

Minutes of the Band Booster Meeting for November 10, 2015

The meeting was called to order at approximately 6:40 pm.

President Hull asked if anyone had any comments or corrections to the minutes. With no comments, a motion was made by David Worley and seconded by Mike Bellis, and the motion carried unanimously.

Financial Report

David Worley, Treasurer presented the financial report.

The Booster Club at the end of October had cash after paid liabilities of \$22,217.

Expenses exceeded income for the month by \$3,983. This included payments for the Spring trip of \$3,400, shop sourcing of \$1,079, and game/contest meals of \$4,021.

There was fundraising income of \$939.

Drums Along the Brazos brought in \$8,206 with expenses for the month of \$2,667. Total income for the event was \$9,422 and expenses of \$2,667.

For the fiscal year beginning June 1 through October 31, income of \$53,562 exceeded expenses of \$45,400 for a total net income of \$8,162.

Fundraising

Rachel Hull informed the group about Spirit Night at Chic File, which had not yet been set up, and

Asked everyone to watch for emails and publicity for the upcoming event.

The band boosters manned concessions and earned \$1400 over the weekend.

Mr. Eaks reported that marching was completed for the year except playoff games, but the contest marching routine wouldn't be performed. Due to uncertain schedules and individual and band scheduling, it was not possible to perform the usual routine as during regular football season. Many in the Percussion section would miss the upcoming Hutto game while attending a percussion conference/tournament in San Antonio. Also Region try-outs were Dec. 5th in Waco. Thanksgiving weekend was also a scheduling issue for playoff teams that make it that far. He mentioned they might anticipate two possible playoff games. It was mentioned there was a rule about travelling more than 100 miles from the school related to required attendance. Playoff games could be Friday night but also Saturday afternoon or night.

Semi-Trailer

Mr. Eaks said we were running out of space, and it is time to begin looking into funding for a semitrailer. Mike Bellis mentioned he had access to trailers and equipment. Mr. Eaks thought a used one could be purchased for around \$5,000 with a cost to outfit of \$20,000. It was time for the program to make the purchase. The Boosters would need a fundraising ramp up process which could be a couple of years. One comment was it could be done faster. Putting a mock up on the web was mentioned asking for donations and paying online in a "Go Fund Me" account. Sebesta volunteered for repair work.

It was reported by Kenneth Hull that the Board was looking into how students and parents might contribute labor, funding, and how we best value participation. We need big ticket fundraisers for a large item, e.g. what a ticket raffle might provide. The boosters could also have a buy-out program (or contribution in lieu of volunteer or labor participation).

The question was asked about further contributions of the school and/or district from budgeted funds. Jackie Hahn mentioned that the district is running a deficit, and it was indicated the budgets of the two bands were about equally divided. Nothing could be expected to be forthcoming from the district itself. She also mentioned the Cougar Club pays for a lot of things, and the district does not fully fund everything for those programs either.

Mr. Eaks informed the group the Band was the recipient from the ISD of a \$9,000 grant to order steel drums. Such funds are used for different ensemble or out-of-the-box items rather than usual instrumentation and replacement, for items you would not ordinarily purchase with ongoing budgeted funds. The drums would also be used for Cypress Grove and the Middle School. Melodi Henry put the grant together.

There were no other committee reports.

There was no old business.

New Business

The Executive Committee is reviewing options and other interest as to a vendor alternative for Aggie Flags. Hopefully next meeting something would be ready to more fully discuss.

It was announced there would be a parent band at the Christmas concert. Interested parents may participate, and other duties could be available for those that it had been too long since they had played.

Mr. Seale reported that the first Guard camp was held this weekend at Cypress Grove, and the Jazz Band played at the Brazos Center for the Lions Club for "All Things Chocolate." He reported it was a resounding success.

Kenneth mentioned members should think about becoming an officer, elections were in March, and would come quickly after the holidays. Names should be submitted in the months before March as far as member interest.