

# **19-20 COUGAR BAND BOOSTER CLUB**

Minutes

November 12, 2019

7pm CSHS Band Hall

1. Call to Order - Melissa Garza @ 7:01
2. Review and Approval of Minutes -
  - a. Motion to approve was made by James Batenhorst and seconded by Allen Hold
  - b. Minutes were approved
3. Financial Report - David Worley
  - a. Income
    - i. Consolidated payment of \$1,043 is for Thorn Music Shop. This is from the music supplies the students bought at registration. Thorn makes a corporate donation of \$500 (listed under this month's fundraising income) and sends us a bill for the rest.
    - ii. Band fees - \$610 additional collected; this also includes guard merchandise
    - iii. \$286 in spirit shop sales was second order of parent shirts
  - b. Expenses
    - i. We spent \$10,435 on meals and snacks this month.
    - ii. \$459 Corporate Sponsorship was for the package of goodies our sponsors received
    - iii. Marching Show expense of \$891 was for the star panels on the stage
    - iv. Miscellaneous amount of \$44 was mostly ice for the hot contests
    - v. Photography charge of \$90 was the video for the area contest
  - c. Motion to approve financial reports was made by Markus Nimocks and Hayden Riley seconded. Financial report was approved.
4. Booster Volunteers and Committee Reports
  - a. Chaperones - Jennifer Ford reports that the spots for this week's playoff game filled quickly. We have more volunteers than spots available for chaperoning.
  - b. Membership - Jean Phelps has nothing to report
  - c. Uniforms - Cassie Schatz is hoping we can get away with not having to wash the uniforms again until the end of the football season. They are beginning to plan logistics for turning in marching uniforms and issuing concert uniforms. Volunteers will be needed to help. We are still working on getting a washing machine installed downstairs. Our request is "on the list" with district maintenance, but it will probably be a long time before we see this happen.
  - d. Fundraising - Markus Nimocks
    - i. DATB (Drums Along the Brazos) Financial report from David Worley.
      1. Estimated proceeds include \$3,850 in registration fees, \$1,400 at the gate, \$1,800 on merchandise, \$1,308 on pre-orders for shirts, and \$2,159 on concessions.

2. Estimated expenses include \$3,000 on shirts and \$2,000 on concessions.
3. Estimated profit will be \$5,000-\$6,000. This is better than last year.
- ii. TCGC (Texas Color Guard Circuit) is the next big fundraiser
  1. First planning meeting is December 3. More information to come in January. We will need lots of volunteers
  2. TCGC is raising the amount they pay us. In the past they have paid \$10,000 split between the four schools. This year they will pay us a percentage of the ticket sales. Based on last year's sales, this amount would have been \$16,000 split between the four schools.
- iii. Corporate Sponsorships for next year will start as soon as TCGC is over. Our goal is to start earlier than last year.
- e. Procurement - Leigh Neaves & Jennifer Byroad are feeding lots of kids, lots of food. We appreciate their hard work.
- f. Spirit Shop - After a group discussion and suggestions from Mr. Dixon, Laura Kurk determined that we will attempt a "quick" opening of the spirit shop with cold weather gear (beanies, hoodies...) and backpacks. Hopefully we can get this in time for holiday gifts
- g. Events - Lora Nolen reports the next event is the holiday concert, followed by TCGC
- h. Props - Allen Hold reports that this was our best year yet for the Props crew. We had 20-30 people helping every week. We received comments from other bands about how many parents we have involved.
- i. Guard - Lauren Stoddart reports the guard is gearing up for Winter Guard
- j. Publicity - Jennifer Halling reports we are amping up our social media presence and had a nice write up on Drums Along the Brazos in The Eagle.

#### 5. Band Updates - Mr. Seale & Mr. Dixon

- a. Area Contest was awesome. Our performance was the highest placement in CSISD history. Thank you to all the parents for your support.
- b. Future contest seasons: We are planning on eliminating smaller contests (like Brenham) and competing in more difficult contests before UIL. The smaller contests are fun because we "win," but we don't get constructive feedback from the judges to help us improve. Our band is ready to take our "pre" UIL contests to next level.
- c. Playoffs: First playoff game is at home! We are more flexible with attendance for playoff games, especially around the holidays. Expectation: the students will be at the games when they can, and will communicate with the directors when they will be absent. There will be no more morning/after school rehearsals. We don't perform the show at playoff games.
- d. Christmas parade: December 8. This is a busy weekend for the band. We have regionals on Friday and Saturday. If we have a playoff game in addition to that, the parade is just too much in one weekend. If there is no playoff game, we will march in the parade. It is good community relations and the largest audience in the community at large we have all year.
- e. Region band tryouts. These are contests for individual band members, not the band as a whole. December 7 contest everyone can advance from. December 14 is just for freshmen, which makes advancing more obtainable (not competing against upperclassmen)
- f. Holiday Concert is Monday, December 16.
- g. Chair test are going on. A few kids might change periods for spring.

6. Old & New Business: In January will have a parent social at a restaurant. No kids are invited. More information to come.
7. Adjournment
  - a. Motioned Jennifer Halling
  - b. Seconded Heather McCulley
  - c. Meeting adjourned at 7:50