



Freedom Band Boosters

Meeting Minutes

January 11, 2010

Opening:

The January 2010 Band Boosters meeting was called to Order at 7:00 pm by Doug MacAdams, President. In attendance were: Doug MacAdams, Robert Lewis, Scott Philbin, Shannon Dingus, Joan MacAdams, Doris Harlow, Chris Harlow, Jessie Hovatter, Ken Hovatter, and arriving at 7:20 was Hershel Holiday.

After an introduction and review of the December Meeting Minutes, Jessie Hovatter made a motion to accept the minutes for December and Chris Harlow seconded that motion.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's report was submitted by Chris Harlow. Jessie Hovatter noted that there was a discrepancy. There was a lesser charge for the poinsettias from the nursery because of a misunderstanding in the cost, so the band boosters were credited the discrepancy. Chris Harlow will be resubmitting the corrected report.

Chris Harlow also noted that he needs Mr. Galway's signature on the form "SCC819-Articles of Incorporation" so that the Freedom Band Boosters will become incorporated. We will be able to file a "503C" form with the state so that we can also become a "non-profit" organization.

There was no Old Business to report.

New Business

1. Discussion proceeded that we need to make sure that we include all band members' families in the information distribution. We need for them to know the opportunities for volunteerism and that they are a part of the

Freedom Band Boosters when they have a child involved in the band programs.

2. Jessie Hovatter noted that the students get a portion of the proceeds from the fundraisers to help fund their child's spring competition trip. Many parents are unaware of this.
3. Doug MacAdams suggested that we attempt to be at Freedom for the nights that the rising freshman parents (parents from Stone Hill and Mercer) will be coming to learn about their child's four years at Freedom in order to help spread the word about our organization. It was suggested that Doug speak with Mrs. Forrester about when a good opportunity would be to speak to all band parents.
4. Doris Harlow noted that we still have a need for a "Hospitality" person to be filled in the board position. Doug MacAdams said that the Holiday family may still be willing to keep that position.
5. Doris Harlow suggested that we could have a day in the beginning of marching band season where we are inviting parents in to purchase Dinkles, purchase spirit wear, asking for volunteers, explain about fundraising, pay in full their marching band fee, etc. Doris suggested that perhaps that way, the parents would feel more vested in the Band Boosters and understand how we work.
6. Chris Harlow suggested that we think about timing on Tag Day. He said that statistically the first 1 ½ hours of the day were very profitable but then the middle of the day was less profitable because people were already out and about their errands or sports activities. Perhaps we should consider a morning group and an afternoon group. Also, if we get the "503C label", then we can be promoting their donations would be a tax write off.

Fundraising

1. Jessie Hovatter is planning a Fundraising meeting in May to begin planning for the Fall.
2. A suggestion was made that perhaps we should start charging parents if they choose not to volunteer for the band boosters. The discussion was

- that other sports charge a fee if you cannot commit your time to a committee, so therefore, you pay a fee.
3. Jessie Hovatter also suggested that we will do one more fundraiser before the spring competition. It is called "Passionate for Dessert". The sale is set to begin the week of February 8th and completed the week of Feb. 22nd.
 4. Jessie Hovatter also asked Scott Philbin to give her an e-mail distribution list, so that she can find volunteers for the District Festival on February 4th-6th. Volunteers will be needed to sell concessions to the band participants because Freedom H.S. is hosting the event.

Chris Harlow motioned to close the meeting at 8:02pm and Ken Hovatter seconded the motion.

The February Band Boosters meeting will be held Monday, February 8th at 7pm in the band room.

Respectfully submitted by Shannon Dingus, secretary.