

18-19 Cougar Band Booster Club

Minutes

March 19, 2019

7pm CSHS Band Hall

1. Call to Order - Melissa Garza @ 7:02
2. Review and Approval of Minutes -
 - a. Motion to approve made by Marcus Nimocks and seconded by Kim Daniel. Minutes were approved
3. Financial Report Jon Diamond
 - a. Budget Matters
 - i. Income: It's a quiet month. We have Winterguard and Drums Along the Brazos money coming in.
 - ii. Expenses: Meals for guard and clinicians for UIL & Winterguard
 - b. Fundraising Income Status
 - i. None this month. Next month we will have TCGC income
 - c. Motion to approve financial reports was made by Cassie Schatz and Brandon Welch seconded. Financial report was approved.
4. Booster Volunteers and Committee Reports
 - a. Chaperones - Jackie Hahn & Jennifer Halling
 - i. THANK YOU for an amazing marching season chaperones!
 - ii. **CO-CHAIR POSITION OPEN FOR 2019-2020:** Jen Halling is stepping down. Jackie will stay on one more year to train the new person.
 - iii. **JOB DESCRIPTION:** Attend board meetings as a voting member once per month. Attend registration to sign up volunteers and answer questions. Maintain records of students with allergies, dietary restrictions and special needs. Organize chaperones for all games and contests. Attend all games and contests, making sure everyone is fed, taken care of and safe. Build relationships with the kids. This position is very busy in the fall, but not in the spring. This is a TWO YEAR COMMITMENT, taking over the lead position the next school year when Jackie steps down.
 - b. Membership - Candice Bellis
 - i. **POSITION OPEN FOR 2019-2020! JOB DESCRIPTION:** Attend board meetings as a voting member once per month. Attend registration, helping students/parents input contact information into Charms. Upkeep of Charms database. Promote and implement strategies to increase parent participation. Work to make sure incoming parents feel welcome and know how to get involved.
 - c. Uniforms - Heather McCulley & Cassie Schatz
 - i. We are finishing a handful of concert uniforms for UIL next week. Thank you for your hard work.
 - d. Fundraising - Markus Nimocks
 - i. TCGC is coming! We need a Texas A&M golf cart for TCGC. If anyone works at Texas A&M and can help us out, contact Markus! Mr Smith will reach out to someone in Kinesiology.
 - ii. After TCGC we will start our corporate sponsor drive. If you know anyone with a business that would like to contribute money/donations to the band, we offer advertising space and tax write offs!
 - e. Procurement - Mary Finch & Leigh Neaves
 - i. **CO-CHAIR POSITION OPEN FOR 2019-2020:** Mary Finch is "graduating" next year. Leigh Neaves will continue as co-chair.
 - ii. **JOB DESCRIPTION:** Feeding the band. It's a big time commitment in the fall (August to the end of playoffs). Plan and purchase meals for the band for all away games, playoff games and contests. Plan and purchase snacks at all home & away games. Plan and purchase food for Hot Dog Howdy & Drums Along the Brazos. Attend all games & contests to oversee food delivery & distribution. Works closely with chaperones. Attend board meetings as a voting member once per month. Attend registration to gather information from parents about dietary restrictions.
 - f. Spirit Shop - Laura Kirk
 - i. We are getting our fall line ready to launch with CC Creations. It will be online by the end of May, and open through the end of registration. Mr. Eaks will send info to 8th grade parents via e-mail.
 - g. Events - Lora Nolen
 - i. **CO-CHAIR POSITION OPEN FOR 2019-2020:** Lora will be stepping down this year. This is a big job, currently held by one person. It would be easier with a partner.

- ii. **JOB DESCRIPTION:** Leadership position for special events throughout the year: March A Thon, Hot Dog Howdy, Drums Along the Brazos, Region Band, and TCGC. Time commitment is throughout the year: busy leading up to events, and quiet in between events. Primarily behind the scenes work & organization. Recruit and organize volunteers. Works closely with fundraising chair: Markus brings in the money, the Events Chair organizes volunteers and logistics. Attend board meetings as a voting member once per month.
 - iii. TCGC is March 30 & April 6
 - 1. WE NEED MORE VOLUNTEERS, especially adults. We may re-assign some adults to ensure critical positions are staffed.
 - 2. MANDATORY TRAINING SESSION is FRIDAY, MARCH 25 at 7:00 in Reed Arena
 - 3. Will need volunteers to come on FRIDAY, MARCH 25 to help set up Reed Arena and prepare flowers. General set up will begin around 10:00. Flowers arrive in the afternoon.
 - h. Props - Brandon Welch
 - i. Trailer build out: We had a workday last Saturday and completed the floors and stairs. We should be able to finish the trailer with two more workdays. If you are interested in helping, join the Props Crew Group Me to be notified of workdays. Mr. Eaks will include the link in this week's e-mail.
 - ii. Once the trailer is done (April), we will begin working on props for the fall marching show.
 - i. Guard Updates - Kim Daniel
 - i. This weekend is colorguard's last competition. We are especially proud of our JV team. They are mostly freshmen and 3 members who just started in December.
 - ii. Varsity can qualify for state (TCGC) if they do well enough this weekend.
 - iii. In April we will recruit at the middle schools. We are only losing 3 seniors.
 - iv. **POSITION OPEN FOR 2019-2020!** Kim will be leaving so we need a new board member.
 - v. **JOB DESCRIPTION:** Attend board meetings to keep the guard & band in sync.
5. Band Updates - Mr. Eaks & Mr. Seale
- a. Thank you to Brandon Welch for making the trailer a great thing that will benefit the band for years to come.
 - b. UIL next week Wednesday & Thursday. The schedule will be in this week's email. All three bands are doing great. Our second band is doing the most challenging program they have ever done. Especially proud of our third band; they've grown so much since August. Predicting all three bands will make first divisions.
 - c. Preliminary enrollment numbers for next year: Same size, approximately 200 kids. Our school is 7 years old and the size has stabilized. Our goal is always that band should be 10% of the population of school; that is where we are at. We now have a healthy cycle of seniors leaving and freshmen coming in.
 - d. State funding: It's bad this year. Proposals in house & senate look promising. We will see how it shakes out in the end. We will be lobbying to get a third director next year. We are the largest program in this part of the state without three band directors. Thank you to CSISD for the support they have given us so far.
 - e. Jazz ensemble will be in Temple Friday after UIL. Then they are done until the Spring Concert. Evening of Percussion went well. Next up in our annual cycle is drumline auditions and leadership auditions, with help sessions in April & auditions in May.
 - f. Mr. Eaks will post the schedule for UIL in the Sunday e-mail. The kids love an audience, so come watch!
 - g. Letter jackets: the band missed the February fitting. There will be another fitting in May.
6. Old & New Business
- a. Senior Scholarship application is ready to put on website. Completed applications must be submitted to the school counselor by April 15. Scholarships are awarded by an independent committee with no ties to CSHS or Cougar Band, but all members have had high school band experience. Announcements will be made at Band Banquet Friday, May 10.
 - b. Committee chairs
 - i. Please consider taking your involvement to the "next level" by volunteering for one of the committees we have needs for next year:
 - 1. Chaperones
 - 2. Procurement
 - 3. Membership
 - 4. Events
 - 5. Guard Liason
 - ii. It takes a lot of parent organization & parent support to run a successful band program. Contact a current board member with any questions
7. Adjournment: Motioned by Mary Finch and seconded by Leigh Neaves. Meeting adjourned at 7:54.