



Band Booster Meeting Minutes

April 3, 2018

Meeting called to order by Booster Treasurer Elaine Olaez at 6:40pm.

Elaine asked for attendees to review the Treasurer's report.

Treasurer Report:

Treasurer Elaine Olaez stated that many committees were under budget this past year. No additional monies are expected to come in. Additional expenditures will include money for lessons and money to be spent on scholarships. The tax return will be ready this week. Treasurer expenses will come out of the tax return. Elaine needs to close out the budget by May 31 so any requests for reimbursement checks for band banquet or scholarship need to be in quickly.

The May booster meeting is the budget planning meeting for next year. Elaine will post a spreadsheet in the band hall for committee chairs to add what they are projected to need in the budget for next year. Use the current budget as a starting point. Committee chairs can also email Teri or use the treasurer email for budget needs. Sandi Waclawczyk asked if Teri could send an email to committee chairs to remind them of budget request deadline. Elaine encouraged committee chairs to take home a treasurer's report to assist with making a budget.

Booster President Teri Snowden asked for a motion to approve the Treasurer's report. Pam Millard motioned and Sandi Waclawczyk seconded.

Booster President Teri Snowden asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Pam Millard motioned and Monique Pennington seconded.

Band Director's report:

None for this meeting, but Mr. Yates asked Teri to inform booster that Symphonic Band 3 received 1's on their stage performance and 2's on sight reading for tonight's UIL competition. Symphonic 3's sight reading was over the same music as Symphonic 1 and 2, so this is a great result!

Old Business:

- *Senior Banners* - Elaine Olaez brought up the topic of Senior banners. She asked if we could have an order form at band registration and if it could be added as a band fee line item. There was confusion this year regarding name spellings, payment, who was band and who was color guard. An order form at registration requiring specific information should clarify the confusion. Dena Pauletti suggested Senior Banner be a stand-alone table at registration. It is unknown at this time who will be heading up this committee. Erika Engle helped with design and Floyd Parham also worked on the senior banner last year. Discussion followed on the topic of how to track payments/ordering/receiving of shirts, banners, shoes, etc... Elaine stated that the treasurer takes home the fee sheets and creates a database showing what each student has paid.
- *SNAP Fundraiser* – Teri Snowden asked Kathy Wilson about the plans for the SNAP fundraiser. Kathy stated that she has spoken to Mr. Boening and they prefer to do it during band camp in August, before the start of school. Since many organizations use SNAP, starting early would be of benefit. It was recommended that half of the proceeds go to the booster club and the other half go towards the band trip in the spring.

Last year, over \$12K was raised with less than 50% of the kids participating. There are monetary bonuses with increased participation. Vice-President Mario Rocha reiterated that it was a fantastic way to raise money electronically. Using social media, this fundraiser functions similar to a Go Fund Me site.

Several parents voiced concerns:

- **Since many organizations use SNAP, perhaps it should start in late fall when no one is making a request**

Teri stated that starting early is key for this fundraiser. Out of all of the different fundraisers the band has done in the past, SNAP has worked the best. Kathy stated that the spring band trip has to be paid for by December. It takes about a month for the money to be received from SNAP once the fundraiser is complete.

- **Privacy concerns about giving out friends/family email addresses**

Kathy stated that the kids input the 20 emails that they gather from friends/family into the system for invitation; the SNAP company does not receive that information. The list of emails is private. Kathy and Teri suggested asking friends/family permission before supplying their email addresses. Sandi W said she supplied her personal email address and then forwarded the received invitation to friends/family. Kathy pointed out that over 60% of the funds raised came from out-of-town family and friends.

- **If half of the proceeds are going to augment the spring band trip, the funds aren't benefiting those who aren't going on the trip**

Teri/Kathy indicated that fundraising rules indicate the money has to support all. This is accomplished since half the funds will be going to support the band booster. April 17 is the meeting where information about the spring trip will be given.

Executive Board Elections/Voting:

Teri asked if there were additional nominations for executive board, prior to voting. There were no additions.

Teri stated that currently Jennifer Klar has been shadowing Elaine Olaez for Treasurer and Elaine Olaez will be assistant treasurer. Would be a good idea to have another parent to also shadow to learn this complex position. Executive committee positions have a two-year time limit. Committee positions do not have a time limit.

Current nominations for executive board:

President: Debra Warren, Carrie Fisher

Vice President: Monique Pennington, Pam Millard

Treasurer: Jennifer Klar

Assistant Treasurer: Elaine Olaez

Secretary: Lisa Weidmann

Voting by ballot took place for the positions that had more than 1 person running, (president and vice president).

Results for executive board:

President: Debra Warren

Vice President: Pam Millard

Treasurer: Jennifer Klar

Assistant Treasurer: Elaine Olaez

Secretary: Lisa Weidmann

New Business:

- *Uniforms* – Dena Pauletti is sending around a sign-in sheet for help with taking up concert uniforms after the May 24 concert, which is the last concert for the school year. They need about 5 volunteers to help check-in/inventory uniforms, after each band performs. Additionally, Dena is sending around a sign-in sheet for 12 to 15 volunteers to wash concert dresses. The dresses have been dry-cleaned in the past, but still do not smell clean. The dresses wash really well, so it makes more sense to have volunteers wash them versus spending the money to dry-clean them.
- *Podium Wrap* – Debra Warren asked if the same company that we purchased the senior banners also does the podium wraps. It was suggested that she check with Erika Engle and Mr. Woodfield about design and other ordering questions. Elaine Olaez suggested estimating the price on the high side, since budgets have to be submitted next month.

- *Fine Arts Committee* – Lisa Weidmann and Dena Pauletti reported on the fine arts committee meeting they attended earlier in the week. Most of the discussion surrounded potential budget cuts due to the Robin Hood plan that may occur. Not much was discussed about high school band except that all Comal ISD high schools have seen an increase in the number of students taking AP Music Theory. Some changes may be coming to middle school music programs due to decreased enrollment at existing schools (because of the 2 new middle schools opening in the fall).

Teri Snowden asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Kathy Wilson motioned and Pam Millard seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 7:33pm.