team and see the shows.
7. Old Business: BUILD OUT OF THE TRAILER
- a. Our Props Construction Crew looked at trailers all year. They saw custom builds that cost \$100,000. WE are going to do it ourselves for about \$2000. Lowes has donated \$500 worth of lumber and a 30% discount on materials. Lowes will have a logo on the back of the truck. Other corporate sponsors can buy logo on back as well.
 - b. The inside will have two floors. The front ensemble equipment will slide underneath on first floor. The top floor will be 6 feet tall and have built in custom shelving to hold ALL the instruments. The shelves will be 32 inches deep, carpeted & tilted back with a lip so the instruments don't slide around when the truck is moving. There will be room for the igloos and snack boxes. The kids will come up back ramp, upstairs, pick up their instrument, and continue to a second staircase at the front, then out the front door, creating a smooth one-way traffic flow. The front and rear area will be the height of the trailer. The front area will house more shelving, a closet for guard flag bags, and a hanging rod for percussion harnesses. Tubas and the generator will also go in this area. The rear open area will have brackets on the wall to secure the drum major podiums.
 - c. We will seal some of the doors, but leave the door up front and a second door on the top floor as exits. The middle door will not be an exit, but will be able to open for airflow and light. We plan on running LED lights down the center to provide light at night games.
 - d. We will only need one Penske (for the props)
 - e. We have planned the design with "room to grow". It can easily be modified in the future. Its designed in such a way that you can take the top floor out in sections if you need more "tall" space in the future.
 - f. There will be several workdays on Saturdays this spring where we will need volunteers to help with this.
8. New Business
- a. Vote to add a new props committee chairperson to the board. The vote passed unanimously. Mr. Brandon Welch will be our first Props Commander.
 - b. The following committees need new leadership next year. Be thinking about volunteering and ask a board member if you would like more information.
 - i. Procurement
 - ii. Membership
 - iii. Events
 - iv. Guard Liason
9. Adjournment
- a. Motioned by CassieSchatz and seconded by Jen Haling
 - b. Meeting adjourned at 7:53