

18-19 COUGAR BAND BOOSTER CLUB

Minutes

November 13, 2018

7pm CSHS Band Hall

1. Call to Order - Melissa Garza @ 7:00
2. Review and Approval of Minutes -
 - a. Motion to approve - Marcus Nimocks
 - b. Seconded- Cassie Schatz
 - c. Minutes were approved
3. Financial Report - Jon Diamond
 - a. Treasurer's Report
 - i. Marching season expenses have wrapped up. This month's expenses are meals. (\$7500)
 - ii. \$24,000 payment to Disney was made
 - iii. Cash balance \$69,000. \$6000 is still owed to Disney, so we have about \$63,000
 - b. Budget Matters
 - i. We have enough left to finish football meals and projected spring expenses; we are on target to meet our budget
 - c. Fundraising Income Status
 - i. Small fundraising income is from straggling MarchATHon & band fees
 - ii. DATB income is starting to come in . We will have a full DATB report in January
 - a. Motion to approve financial reports was made by Steve Smith and Kim Daniel seconded. Financial report was approved.
4. Booster Volunteers and Committee Reports
 - a. Chaperones - Jackie Hahn & Jennifer Halling
 - i. We are covered for this week's playoff games
 - ii. Playoffs are taken one week at a time
 - b. Uniforms - Heather McCulley & Cassie Schatz
 - i. The only issue with uniforms is the smell. We have upgraded to the more powerful black bottle Febreze fabric.
 - ii. The new uniforms do not have to be dry cleaned like the old ones. At the end of season we will wash them & air dry them ourselves. We are not washing them now because then we would have to re-press them all.
 - c. Fundraising - Markus Nimocks
 - i. DATB preliminary report sounds good. A detailed report and money numbers will come in January
 - ii. Thank you to our great parent volunteers. We received compliments from the judges and directors on our friendly volunteers.
 - iii. TCGC is the next big fundraiser. It happens in end of March
 - d. Procurement - Mary Finch & Leigh Neaves
 - i. This week's playoff game we will feed the kids twice

- ii. Chick Fil A sack lunch for the bus ride
- iii. Supper at mall food court. \$7 will be given to each student. They will need to supplement with their own money if they need more.
- iv. Snacks for halftime & the bus ride will be provided from DATB concession leftovers.
- e. Spirit Shop - Laura Kirk
 - i. Still finishing up DATB shirts. There is additional interest in ordering more shirts. We will reopen the order.
 - ii. Proposal for next year leave the shop open til the Sunday after registration. There were lots of late orders last year. If we do this we can still receive the orders before first game
 - iii. There has been interest in ordering stadium seats. Stadium seat cost to us (\$0 profit) would be \$55. Need a minimum of 36 to make an order and it takes 3 months to produce. This is cost prohibitive as a money money maker. We might consider cushions instead.
- f. Events - Lora Nolen
 - i. TCGC is our next big event. This is the state colorguard & percussion championship.
 - ii. March 30 & April 6
 - iii. It is more of a service project oriented than a big fundraiser. Information will start coming out after the holidays

5. Band Updates - Mr. Seale

- a. Drums along the Brazos went well. Thank you volunteers!!! We had good responses from other directors and judges on organization & friendly volunteers.
- b. Region jazz was also on Saturday. All 3 kids who made it performed well and had solos.
- c. This week's playoff game
 - i. Friday in Mesquite.
 - ii. District is paying for school buses. No charter buses available.
 - iii. Departing at 11:00. Kids will get out of 1st & 2nd period.
 - iv. Food:
 - 1. Bucces stop in Madisonville. Send cash!
 - 2. Sack lunch will be provided on the buses.
 - 3. Dinner at the mall food court. The district will potentially cover part of the meals. We will give the kids \$7 at the mall; they need to make up the difference if they need more. Send money!
 - v. Will return at 2:00 or 3:00 in the morning.
 - vi. It will be COLD. bring coats & jackets. The kids can wear jackets over the uniform if it's cold.
 - vii. We'll have to take a Penske since we don't have charter buses.
 - viii. Mr. Eaks will send out an email with these details later this week.
- d. LOOKING AHEAD, the Holiday Concert will be on December 17.

6. Guard Updates -

- a. Our seasons are switching to winter guard
- b. We will have a Varsity & JV team this year! Try-outs are on Friday.
- c. Parent meeting December 3 about winter guard season
- d. Currently registered for 2 contests, on the waitlist for 1 more.

7. Purchase of the trailer

- a. Conlee-Garrett graciously donated the trailer, drivers, and gas for the past two years. We are thankful for this arrangement, however they are ending this sponsorship. They have offered to sell us the trailer. They had it appraised for \$17,500, and offered to sell it to us for \$15,000. We have done some research and found it is a reasonable price. Additionally, it is already decorated, so buying a different one would incur the costs to decorate the new one.
 - b. Financial considerations from the treasurer
 - i. Based on the MarchATHon, we have the money in the bank to pay for it. We may have to dip into the rainy day fund if we go far in the playoffs like we did last year. (For each football game we spend \$1,500-\$1,700 feeding the kids) If we don't go so far in the playoffs we can pay for it without using the rainy day fund.
 - ii. We have enough to cover all of our spring expenses too, even if we buy the trailer.
 - c. Mr. Seale reports:
 - i. After the boosters purchase the trailer we will donate it to the district. The district will then own the trailer and be responsible for insurance and maintenance. Transportation has tractors & drivers we will use, which cost about the same as renting a Penske.
 - ii. Consol is undergoing this same process at the same time as us.
 - d. Construction Crew reports:
 - i. Once we own it we are going to customize the inside to transport ALL of our instruments, uniforms, hat boxes, etc...
 - ii. We will customize it so it has 2 levels.
 - iii. The Construction Crew has researched best practices and networked/consulted with construction crews from other bands at contests we have been to this year.
 - iv. To cover the cost of the interior modifications we have a \$500 donation from Lowes, and another potential sponsor
 - e. Fundraising chair (Markus Nimocks) reports we will also be able to put corporate sponsor logos on the back of the trailer once we own it.
 - f. VOTE
 - i. Motioned by Jody Ford
 - ii. Seconded by Leigh Neaves
 - iii. There were no dissenting votes. Motion was approved to buy the trailer
8. Adjournment
- a. Motioned by Chris Neaves
 - b. Seconded by Cassie Schatz
 - c. Meeting adjourned at 7:38

**REMINDER: We will not meet in December.
Our next meeting is in January**