

## **Band Booster Minutes Tuesday 14th July, 2015**

**President Mary Hovater** called the meeting to order at 7:15. Welcomed everyone to this, our first meeting of the 2015-2016 school year. Ask everyone to pick up the various handouts located on the music stands as they first entered the band room. Reminded all those present to sign in, so their student would obtain points that go toward earning their band letter.

**Minutes** from April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2015 meeting have been posted on the band web site. Mary ask if any corrections need to be made. No comments. A motion was made, second, minutes are approved.

### **Treasurer's Report**

- Sonya reported the booster account has a balance of \$55,602.31. Although this balance seems to be a tidy sum, many large expenditures will be coming out of this in quick succession (fall trip payments, instrument loan, etc.)
- The Uniform CD matures next week. We will be moving the CD from Merchants bank to Premier Bank. Premier has offered us a 1 year CD with a 1% rate return. We have added money to the CD every year since its inception per a vote of the Band Boosters, we failed to do that this past year. Because of this oversight a motion was made to add \$5,000.00 when the CD is moved to Premier. A second was made, the motion was approved.
- In the past, there has been an issue with boosters requesting reimbursement excessively. To cut down on check writing, a new reimbursement form will be implemented this year. To be reimbursed, one must fill out a form and attach all the necessary receipts. Reimbursements will be made by one check per booster on a month to month basis. Receipts should be turned in by that month's booster meeting and checks will be ready for pick at the following month's meeting. Any item costing over \$50.00 must be

approved, failure to obtain approval will result in the expenditure being considered as a donation.

- The new popcorn machine will be delivered with the first concession stand order.
- The propane tank storage cage is now at the main concession stand. Thank you to Kathryn Andrews for volunteering to pick it up in Sheffield and bring it back to Cullman.
- We will once again offer boosters and concession stand patrons the opportunity to use credit cards via 'square'. Band fees and trip payment can be made by boosters, and one window at the concession stand will be dedicated to this payment method.
- Anyone with ideas for items to be sold in The Pride Store please contact Sonya or any officer, we would love to hear your input.
- Carol Harbison is the assistant treasurer, she will be assuming the position of treasure next year, as Sonya is a 'senior' this year.
- Motion, second, Treasurer's Report approved as reported.

## **Mary**

- Sign-up sheets are being passed around for boosters to volunteer to help with various activities;
  - Water – for band camp, marching season, New York trip.
  - Ice Cream Social – for Friday night, July 31<sup>st</sup>.
  - Chaperones – for away games, home games, competitions and performances.
  - Concession Stand – for prep, JV, Middle School and High School football games, Exhibition
  - Pit Crew – for away and home games, competitions.
- Sign-up sheets for the purchase of show shirts and booster shirts are also being passed around.
- 40 vendors are participating on the band card this year. Walmart, Kmart, CVS and Rumors have all agreed to let us

sale cards at their establishments. Sign up for a shift if you are interested. July 28<sup>th</sup> is the date that band card packets will be given to students. Sonya requested that at turn in dates and times, please allow students to go first, they have time restraints and have to get to practice. Money will only be accepted on specific dates and

\*Questions:

How do you sign up for the various 'lists'? Contact ANY officer, they will be glad to help you. You can email Terri about the concession stand, you must be 18 to work concessions.

Do you earn point toward your child's letter for being a water volunteer? Yes

- Officer introductions. The offices of Secretary and Concession Stand Lead will be vacated next year, if anyone would be interested in filling one of these positions, please contact President Mary Hovater.
- Concessions - Terri will schedule one final clean-up day before the season begins. There will be six home games this year, on average 30 people are needed at each game for the concession stand to run successfully. All boosters should consider signing up to work at two games. No small children are allowed in the concession stand. If you sign up to work in the concession stand, you must stay for the entire game, you cannot walk out at halftime to watch the show, this is the busiest time for concessions. During the Exhibition is the only time that the concession stand will close to watch the CHS Marching Band perform. No one is allowed to 'pass through' the concession stand. Do not take \$100.00 bills. A volunteer is also needed to be the grill cook.
- Fairview High School will again be using the Cullman football field and the North concession stand.
- The band truck and trailer are in need of new graphics, they

are faded, peeling and do not comply with new school logos. Some minor repairs are needed for the back door of the truck also. A motion was made to have the needed work done, second, motion approved.

- Uniforms – LaTonya stated that shoe fittings will begin on July 23<sup>rd</sup>, any student not needing new shoes should deduct the cost from their band fees. All uniforms will come home in a garment bag. Please have your student try their uniform on for you to check for proper fit. Pants can be hemmed, but cannot be cut off. Pictures will be made Thursday August 6<sup>th</sup> at 5:00.
- Chaperones - Jackie, she has never had so many sign up. Eight to ten chaperones are needed for each event. Chaperones love riding the bus, and the kids need them. Chaperones serve at home games as well as away games. The same jobs need to be performed at both; rolling out mats, passing out and collecting plumes, handing out water, etc. Points that go toward your child earning his band letter are given.
- Pit Crew – John Sisk, drive the band truck to games and events. The students load and unload the equipment. We help move the equipment on and off the field. Those who volunteer for this group are guaranteed one of the best seats in the house, front row, right on the field.

### **Mrs. Bean**

- Beginner Band students will continue to be dropped off at the middle school by their parent or guardian, and be bussed back to their respective school. Dr. Patterson agreed to keep this practice in place, and we are grateful. If you see her, please express your appreciation.
- Leslie Pruitt did a fabulous job with the middle school uniforms, a helper is needed to shadow her to take over.
- Please take time to sign up for emails and reminder text.
- A schedule has been sent out, and information for football program ads.

- Middle school band camp will be held the same week as the high school, June 27<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup>. Friday is picture day. Most of our time will be spent working on music. Friday we will have a swim party at the CWAC.
- Volunteer sheet will be sent home.
- The middle school band collects box tops. We are in need of a volunteer to oversee this. Box tops are sent in twice a year. Be on the lookout for extra box tops located on back to school items. If anyone knows of a CMS parent that works at Walmart and has a student in the band program, Walmart will match the box tops total.

### **Mr. Smith**

- Went over the various handouts.
- Be sure to look through the handbook when it comes home with your student.
- Sign up for emails, Reminder 101, Twitter, and Facebook. These are all excellent ways to keep up with the goings on of the Cullman High School Marching Band.
- Pictures for the football program will be taken August 6<sup>th</sup> at 5:00.
- New York trip will be November 8<sup>th</sup> through the 12<sup>th</sup>, after tonight's booster meeting there will be a chaperone meeting. There will not be room for every chaperone that wants to go, but there will be room for every student.

Introduction of **Mr. Doug Teuscher**, Assistant Band Director. Mr. Touchier thanked everyone for the warm welcome that he has received. He told us about his background. Percussion is his main emphasis. He wants the students to have fun, at the same time he expects them to do the work required to play very well.....

### Questions:

- Will there be an Indoor Drumline?

We will approach that as time goes on.

- What is the name of this year's show?  
"A Journey Through Jazz"  
Song selections are: \*Birdland, \*Fever, and \*Big Noise

Next meeting is scheduled for July 28<sup>th</sup>, 2015 @ 7:00p.m.

There was a motion, a second, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:46.

Pam Blair, Secretary

Mary Hovater, President