

Band Booster General Meeting Minutes, Nov 10 2009

Meeting called to order at 7:30pm.

Treasurer' Report: 2 new members joined since last meeting. \$861 income recorded from Music & Arts fundraiser, Student fees reflect a negative amount due to reimbursement of colorguard uniforms. We have recorded \$19306 in Blackout income. At least \$2000 more in blackout expenses will be recorded in the future for concession items. Spirit items includes donuts, juice, water before competition, and decorations for the band hall. Gifts includes mums for Founders Day. Recorded Lovejoy Fine Arts Inc. dues, which is \$2.50 per booster club member.

This year's band trip will be to Chicago, details are still be worked out. Not sure whether the band will be driving by bus or flying. Parents were wondering if the trip was going to be a weekend trip, or 4-5 days. Gretchen will suggest a mandatory parent meeting regarding the trip to answer parents' questions and disseminate information regarding the trip.

This Friday's game is in Greenville against Wills Point. Kids will march. Expect and update tomorrow about playoff game plans. The band will be leaving at 5pm. Kids will be fed Chik-Fil-A sandwiches.

Rachel gave a Blackout report. We don't have a firm number of "Burgers with the Band" participants. We sold 1347 shirts, 198 were given to sponsors. We had 21 sponsors. We raised no less than \$11,000 (last year we raised \$15,000). 25 students played in a "band-off", which worked OK. No students were involved in the "Burgers with the Band", so we can have 2 fundraisers in which the kids are involved according to UIL rules. Posters are going out to sponsors as a Thank you, similar to last year. People requested some sort of seating for next year's Burger with the Band event. We were supposed to have tables and chairs, but they didn't get moved from the courtyard.

Gretchen stated we currently don't have a Ways and Means VP. Rachel graciously volunteered to head up the Blackout and Burgers with the Band, but we need someone to volunteer to handle the rest of the year and fundraising for the band trip. If anyone wants to volunteer, or anyone has ideas for fundraising to build each student's account for the trip, please let Gretchen know.

Beth thanked Lisa from Lovejoy cafeteria's catering staff. The catering portion has been providing the sandwich meals prior to games and competitions. Beth stated we may be able to provide one more meal with the funds already paid by parents. After that, we will play it by ear. If the playoff game is on a Friday, plan on the boosters feeding the kids. We will e-mail what the plans are. If we feed the kids, plan on it costing \$5. The cafeteria/commons area will be used for this year's banquet. The awards and slide show portion will be held in the auditorium. Beth needs volunteers for assistance with the banquet. Beth is in favor of assigning different classes to responsibilities to get parental involvement. Beth suggested sophomores take the lead for the banquet this year and the years rolling forward.

Gretchen gave the volunteer report for Jill. Jill wanted to thank everyone who volunteered. She hasn't had any problems getting chaperones and appreciates that. Volunteers from Friendship Baptist worked concessions after 7pm at Blackout. They filled a lot of the slots for the band and let the band have the dollars earned. We will need volunteers for 12/18, 1/22, 2/5 to work the concessions at basketball games. We will need at least 3 people per game. One game could be split into 2 shifts. Kids can work concessions; they just can't handle the money. People can find volunteer opportunities posted on the band booster website.

Janet thanked pit crew volunteers. Kids will do most of the work this Friday.

Gretchen reported that Mr. Jahnke would like a parent-driven showcase of boards about each senior student. Thinking about having an area in the commons to display the boards. Parents of seniors should start thinking about what they'd like to display about their child. Beth provided boutonnières and corsages for the seniors for last Friday's game. Pictures were taken of seniors and their parents. Rose said Buzz will usually give you a CD of the pictures taken if asked. Terry has some candid photos. He will send them to Marianne to post on the website.

Band boosters are researching a possible scholarship for a senior.

Santa hats for the parades are available. The cost is \$5. Freshmen, new students and those that have lost theirs will need to purchase one.

Lovejoy will be hosting a Fine Arts Festival to highlight all fine arts programs and raise funds for Lovejoy's Fine Arts Inc. All money raised will be split amongst the groups under Fine Arts Inc. Randy Brooks, a freshman parent, has stepped up to volunteer to head the festival efforts. The festival will be held on December 12th, from 12noon to 6pm. There will be a schedule of performances. Since it's the first year, the school is not sure about the attendance from the general public. There will be no admission fee. Will have booths for artists to sell items. To generate income, Lovejoy will charge a booth fee. Will have an "empty bowls" program. Middle school students make the bowls, people buy them and proceeds go to the Samaritan Inn. Ideas to raise funds include making soups and/or dinners for sale. Raising money by passing the hat at performances. The high school choir will be the last performance of the day. They will perform their full holiday concert. Will have a coffee house area in the commons. The idea is Lovejoy charges \$50 per booth; vendors serve their items and keep the profits. Gretchen has contacted many vendors, but hasn't gotten any commitments. Most are saying they are already too busy at their own stores with seasonal shoppers. Plan B is to have our own bake sale with coffee and hot cocoa. We will need volunteers to bake items and work the booth(s). Right now it's not specifically just band. Choir is chairing the soups. Gretchen is not sure if the choir will only be doing soups. Roslyn Gionnoni suggested a cake auction or adult cake walk. Lisa from Lovejoy's catering volunteered to help organize the cake/bake sale. Gretchen mentioned there is someone in charge of activities for kids.

Joan Tober distributed directories to the students. Check with your child if you haven't gotten yours.

Terry reported about pictures on the website. There's a link under multimedia. You can look at thumbnails, click multiple times to enlarge the photo, right-click and save as photo to print. Senior night photos will be up on website in the next few days. If you don't see your senior, tell Terry and he'll try to get photos. Pictures are on the website by game. Burgers with the Band password protection will be taken off.

Tuxedos and dresses have been sized, ordered and are in for alterations.

Meeting adjourned at 8:28pm.