

Booster Meeting Notes

Call to Order 6:37

Members present: Cheryl Rollman-Tinajero, OD Wilson, Rene Mabry, Sherlena Boehm, Nancy Willard, Beth Bryers, Sarah Boyle, Anne Spanyers, Brad Henderson, Claudette Para, Clair Rollman-Tinajero (via facetime), Michelle Garcia, Sara McClure

Member Communication - none

Committee Reports:

Director Update (OD Wilson): winter clinic coming up - schedule going out later in the week. Winter guard doing well. Trailer search is still ongoing. Working with Mr. Mathis (owner of fleet company) to find the perfect trailer for around 5k. Mr. Mathis has worked for other bands (Hendrickson) to find trailers for far less than we were prepared to spend. He is a former band parent and locates trailers for bands across Texas - not working for a profit. Hopefully he will have a few trucks to show us (through pictures and videos as he is not local) in the coming weeks. Beth Bryers asked if it was possible to sell him ours when we get a new one. Will check in to that possibility. Mr. Wilson will also look in to selling ours through some networking at TMEA (offering at 4k or best offer). Mr. Wilson reiterated that the boosters are cleared by administration to keep the proceeds from the sale of the trailer.

Concessions Committee: Sarah Boyle and Beth Bryers went to meeting in December with other district booster clubs and Coke. Coke wanted to pitch idea of contracting at the new stadium for only coke products to be sold. Our concessions committee said no, as did most (all?) other booster groups as it would cause a doubling or tripling of our costs and therefore our prices. Other issues to be aware of with the new stadium are the logistics of keeping product in secure closet and a possible problem getting Bush's tea next year since the stadium has a different fried chicken vendor as a sponsor. Concessions made 14,000 this past season. During the time Sarah Boyle has been involved with concessions, each year has seen an increase of profits.

Unfinished Business/Updates:

A. 501c3 Pros/Cons

Much discussion about pursuing non-profit status for the boosters. The main concerns are that non-profit status for the boosters may cause conflict between the boosters and the foundation as they both aim for large donations for the different aspects of supporting the band. Suggestions were given for the presidents of both groups to sit down and redefine the goals, mission statements and better align the different agendas to target sponsors, donations and fund raising efforts to best suit the needs of the band and provide as many scholarships as possible. Sherlena Boehm,

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Brad Henderson, Beth Bryers, Sarah Boyle, Sara McClure, OD Wilson and Cheryl Rollman-Tinajero all contributed to the discussion.

It was agreed that the next step will be to have the foundation and booster presidents discuss goals and visions for the organizations while reaching out to a tax advisor for advice on how best to pursue non-profit status.

B. Fundraising

It was proposed that a student recently hurt in a car accident may benefit from fundraising. As the boosters cannot give funds to individual students, it was suggested that, with the permission of the parents of the student, the boosters can encourage those who want to donate to send funds to school with their students for a fund being collected by the student leadership committee. What the parents want to do with these funds would be up to them.

New Business

A. Upcoming Performances

Winter Concert Saturday starting at 3 or 3:30 lasting until 5pm.

B. Band Banquet Needs

The boosters agreed to donate \$1000 for the band banquet.

C. Upcoming Expenses/Budget

The boosters agreed to pay the immediate budget needs presented by OD Wilson including the half payment needed immediately to BOA for next year, clinician fees, clinician hotel room, clinician meal on Saturday. Those items are as follows:
\$361 to Steve Vento for Clinician expenses for design meeting
\$1137.50 to Music for All for Fall Regional Fees
\$50 to Johnny Carinos for Lunch for Winter Camp Directors
\$123.17 to Marriott North for Hotel Room for Winter Camp Clinician

Mr. Wilson presented the boosters with a list of needed items for the next year's marching show and the budget if upwards of \$18,000. We will need to readdress how we raise funds and find ways to maximize our fund-raising efforts. It was agreed that a non-profit status needs to be examined closer so that the financial needs of the band can be met.

D. Band Wear

There were accounting discrepancies between the records of Ms. Lesikar and the records of the booster treasurer. Any parent who is experiences discrepancies in band wear payment should reach out to the boosters or provide documentation of payment to Ms. Lesikar (bank statement from square transaction or check). It is agreed that next year's band wear transactions should be anticipated so that greater ease of ordering and payment tracking can take place. Sarah Boyle proposed that if excess

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funds are available, the boosters could pay for all the orders up front and have students pay for items upon delivery with no delivery taking place before payment is received.

E. Vacant Positions

There will be a need for a treasurer and sponsorship coordinator for next year. Anne Spanyers has been nominated for treasurer.

F. Next Meeting Date

The next meeting will be on Feb 27th in the band hall at 6pm and will be followed at 7pm by the foundation meeting.

Ratification of Any Interim Issue Acted Upon by Committee Via E-mail

In the month of December payment was approved by the entire board of the boosters to a clinician that went unpaid by the school district. It was a proxy fee paid to Bobby Davis in the amount of \$75.

Adjourn - 7:37