

20-21 COUGAR BAND BOOSTER CLUB

Meeting Minutes
November 10, 2020
7pm via Zoom

1. Call to Order - Lora Nolen @ 7:05pm
2. Review and Approval of Minutes from October 6 2020 (shared via zoom)
 - a. Motion to approve by Penelope Morris
 - b. Seconded by Battenhorst
 - c. Minutes were approved
3. Financial Report - David Worley (participants can see, shared via zoom)
 - a. Budget Matters
 - i. Some numbers from the balance sheet for the month of October:
Checking account \$49,286, Savings \$23,034, no cash on hand, total: \$72,320.
 - ii. Customer invoices of \$1,378, Band fees are still projected (not collected).
Liabilities still include the credit given from the trip fees collected last spring.
 - iii. We are finally in the black for income this year.
 - b. No questions were raised after thorough explanation. (Further details are represented in the corresponding financial report.)
 - a. Motion to approve financial reports was made by Deanne Herring and Markus Nimocks seconded. Financial report was approved.
4. Booster Volunteers and Committee Reports:
 - a. Chaperones - Leigh Neaves & Laura Kurk
Laura reports that the upcoming travel game we have Sarah Schafer and Lea Neeves, Jennifer Byroad & Jennifer Ford are ready with food. We have two more home games, we'll see what happens after that. We are in good shape.
 - b. Fundraising - Markus Nimocks - March A Thon raised almost as much as last year which is great. With expenses reduced this year it will potentially provide us with a buffer in the future. TCGC is pending.
 - c. Events & Fundraising - are both working on Drums Along the Brazos, Amanda Martin reports that we have taken a hit financially but the goal was to maintain the event. Anyone interested in supporting us, we have some tshirts to order. We've got judge swag bags, and a raffle, and a watch party on Monday. Probably will just break even this year.
 - d. Guard - Lauren Stoddart. The guard director met with choreography last night but they have not chosen the final ideas. There are supposed to be five live shows, which is great. Very excited about the winter guard shows. And we will have at

least one and maybe two community performances combined potentially with other schools.

- e. Membership - Nancy Bodiford was unable to attend tonight, but asked Lora Nolen to inform us that we will be looking into the email problems we have been having with Charms, whether it is server based or something else.
- f. Procurement - Jennifer Ford updates us that we are making decisions week by week and trying to keep the food exciting since so many other things have been canceled.
- g. Publicity - Laura Kurk is happy that we have all these great new photographers, and hopes everyone is enjoying the great new talent.
- h. Props - James Batenhorst updates that there is not much going on at the moment. Allen is driving the trucks for the upcoming away game to get the instruments their. Thank you for all the help with the showcase, and appreciate the volunteers.
- i. Spirit Shop - Deann Herring updates us. We had summer orders and winter orders and the drumline jackets went out, we are in a bit of a lull before drums along the brazos. Some discussions about when the best window for the spirit shop - maybe we should keep it open until after the awards night in case there is excitement generated that converts to purchases.
- j. Uniforms - Seniors got to wear their uniforms for Senior night which was a good moment for them. Otherwise uniforms are on hold.

5. Band Updates - Mr. Seale

- a. Showcase night went really well, it was great to perform with other bands.
- b. Slowing down with marching, shifting into holiday concerts and region/area preparation
- c. We will have another Monday night rehearsal and a Wednesday night community pep rally.
- d. Friday Nov 20 is homecoming, we'd like to do the whole show, it depends on how much time will be left over after the halftime festivities.
- e. The final show that we know of is the Dec 4th home football game. We don't know what playoffs look like yet, in terms of where it will be and what will be allowed in terms of bands. Our district is very supportive but other districts have different policies that will influence the big picture.
- f. We are going to have a drone and all the additional cameras we have been able to use this year, for Monday's practice. The idea is to create a pep/promo video.
- g. The Christmas concert is probably not going to be able to be an indoor concert, so he is working with Mr Eaks on how we will manage it.
- h. Region tryouts are virtual on a very specific software system, the students will get a link and they will upload their recorded audio file. They can do it on their own or can do it in the band hall. The directors verify the recordings, and if there is an error from a technical/recording standpoint the students will have time to correct it if possible. All anonymous judging.

- i. Percussion is also getting ready for their own placement auditions for concert season. This will be before Thanksgiving so the councilors can rearrange schedules as needed.
 - j. Question for Mr Seale - what are the new precautions we are taking now that Covid seems to be getting worse in town? Mr Seale speaks to the various precautions we are taking per the district as well as the masks the band has provided, etc. We don't have bell covers, we can look into that. It isn't on the current horizon but we can consider. The district has not required this.
- 6. Old Business
 - a. Sharing of pictures from the showcase - shared in a google drive to the band directors for each of the schools, this way all the parents will have access via their band directors. They don't need to get into our boomsauce files
- 7. Adjournment
 - a. Motioned by Jamie Murphy
 - b. Seconded by Hayden Riley
 - c. Meeting adjourned at 7:50pm