FHS Band Boosters Meeting – Monday, July 13, 2015

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| **Present** | **Name** | Check for your action item.  They are noted with underlined text. |  |
| X | Caroline Gilman |
|  | Carolyn Ubelhart |
| X | Chris Mulcahy |
| X | Ji-Hyun Ahn |
| X | Joel Galway | **Important Dates coming up:**  July 9, 16, 23, 30 Full Band practice, 6-9pm  July 27-29 Leadership Team 5-8pm  August 3 Band Camp Starts for Perc., Guard, Leaders  August 10 Band Camp Starts for EVERYONE  August 15 Mattress Sale Fundraiser  August 31 First day of school  Sept 19 Competition (Woodrove HS)  Sept 25 Football Game at home (Loudoun County)  Sept 26 Competition (Herndon HS) |
| S | Laurie Graves |
| X | Linda Whitaker |
| X | Mark Scheyder |
| X | Melanie Roukis |
| X | Scott Philben |
| X | Shannon Dingus |
| X | Susan Bean |
| X | Trace Jenkins |
|  | Sarah Jane Kinzer |  |
|  | Bethany Thomas |  |

**Opening remarks:** Shannon Dingus

* Welcome Everyone! Thank you for coming out tonight to show support for the band!
* Susan and I met with Mr. Gabalski on June 22nd to discuss how the Boosters could be helpful to the new Choir Director (Laura Lazuravitz) that will be coming to Freedom this fall. We also discussed the Charms program and Mr. G recommended that we clear that with the Music Supervisor and Music Specialist. I corresponded with them and they said that Stone Bridge, Champe, and Heritage were already using the program and had good success with it. I sent an email to the Executive Board and we all agreed to begin the one year subscription. Trace was going to work on signing us on.
* We are looking forward to a great beginning of the Marching Band season and the “The Speed of Sound” show.
* We have had two budget/planning meetings since the last Booster meeting. Our discussions have brought out new ideas and goals. (and a few questions)
* To help our Vision 2020 reach fruition we would like to discuss using a percentage distribution of the Sponsorship and General Fund-Fundraising (Courtesy of our Fundraising Team) to be put into the following suggested categories:

1. Savings Account-20%
2. Hardship Scholarships-20%
3. The Spirit of Freedom Marching Band-15%
4. Winter Drumline-15%
5. Winter Guard-15%
6. Instructional Assistants-10%
7. Urgent Emergency Expenses-5%
8. *Shannon to add an Operational/Repair category*

* *Suggestion: Invite Jen, Bethany, Keith, and Danny to the Band Booster’s meeting to gain their support/understanding of the budget.*
* Also: Start Looking Ahead!! We will have many open positions on the Board with Students Graduating and expiration of term. These positions are one year terms. They are elected at the December meeting and begin their position in January. I would like for each Executive Member (if they are not continuing) to approach other band parents and ask if they would consider a position on the Board. This is also a good time for them to “shadow” you.

**Approval of June Minutes**: Caroline Gilman

Correction for June meeting minutes: Susan approved the closing of the meeting and Mark seconded it.

Susan approved the June meeting minutes; Laurie seconded them.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Trace Jenkins

Trace set up the Charm’s 60-day free trial account. He will begin adding individuals. Annual fee will be $365/year.

This month, most items are clean-up (both collecting past dues and pay for repairs).

Caroline approved the treasurer’s report; Shannon seconded.

**VP Operations Report:** Susan Bean

* Band Uniforms – going to the cleaners tomorrow; will take 2 weeks. Students will be measured the week of Aug 10th; Susan Stefano will help Susan Bean.
* Band Camp – Charms will be loaded for band camp (calendar, notification, etc.)
* Spirit Wear (Ji-Hyun) – Website is live and the orders are coming in for the first order (deadline is 7/25). Scott will update the Band Boosters website and Facebook with the spirit wear site.

**VP Logistics Report:** Mark Scheyder

* Band Camp Support (volunteers, prop construction, instrument repair, pit crew leader) – Props have been purchased for this year; no need to construct anything.
* Fundraising/Sponsorship Report (Melanie and Linda) – Sold an athletic sign and three people promised money that may be in the booster mail box. Kathy Worek donated. Looking to sell cushions and glow sticks at the football games.

**VP Guard Report:** Chris Mulcahy – A budget was provided to Joel. Jen would like another Guard Tech to help with the large number of new team members. Uniforms were ordered today. New guard parents pay ~$200 on top of the regular guard fee (covers warm-up suit, make-up, hat, boot/boot tip). Joel has budgeted $180/uniform, which includes the boot tip. Joel will discuss the details with Jen.

**Script –** Is a program to fund raise by shopping in various places. For example, a student can earn $4 on every $25 spent at Walmart. This will really help students build their accounts to pay expenses.

**Mr. Galway’s Report:** Mr. Galway

Still working on extra storage space for the marching band students.

Members agreed NOT to host a competition for the Atlantic Indoor Association next year.

Joel will work on the budget this week and send to Captain Heads for review, then to Shannon & Susan, for larger distribution.

The full school year calendar has been set. Jazz Cabaret is Friday, May 13, 2016. Joel will share the full calendar with everyone.

**Closing**: Shannon Dingus

Melanie approved the closing of the meeting; Susan seconded it.

**Next Meeting Date:** Monday, August 10th, 2015

**Next Budget Planning Meeting:** Wednesday, July 29 at 10am