

19-20 COUGAR BAND BOOSTER CLUB

Minutes
October 8, 2019
7pm CSHS Band Hall

1. Call to Order - Melissa Garza @ 7:04
2. Introduction of members
3. Review and Approval of Minutes -
 - a. Motion to approve was made by Dennis Macha and seconded Jennifer Halling
 - b. Minutes were approved
4. Financial Report - David Worley
 - a. Income
 - i. \$500 corporate donation is from Brown's
 - ii. March-A-Thon money is still trickling in, bringing us up to \$30,531 so far
 - iii. Total income for the September is \$3,163; total income for the year is \$108,719
 - b. Expenses
 - i. Meals/snacks are a big expense during the fall. This month we spent \$4,023.
 - ii. Other large purchases this month:
 1. \$3,960 for guard silks
 2. \$3,270 for props
 3. Photography: \$1,435. A large part of this was purchasing ownership of our archives and SmugMug account set up.
 - iii. Total expenses for September: \$14,281; total expenses for the year: \$64,285
 - c. Motion to approve the financial report was made by Jackie Hahn and Jennifer Halling seconded. Financial report was approved.
5. Booster Volunteers and Committee Reports
 - a. Chaperones - Jackie Hahn & Jennifer Ford report we are having a great year so far. People pulled together in the heat to keep the kids safe the past two Saturdays.
 - b. Membership - Jean Phelps continues to encourage people to get involved
 - c. Uniforms - Heather McCulley & Cassie Schatz
 - i. We continue to go through 3 bottles of Febreze each week. We gladly accept donations (We use the black bottle with teal sprayer)
 - ii. We added 50 new concert uniforms to our inventory. Thank you to Laura Kurk for helping Cassie iron in the new labels.
 - d. Fundraising - Markus Nimocks
 - i. Drums Along the Brazos is gearing up
 - ii. March-A-Thon & Corporate donations were both very successful this year.
 - e. Procurement - Leigh Neaves & Jennifer Byroad are very busy during this time of year. If your child has an allergy make sure Leigh knows so a safe alternative can be provided.
 - f. Spirit Shop - Laura Kirk reports that currently Drums Along the Brazos shirts are on sale. Mr. Seale shared an image of the shirt design
 - g. Events - Lora Nolen & Jamie Murphy
 - i. We will need help with Drums Along the Brazos. (Both adult and student volunteers.) Volunteers can stay and watch the contest for free.
 - ii. Laura Kurk made flyers to post around town. Please take some on your way out
 - iii. District Showcase is Tuesday night. We will not be sending out an e-mail, but will need a couple volunteers to collect canned food.

- h. Props - Brandon Welch
 - i. Everything is going well. It takes 25-30 people every week to put the show on the field. We have a great group of committed parents.
 - ii. Boomsauce Cool Zone: We provided cooling towels, 500 extra waters, ice, fans, and shade tents to keep the kids healthy & comfortable on Saturday in Brenham. We have learned a lot in the past two weeks about how to prevent heat related problems. THANK YOU PROPS CREW.
 - iii. The stage upgrade will hopefully be done this week. It will have a skirt with galaxy theme and 3 points on the back, so that it looks like a star.
 - iv. The props crew is also taking extra steps to prevent the stage from getting too hot prior to the show to protect the feet of the guard members.
 - i. Guard - Lauren Stoddart reports the guard is working hard and is grateful for the new spirit flags the boosters provided.
 - j. Publicity - Jennifer Halling
 - i. We sent out press releases about the band showcase
 - ii. We are going to make the facebook group public so people can share the posts
 - iii. Photographs of the kids are available on Smugmug. Account and password information are provided in the weekly newsletter from Mr. Seale.
6. Band Updates - Mr. Seale & Mr. Dixon
- a. Our first two contests went extremely well, even with the difficulty of the heat. Mr. Seale is thankful for parents who continually step in to do what is needed before the directors even ask.
 - b. The next two contests are very important.
 - i. October 19: UIL Midway Region 8: In this contest we are not competing "against" other bands. We advance to area if we earn an average score of "1" (Superior). Mr. Seale does not expect any less; we consistently score this well every year.
 - ii. October 26: UIL Area Contest. This contest has a preliminary and finals round. The top 10 bands will play again in the final round in the evening. Of those 10, the top 3 or 4 can advance to state.
 - c. Preliminary plans if we advance to state:
 - i. This will be a 3 day and 2 night trip to San Antonio
 - ii. We will take charter buses with a Sunday evening departure. Preliminary performances will be on Monday, and finals will be on Tuesday. We will stay and watch finals on Tuesday, whether we qualify or not.
 - iii. We will need lots of chaperone help for this trip, so be thinking about that.
 - iv. The district is making plans to pay for the hotel cost.
 - d. District Showcase is October 15. Consol will perform at 7:30; CSHS will perform at 8:00. Two judges will give a clinic to the bands afterward. Come support BOTH bands!
 - e. Mr. Dixon reports that the kids are getting better about remembering their water jugs. It is very important to keep the kids healthy, eating right, and hydrated during this season.
 - f. The band needs donations of old towels for instrument cleaning.
7. New Business: The marching show is over-budget. The additional expenses are for completing the stage. A vote to increase the show budget by \$1500 was motioned by Nancy Batenhorst and seconded by Jennifer Halling. The motion passed.
8. Adjournment
- a. Motioned by David Worley and seconded Jennifer Halling
 - b. Meeting adjourned at 7:56