

**FREEDOM BAND BOOSTERS
MEETING MINUTES
October 26, 2009**

OPENING

The October 2009 Band Boosters meeting was called to Order at 7:05pm in the Freedom Band Room by Scott Philben, Vice President of Operations. In attendance were Scott Philben, Chris and Doris Harlow, Jessie and Ken Hovatter, Ellen Lidwin, Doug MacAdams, Weny Boulew, Linda Hough, Sherri Holiday and Mr. Galway.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer's Reports were submitted by Chris Harlow. It was noted that last year's county budget gave the music department \$8,000 and this year, the county gave us \$4,000. Mr. Galway has used this budget on transportation costs this year. The balance according to Chris is \$1,000. Jessie Hovatter made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report and Doug MacAdams seconded the motion.

OLD BUSINESS

1. A motion was made by Jessie Hovatter to accept September's monthly meeting notes and it was seconded by Doug MacAdams.
2. The issue of wrapping the trailer has been put on hold for this year. It will be addressed after the cost of buses has been completed.
3. Ellen Lidwin sent email to Mary Chris McQuitty with October information. We are not sure if Robert Lewis sent October information to South Riding magazine.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Mr. Galway mentioned that we will need to get concert attire but he has asked chorus to go through this first since they helped us with Tag Day.
2. Doris Harlow will lead nominating committee. She will need to do meeting on November 9th and then a December meeting for Elections on December 8th.
3. Doris Harlow will be the contact person on Band Banquet while Angel Lewis is away. Banquet is scheduled for November 9th at 7pm. Setup will begin in the cafeteria at 6pm.

4. Chris Harlow mentioned that Charter will need some more details. He plans to submit these details at the November meeting. Chris did receive the July meeting notes with addendums to charter. We are following 501(c)(3) rules even though we are not there yet. Chris recommended that in addition to charter, we need more parent involvement and move back or put back chairperson roles. He plans to describe July, 2008 version versus the up-to-date charter.
5. Cheryl Atkinson is going to secure corporate sponsors for winter guard.
6. All District Band Concert will be held at Freedom High School on February 5th and 6th. Students will be here all day on Friday and we will sell concessions. The board needs to get the items to sell there. For Saturday, we are responsible for selling lunch and this is usually pizza.
7. The budget has made the indoor drumline an expense this year. Winter Guard is new. They will compete in tandem to save on transportation cost.
8. A parent has offered to build a trophy case but Mr. Galway would prefer to do shelves across the band room.
9. Mr. Galway wants everyone to stay active in budget process with 2 new high schools and an elementary school opening. Right now it has proposed \$4,500 for instructors and \$2,000 for supplies. The Board of Supervisors has decided to assign a tax rate then have the schools adjust to that rate. Programs will begin to be cut and Marching Band is vulnerable. Mr. Galway suggested staying in touch. Ken Hovatter agreed that being present at Board of Supervisors meetings is key.
10. Doris Harlow mentioned desire for Mr. Galway's wishlist in assisting the board on their budgeting decisions. There was concern that the community may not realize the operating expenses of the band. Donations to school right now can be directed to the band but they are not tax deductible.
11. Recommendation was made that board meetings should be held year round not just 10 months due to Marching Band and planning for the upcoming year's expenses.
12. Doris Harlow mentioned concern over amount of food being ordered for banquet based on 250 people. It was suggested that we get a head count with money collected for commitment. Mr. Galway suggested that rank leaders collect forms. \$7/person seemed to be a reasonable amount to charge.
13. Scott Philben is doing the CD with an order form. He will put together Mr. Galway's book and a student version for sale. Mr. & Mrs. Jamieson are doing the posters to sell that night as well.

14. Mr. Galway mentioned that there are old show shirts and stickers that we could sell at the banquet.

FUNDRAISING

1. Jessie Hovatter mentioned that the fruit sale is over and the order will be placed on Friday. \$2,727 has been collected in cash and checks. \$1,026 is the organizational profit. \$1,209 collected online of which \$464 is the profit. Delivery will be made the week before Thanksgiving. There is no way of knowing yet the delivery date or time but we will have over 200 cartons.
2. Pointsettia sales will begin on November 9th and run 3 weeks until December 2nd. Six inch ones are the same size as last year but may not be able to get white. Jessie will offer winter rose and red traditional. Representative thinks \$8 may still work. We would make \$4.85 profit on each.
3. Mr. Galway mentioned that December 8th is the Jazz/Percussion concert and December 15th will be the Concert Band/Wind Symphony. The only students missing at the second concert, about 27, will be those in the Jazz Band. Pointsettias will not arrive in time to decorate for the first concert. The Atkinson Family donated \$200 toward buying one item to raffle at the concerts. Weny Boulew suggested having Tri-M volunteers to do raffle. 2-sided tickets would be used.
4. Cost of drumline this year will be \$450 and there will include approximately 28 students. Mr. Galway suggested that the students reach out to people they know this year since the cost is needed to cover instructors and transportation. As of now, there is no way of knowing the winter guard number. There will be tryouts. There is only one instructor for this and the equipment is not that expensive.

A motion was made by Jessie Hovatter to adjourn and seconded by Doug MacAdams. The meeting adjourned at 8:35pm.

NEXT MEETINGS

November Band Booster Meeting to be held on Monday, November 9th at 7pm.

Respectfully submitted by Ellen Lidwin, secretary.