

Band Booster Meeting Minutes

August 11, 2015

First Band Booster Meeting of the 2015-16 year. Kenneth Hull opened the meeting as Band Booster President.

Introductions were made all around the room.

All Band Booster Officers were announced, with Kenneth Hull, Rachel Hull, David Worley, and Jennifer Halling present.

Samantha Yosko collected updated contact info for band members during Band Registration. Parents may see Melodi Henry for any help needed using the Charms website.

All band members have been fitted for uniforms at this time. We have about a 50 uniform buffer as far as extra uniforms.

Chaperones are all lined up for all the football games. Jacqee Park and Jackie Hahn are co-chairs of chaperones this year.

David Worley updated the Booster Finances for the current year. A full statement was not available for this meeting.

Rachel Hull, fundraising chair, updated the Boosters on current band fundraisers. We will be selling plastic hand fans for the upcoming football season. We will sell them for \$10. More VIP cards are in and available for pick-up at this time. The Spirit Shop order has been placed and should arrive before the first game.

Luis Ponjuan spoke for Lurel, who was out of town. Lurel is the Boosters Procurement Chair. She has done a lot of legwork to get donations for upcoming events. August 20, 7-8:30 p.m., will be Hotdog Howdy in the cafeteria. We are expecting 550-650 people at this time. We will be using a commercial grill from a man who works at Kroger. This will allow us to cook the hotdogs on one large grill, instead of many smaller grills as in the past. Luis will start cooking the hotdogs well in advance of the event time. The hotdogs will be held in a hot holding bin. HEB is donating 375 bags of chips. Sam's may be donating \$50. Luis is picking up the chips from HEB. Water bottles were donated by Baker-Hughes. Ice will be provided by the Culinary Dept. Melodi Henry will make 2-3 donation boxes to place around the cafeteria for the event. Lurel will be providing purple bulletin board paper and chalk for kids to decorate for the event. She is also hoping to sell the rest of the plaques soon, which would bring in \$350. There is already \$1500 set aside by the Boosters for Hotdog Howdy. 10-12 volunteers will be needed for Hotdog Howdy. Rachel Hull will set up a volunteer sign-up link on Charms and send out that link to parents.

When Lurel returns to town, she will accompany Kenneth Hull to the bank to pick up a Band Booster credit/debit card to use for necessary purchases for Hotdog Howdy, as well as to use for all purchases necessary in her role as Procurement Chair.

There is a form available on the CSHS Band website for companies to donate gift cards, etc. to the band. We were encouraged to spread word of that form as opportunities arise. We could use those items for future raffles, etc.

The 3rd Annual Drums Along the Brazos will take place on Sat., Oct. 31, at CSHS Cougar Stadium. This is the largest fundraising activity for the Band Boosters. Many volunteers will be needed. More details to come.

We will be partnering again with Bryan High School to host the TCGC Winter Guard State Championship. One change this year will be that Indoor Percussion and Winter Guard will be combined into one weekend, rather than two. The financial gain is very good for our band, plus it is a great thing to join in with Bryan High for an event. We are looking for a much bigger number of volunteers this year.

Kenneth made the point that Band Boosters are not just for band members, but also for Color Guard.

Milo Salinas gave an update on the Color Guard. The number of guard members has doubled this year! There are 16 members. They are doing very well so far this year, moving at a faster pace, excited about the marching show, and all uniforms have arrived.

One current freshman, Jacob Morgan, was present and was asked to share how summer band is going. He was very positive and said the upper classmen have been great to him. He said summer band is “fun and challenging.”

Cassie (Schatz) asked what we’re looking at as far as a spring trip. Mr. Eaks explained that we’re looking into a “lock-in” event at Dave & Buster’s in the Houston area toward the end of April. The approximate cost would be \$100 each. There will not be a major trip this year. We will possibly look at going to New York City next year for a major trip. (2016-17) We would look into offering a parent package as well. This trip would involve certain tours, sightseeing, etc., but not a performance.

Kenneth pointed out that Student Record money does carry over from year to year. That money cannot transfer from one sibling to another, due to IRS rules for a 501(c) organization.

Melissa Garza, the Color Guard Liason, asked if the profits from fundraising events this year will go to the general Band Booster fund. Kenneth confirmed that fact and listed some of the things that fund is used for: events, supplies used for band activities, instrument purchases as needed, etc. Occasionally, the Band Boosters offer a fundraising opportunity where a certain amount of the profit can be applied to Student Records. The Student Record money can be used toward registration fees and various other expenses involved in band. Student Record money does NOT transfer from CSMS to CSHS when the students promote grade levels. Prior to each fundraising event, Rachel Hull will let the band members/parents know if money will go toward the general fund, the Student Record, or a combination of both.

Aggie Flags will be a fundraiser again this year. Dennis Macha will be coming to the school on Thursday, August 13, 2015, to discuss the Aggie Flag Route information with the band members. A&M Consolidated High School Band is in charge of the Aggie Flag Fundraiser and has taken charge of passing out all the door hangers this year. If parents are interested, they may email Kenneth Hull or Mr. Eaks.

Milo Salinas made a motion to adjourn. Second by Melissa Garza.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.