

## **Band Booster Minutes Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> July, 2014**

**President Mary Hovater** called the meeting to order at 7:00 and requested that everyone pick up handouts located on the music stands when you first entered and to sign in.

**Minutes** can be viewed online @ [cullmanband.com](http://cullmanband.com), click on the boosters tab. A motion was made to accept the minutes as posted, second, motion approved.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

- Sonya wanted to make it clear that the letter sent home in the band card envelope was from her and not Mr. Smith. She apologizes if boosters might find the band card process to be somewhat strict, but in order for things to run smoothly and all students to be given equal opportunity these guidelines must be followed. The initial 25 cards given to all students may be paid for by debit/credit card, but all parties should be aware that a convenience fee will be assessed.
- Patrons at the concession stand will also have the opportunity to use credit/debit cards, one line will be designated for this.
- Band fees, may be made by payments or by debit/credit also.
- The first band trip deposit of \$100.00 is due August 21<sup>st</sup>.
- Motion, second, Treasurer's Report approved.

### **Old Business:**

- Regina Baker ask if the middle school would again be selling the band cards this year. Much discussion occurred over this topic as to the original intent of card sales is to be a way for the high school band students to pay for the fall band trip. With the middle school band students being allowed to sale the cards also, potential

high school sales are diminished. It takes away from the high school program as a whole since half of the money from every card sold by high school students goes to the band program as a whole, but all monies from middle school sales stay with the middle school, none is deposited into the band boosters account. Mrs. Bean stated that last year's band card sales is the best fund raiser the middle school has ever had. Other boosters stated their opinion on this topic, too numerous to list here. Anyone interested in the business of the Cullman Band Boosters, Inc. or that has an opinion about this or any other topic should make every effort to attend our meetings.

**Mr. Smith** has come in from band practice so he is given the floor to give his report so he can return to the practice field.

- Mary spoke to him upon his arrival as to the previous discussion about the band card sales. Mr. Smith stated that it is his goal in the future that all students, high school and middle school alike will sell band cards at the same time. He said that it is his responsibility to make sure that the middle school be adequately funded.
- Band Camp is going well, there have been no disciplinary issues, and all the students have good attitudes.
- Calendar remains the same.
- Highlighted communication options; Web Site [cullmanband.com](http://cullmanband.com), Reminder 101, Twitter, Facebook.
- Noted the various handouts; Tips for New Parents, Orlando Trip Summary, etc.
- Mr. Smith ask if there were any questions for him. If not, he needs to get back to the band and melting faces and tossing babies.

Mary resumed the meeting

- Water volunteers are needed, you can volunteer right here and now, or you can volunteer online.
- Concession Stand; Terri is not present, but Mary stated that it is her understanding that there was a good turnout for the concession stand clean up.
- Ice Cream Social is Friday night, Tammy French is the chair for this event. Remember to bring your ice cream in a cooler and to bring a dipper.
- Uniforms; LaTonya stated that only one student still needs to be fitted. Students can only take their uniform if their fees have been paid. Please read over the uniform care section in the handbook, especially important is gauntlet care.
- Chaperones; Jackie stated all is good.
- Transportation; Marcia stated that we are still in need of a driver with a CDLP license.
- Equipment; John stated that as of present 11 people have signed up for the pit crew.
- Mary told everyone that Jon Burnham had to totally rebuild the director's stand that had been thrown into the woods and has reinforced the other one.
- Public Relations; Kathryn requested that anyone who takes pictures at any time to please send her copies.

**Mrs. Bean's Report:**

- Band camp is going extremely well. The group has already learned their field positions. They will 'get it', it takes patience, time and practice. The staff is outstanding and very complimentary to the students. There are 80 members in the Beginning Band.
- Thanks to the high school students who come over in the afternoons to help.
- Special thanks to: Leslie Pruitt for the outstanding job she has did organizing the CMS band uniforms for distribution and fitting all the students; Mary

Brengleman for help with uniforms and snacks; Susan and Roland Gay for help with drinks and snacks; Charles Childers for help with Color Guard Riffles, Box Tops, and Wal-Mart grants; Jackie and John Burnham for help with our end of camp pizza and pool party.

- Ray Bauchman (Alumni) has made a donation of eight new beginning band instruments to be used for any student unable to afford an instrument. This is a tremendous gift to these students and our program.
- Lavell and Jackie Thrasher have written a grant to the CCCDC requesting money for the purchase of a new timpani for the CMS band.
- Thank you to Office Equipment Company for providing the CMS Band with a copier.
- At the present time both the High School and Middle School have a game scheduled on the same date of September 11<sup>th</sup>, a change is coming, as soon as it is made it will be announced.
- The new school owned instruments purchased by the band boosters are helping with our instrumentation.
- Please express your appreciation to our CCS Administration and Board Members for accommodating Beginning Band at CMS. Mr. Hill, Mr. Wiggins, and Dr. Page all work together to allow the sixth grade students to have the opportunity to have beginning band.
- Band pictures will be taken this Friday, students should arrive in uniform, and bring a change of clothing.
- Thanked everyone for coming to the booster meeting.

### **Mr. McDowell**

- There was no report from Mr. McDowell.

- Terri Sellers has joined the meeting; she thanked all who came out to help clean the concession stand. Please sign up to help in the concession stand and include a contact number, you also sign up online. Thanks to Kim for the mixer. The new cotton candy machine is cool.
- Final turn it date for band cards is September 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- Jessica Henderson reminded everyone of the Swamp Johns that the majorettes will be having on August 4<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 until 7:00 in the parking lot of Southern Starlets.

Next meeting scheduled for September 2nd, 2014 at 7:00p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:07.

Pam Blair, Secretary

Mary Hovater, President