

FREEDOM BAND BOOSTERS
MEETING MINUTES
August 10, 2009

OPENING

The August 2009 Band Boosters meeting was called to Order at 7:05pm in the Freedom Art Room by Robert Lewis. A motion was made by Doug MacAdams to accept the June 8th Meeting Minutes and was seconded by Jessie Hovatter.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's Report was unavailable at this meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Addition to June 8, 2009 meeting notes to include Operations VP as Scott Philben and Membership & Volunteers as Sherry and Hershel Holiday. Therefore, Officer Nominations now include:

President – Robert Lewis

Logistics VP – Doug MacAdams

Operations VP – Scott Philben

Secretary – Ellen Lidwin

Treasurer – Chris Harlow

Fundraising VP – Jessie Hovatter

Membership & Volunteers – Sherry and Hershel Holiday

2. There are presently 86 musicians plus 10 Color Guard in the Marching Band. The 86 musicians include the 2 Drum Majors. Mr. Galway will send a roster to Robert Lewis.
3. We do not have enough marching band uniforms to fit this entire band. Also, we have drum major uniforms for 1 male and 1 female. Since marching band uniforms are not expected to arrive until late September or early October, Mr. Galway proposed that we do not outfit the pit, 13 members, or drumline, 14 members, drum majors, 2 members. This would allow us to resize 57 marching band uniforms. When new uniforms do arrive, we expect 24 new uniforms. New uniforms may not be in before first competition.
4. Mr. Galway also proposed a karate type uniform with headband for both pit and drumline with drum majors possibly wearing a samurai-type costume. Robert offered to check on prices with stores to get estimated cost. Mr. Galway said he would check with athletics.
5. Practice fields were successfully lined last week.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Robert Lewis has rented the pool by Little River Elementary School as a Team Building Activity on August 22nd from 8-11pm for \$325 deposit. Reimbursement to Robert Lewis will come from Band Boosters. This will be a student event, but Mr. Galway and others plan to chaperone. Food will be organized by Rank Leaders.

2. Plan is to have next meeting on Saturday, August 22nd at 4pm for parents prior to 5:00pm show. Parent show will last approximately 15 minutes.
3. August pictures are on Tuesday, August 18th. Pit and drumline will be dressed in all black.
4. Fittings for uniforms will begin tomorrow, August 11th. Robert Lewis and Jessie Hovatter plan to be in by 9am to start organizing. Jessie will do hats at the same time. Mr. Galway suggested starting with tallest and shortest student pairing.
5. Fittings for shoes will be done this Friday, August 14th.
6. Angel Lewis will have a list by rank to fill in email and allergies. It was suggested to have rank leaders responsible for its completion.
7. It was earlier decided that meals will be provided again this year for the football games, and we will be asking each student for \$25 which will cover the entire season. Angel Lewis will be organizing the meals with the hopes of having more opportunities for parents to become involved.
8. Sherry Holiday has created a volunteer form that will be distributed to the students shortly. Donations of water and candy for 3rd Quarter will be encouraged.
9. Equipment transport will be a challenge this year. The trailer is full. Our band was 73 members last year and now we are 96. Mr. Galway will check with other band directors. Tammy Anderson will contact Sharon at transportation tomorrow, and she will also check with Penske rentals for a truck with a lifting ramp. We need transportation for 4 Competitions, 1 State Competition and 1 Away Football Game. We are AAA Class now and may perform later in the day at competitions.
10. Mr. Galway would like to have trailer painted this year. Robert Lewis suggested student competition from Freedom's art students but it may take too long. It is hoped that we have a podium skirt and trailer painted for this season. Jessie Hovatter suggested door magnets to put on rental trucks. Doug MacAdams offered to get in touch with his older daughter who can do this type of painting. Mr. Galway suggested that someone price alternative companies in case Doug's daughter is unavailable. Mr. Galway will call Dwayne to find out who did Briar Woods trailer painting and also check with other band directors such as Dominion's.
11. Since the eagle head has changed for the new logo, we are not allowed to use the old logo. We can wear out the old logo gear. It was suggested that we use the "Spirit of Freedom" staff done on last year's shirts for the trailer and podium skirt.

FUNDRAISING

1. Robert Lewis handed a list from Barbara Hurst who was unable to attend tonight's meeting. This list detailed several suggested fundraising events.
2. Jessie Hovatter explained that we will do Poinsettias starting in November with delivery by the concert. Fruit sale will take place at the end of October. Tag Day is the biggest one and will be on September 12th.
3. Mr. Galway said he will discuss whether Fine Arts are included. Sherry Holiday noted that she had very few volunteers to drive from Fine Arts. There was some discussion on discrepancies in service hours for

each department. Mr. Galway suggested that if they participate, they should make sure the Fine Arts students are driven by Fine Arts parents. He plans to address these concerns with the Fine Arts teachers when they return from summer vacation.

4. Jessie expressed desire to have drivers be assigned to their own home area where they are familiar with the roads.
5. The plan should be to just ask for donations and give band tag to donor. Chantilly Auto situation did not work out well last year.
6. Mr. Galway requested help with organizing returning forms from students. Doug MacAdams agreed to help create a spreadsheet.
7. Mr. Galway needs to pay instructors promptly and make sure all students have marching uniforms then he will take care of show shirt order.
8. Doris Harlow made everyone aware that the South Riding Expo is scheduled for the same day as Tag Day and will last until 1pm. We may want to put out tables at Starbucks or Bloom. Since we cannot move the Tag Day Date, Robert Lewis will check with Starbucks and Bloom.
9. Determined Tag Day Committee with Jessie Hovatter, Doug MacAdams and Robert Lewis. Work session to be held on Monday, August 17th at 7pm. Robert Lewis will send email for location.

A motion was made by Jessie Hovatter to end meeting and was seconded by Doug MacAdams. Meeting adjourned at 8:45pm.

NEXT MEETINGS

Tag Day Committee Meeting to be held on Monday, August 14th.

Parent Band Booster Meeting to be held on Saturday, August 22nd at 4pm.

Tag Day Committee Meeting to be held on Thursday, September 10th.

September Band Booster Meeting to be held on Monday, September 14th at 7pm.

Respectfully submitted by Ellen Lidwin, member.