



# FHS BAND BOOSTERS

Meeting Minutes

June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2011

In attendance: Doris Harlow, Chris Harlow, Carola Fisher, Jessie Hovatter, Diane Morrival, Joel Galway, Shannon Dingus, Julie Kemp, Marilyn Babick, Marie Tsuda, and Herschel Holiday.

**Opening:** Meeting was called to order by the president, Doris Harlow. There was a review and approval of the May minutes. Jessie Hovatter so moved and Chris Harlow seconded the motion.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Chris Harlow presented the treasurer's report. Mr. Harlow reported that he is in the process of entering the marching band fees.

Herschel Holiday moved to accept the treasurer's report and Jessie Hovatter seconded the motion.

**Joel Galway Report:**

Joel Galway announced that Graduation is set for the evening of June 17<sup>th</sup> at 7pm and the Wind Symphony will be traveling to George Mason to play for the event.

Mr. Galway also noted that the field for Marching Band is ready for marching.

**Old Business:**

Doris Harlow announced that the Booster Band Scholarship had been presented to Sarah Hong at the Senior Awards. A check will be sent to her college. (Barnard College)

The Marching Band Uniforms have been cleaned by ZIPS. They were a wonderful company to work with.

We have decided to not offer Friday meals during Football season on home game nights. Mr. Galway will not be holding after school band practices on Fridays. So students will be able to go home and will need to be back to school at approximately 6:00 for the warm up and game.

We will be offering meals to students during band camp for a fee. Students whose parents work have requested this. We are looking into meals from various restaurants: Moe's, Chick Fil-a, Pizza, and another SR restaurant.

**New Business:**

Diane Morrival is setting up the website to receive music for the students to download.

There was a motion made by Chris Harlow to move forward with a "team tracking" program to set up on the website to help spur on the initiative for volunteering. Jessie Hovatter seconded the motion.

As a group we also decided to send the Spirit of Freedom Marching Band Volunteer Form by e-mail for the parents who are not aware of our website.

Jessie Hovatter announced that the next Mattress Sale will be held on Saturday, August 20<sup>th</sup>. We will be looking for volunteers to drive students to their advertising spots. Shannon Dingus will put together an advertisement for the mattress sale to be placed in the South Riding Magazine's August Issue.

Here is the write up:

Spirit of Freedom Marching Band

The Spirit of Freedom Marching Band will be having its semi-annual Mattress Sale on Saturday, August 20<sup>th</sup> from 9-3 in the Freedom High School foyer. Please come and support the band with your mattress purchase. These mattresses are commercial standard and can be delivered to your home.

The Spirit of Freedom also invites you to view the new show entitled, "Romeo and Juliet" at all the FHS home games. The Spirit of Freedom is an award winning Marching Band under the direction of, Joel Galway. In the Fall 2010 season the marching band won several competitions. They include: 1<sup>st</sup> place overall at the USSBA Virginia Regional Competition, 1<sup>st</sup> place at the Loudoun Valley Showcase in class AAA, 1<sup>st</sup> place overall at the USSBA Northern Virginia Showcase, and 15<sup>th</sup> place overall at the USSBA National Championships.

Please also support the Spirit of Freedom with your tax-deductable donation on Saturday, September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2011. This is the date for our annual Tag Day Event. The Fine Arts department will be knocking on doors and requesting funds for our programs on that day. We appreciate your support!

Diane Morrival has offered to look into Spirit Wear ideas for the upcoming season.

Marie Tsuda has offered to take on the task of "hospitality coordinator" for the meals during band camp.

We are still in need of a corporate sponsor to help defray the unexpected costs of running a terrific band program. Please let us know if you are interested or have any suggestions.

We have set a date for the first Tag Day Meeting Committee. It is Thursday, July 14<sup>th</sup> during the marching band practice at 7pm in a neighboring music room. Please come if you are interested in helping out.

The parent preview meeting of the "Romeo and Juliet" show is Friday, August 12<sup>th</sup>. We are considering celebrating the event with a "make your own sundae" bar.

**Closing:**

There was a motion made by Doris Harlow to adjourn the meeting and Chris Harlow seconded the motion.

The Executive Board then met to discuss the anonymous families that have presented as “Hardship Cases” for the marching band season.

The next meeting of the Band Boosters will be held on Monday, July 11<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the Band Room. All Band Parents are invited to attend.

*Respectfully submitted by Shannon Dingus, secretary.*