

19-20 Cougar Band Booster Club

Minutes

January 14, 2020

7pm CSHS Band Hall

1. Call to Order - Melissa Garza @ 7:05 pm
2. Review and Approval of Minutes -
 - a. Motion to approve was made by Haden Riley and seconded by Amanda Martin
 - b. Minutes were approved
3. Financial Report - David Worley
 - a. Budget Matters: Total assets are now \$72,510. Most of that is outstanding is band fees. November/December had some Amazon Smile Income; keep it up! Total fundraising for this period was \$473. Winter Spirit Shop was \$907. Total sourcing was \$1,284. For the year, we are in the green at \$32,337
 - b. Fundraising Income Status – Current total \$46,255. November/December received \$423
 - c. Motion to approve financial reports made by Markus Nimocks and seconded by James Batenhorst.
 - d. Financial report was approved.
4. Booster Volunteers and Committee Reports
 - a. Chaperones - Jackie Hahn & Jennifer Ford – Jackie Hahn has stepped down as chair because her son will graduate soon. Most chaperone work is in the fall.
 - b. Uniforms - Heather McCulley & Cassie Schatz – Tuxedos and dresses are nearly finished. Some are for this weekend (Region Band) and some are for our UIL concert. We will also need them for graduation. We have enough tuxedos for all three bands to be outfitted this year. Mrs. Schatz is still looking for help. We are still working with administration on the washer/dryer in janitor closet.
 - c. Fundraising - Markus Nimocks - Corporate sponsorships will kick off earlier and be complete by June 1. We want commitments early so we can get trailer done. We already have some nibbles. We don't have a specific goal, just an overall increase. We have advertising room on the trailer.
 - d. Spirit Shop - Laura Kurk – Winterguard shirt is being worked on. Next spirit shop in the works now. Designs due in early April; shop will open in May. Lara welcomes feedback from booster members!
 - e. Events - Lora Nolen & Jamie Murphy – TCGC! This is our big spring fundraiser. March 28 will be the color guard competition and April 4 will be percussion competition. We need MANY volunteers! Charms emails asking for volunteers will go out soon. We split the volunteer money with the three other high schools in town so the more volunteers we have, the bigger share we get. We need help finding flowers and getting them to the event. The shirts will be blue with yellow design. It is also a chance for our kids to serve the community and a way for both students and parents to network with band families at the other three schools. Food is provided for volunteers – breakfast, lunch, and dinner. We are working on carpooling so everyone does not have to pay for parking. If you have an A&M parking permit, you can use it at the event. There will be a mandatory meeting for volunteers on Thursday night, March 27. Might use a bus to bring our volunteers in so they don't have to pay to park. Planning team is already working on improvements from last year.
 - f. Props - Brandon Welch –Props crew is standing by, but ready to crank back up. They enjoyed some social time this month at Smitty K's. Dixon requests the props crew help clean out the bunker.
 - g. Guard - Lora Nolen for Lauren Stoddart –The show is coming along well. They are working this week on finalizing everything with the designer. They will learn the rest of the show by the first competition – Feb. 8 in Georgetown. Other competitions are Feb. 15, Feb 29, March 7. At Area on March 14 their eligibility for State will be determined. There are 18 girls in the show & are glad to have the bigger mat.
 - h. Publicity - Jennifer Halling will be stepping down and Laura Kurk will be assuming this role. Laura will meet with directors to create a program.

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

- a. Area Contest - We had 22 students qualify and had 4 students qualify for All-State! We had the most of any other 5A school in Area D selected for All-State. Directors are going to TMEA with these students for a clinic and a concert in San Antonio. These kids will be rehearsing with amazing conductors and groups. The 5A All-State Band is 150 piece ensemble. This Friday/Saturday, 45 students will go to Copperas Cove for region clinic and concert. Anyone spending the night with a school function will need to fill out the overnight trip paperwork.
- b. The Italian Sax quartet is playing at Oakwood Intermediate and all of the saxophone students in the district will be bused over to hear them perform. They will perform on January 23.
- c. Musical is coming together and the kids are enjoying what they're doing. The entire Fine Arts department is involved. They've run the entire show twice. Get tickets now.
- d. Middle school involvement - Two events soon will get 7th and 8th graders involved. Winter Drumline allows middle school kids to come up to the high school. They perform at the Night of Percussion. We also do a side by side concert where 8th grade students play with Wind Ensemble on March 6. UIL kicks off in February. It's complicated music and they have 2 1/2 months to prepare.
- e. 2020 Marching Show -Next year's marching show is coming together. Directors met with Manny Maldonado in Chicago during the break and they secured the direction for the show. They are getting music highlighted for each movement. They hope to have a big reveal before spring break; they will not reveal too much until they have a package to present. Regarding props, there will be some staging, but we don't know details yet. Markus added that props crew wants 100% of the props on the field for the first game. The show design should be smooth because we haven't changed anything – drill writer, show designer, winds composer and arranger, and color guard designer are all the same. That will streamline things.
- f. 2020 Competition season - The leadership students want to go to tougher competitions. Our rankings might not look as good, and we won't get the "feel good" scores, but it will be better for us as we grow into a more competitive band. We will be able to get more constructive comments from judges. Area is now every year. Military bands will no longer be competing with us. New judging forms will happen in the next couple of years. Next year will be a chance at Area but there will be no advancement to State. Color guard will matter on the Area judging sheet. Percussion gets more weight. BOA has changed UIL. BOA could be on the radar for us, if the dates work..
- g. Spring trip for this year and next year are both in the planning stages. Getting quotes back now. We're coming up with a new idea that will involve symphony and a great dinner. Nothing solid for next year is planned yet. They are looking at options.
- h. Picture composite for this year should be in soon.
- i. Summer 2020 planning: the first week after school will be percussion and leadership camps. Monday, July 27 will most likely be the first day of summer band. Percussion gets back the week before summer band – July 22. Leadership and color guard also begin before summer band.

6. New Business

- a. Parent Social: This is an opportunity for parents to visit and get to know each other. Gives new parents a way to plug in. It will be at Rudy's bbq on January 28 from 6 – 7:30. We will reserve the back room. Parents should grab their meals and head to the back room. This is a social for PARENTS ONLY to give them time to visit. Students are not invited.
- b. Leadership opportunities – We've had a lot of turnover. Props crew has exploded and they need so much help. Procurement needs help. Publicity needs to expand and needs committee members. Events and fundraising needs a large number of volunteers. We need a subcommittee for the band banquet on May 8. We will take nominations for officers and committee chairs at the March meeting and vote them in at the April meeting. This allows a month of transition during May. We also plan the next budget in May, so this allows the new board to have some say on the budget.
- c. Bylaws: We will bring proposed bylaw changes in February and then in March we will vote to approve the changes. We look at the bylaws every two years. There is nothing earth shattering in the proposed changes.

7. Adjournment

- a. Motioned by David Worley and seconded by Jennifer Ford
- b. Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.