



**Dawson Eagle Band Booster General Membership Meeting – January 11, 2010**

**Attendees: Directors: Ryan Agard, Ryan Heath, Justin Zimmerman, Curtis Dumesnil**

**Band Booster Officers: Peggy Tamez, Eddie Pompa, Mary Tucker, Sondra Jackson**

**General Membership**

**Meeting began at 6:35 pm and was held in the Dawson High School Band Hall.**

Agenda and financial summary were distributed.

Sondra mentioned that minutes are on website for review and to keep you up to date. Sondra gave a brief review of minutes from last meeting. Minutes were approved and will be filed.

Mary presented financial summary also mentioning that detailed statements are available upon request.

**Financial Summary:** Currently awaiting reimbursements from PISD for tailgating for about \$9700. This will bring booster cash balance to \$13,200. This is current to the end of December.

**Other Financial Items:**

Trailer build out:

Mr. Heath predicted that trailer build out could be completed for under \$1000. This is an estimate based on the fact that the inside lights were obtained more cheaply than previously thought.

WGI trip from last year:

We do still owe \$9000 from last year. We have made a \$3000 payment so far. We will continue to make payments as we can.

Boosters will donate \$11000 to honors band trip. This lowers the cost for each student by \$200 or so.

BOA: DHS EBB is still owed about \$800 from PHS Boosters. Peggy will recheck status of this with the PHS Booster Club.

Rodeo/Aramark dates: Rodeo acts have just recently been announced. There are lots of dates to choose from. We will be choosing the most advantageous dates soon.

### **Winter Guard Competition:**

Eddie Pompa gave an overview of the color guard competition to be held on February 6<sup>th</sup> at the old Dawson High School. He requested that all members consider donating a few items that are still needed for this competition: blue painters' tape and candy for use in candy bags for gifts and concessions. Volunteers are still needed for this activity. Please send donations to the band hall with your student and let Eddie know if you can help out on that day.

### **Breakout Sessions on Bylaws, Scholarships, Spring Fundraiser (auction/dinner):**

Peggy explained the new format of breakout sessions to follow the business portion of the meeting. The three topics for sessions would be bylaws, scholarship, and spring fundraiser (auction/dinner). Groups would then report back at a general meeting with their decisions or proposals.

There was general discussion from the members concerning scholarships. Should they be limited to students majoring in performance arts only? What should be the number of and amount of scholarship? It was emphasized that these details would be discussed and hopefully decided upon in the subsequent breakout session.

Spring Fundraiser: Dylan Charrin (Lisa's son) presented info on spring auction before the breakout sessions began. Lisa and Dylan have worked on a similar auction for the past few years as a Scout fundraiser. Details from that activity: the auction raised about \$14000 from about 100 items, with 20 being live auction items. Higher dollar items on live auction. The Charrins have a database of local stores sponsoring items. Need 60-90 days for sponsors to be able to donate – they must generally have time to contact corporate for approval to donate. Ideally, we would send out solicitation letters to every business, being very specific for the business. Some of the requirements for the letters: specific date and time, what the proceeds will go to – must be specific, uniforms, instruments, etc. Will the band be performing? Small ensembles? Whole band? In order for this to be tax deductible for businesses, money must go through band booster organization. We need to specify our fundraising goals. This activity needs many volunteers. Dylan made sign up lists for volunteers available. Volunteers are key. Calls need to be made to businesses and donations need to be picked up, etc. Need baskets to put items in, cellophane to wrap baskets. All members should be looking for these items on sale and pick them up – send them to band hall and Dylan will pick them up and hold for subsequent use with the baskets.

Discussion of time to hold auction: when is the optimal time in the spring activities to do this? June camp dates are proposed to move to May according to band directors. Perhaps the last Friday of the May camps would be the best time. Dylan was asked to please talk to Lisa Charrin and see if that date (May 28<sup>th</sup> on the band calendar) would be workable for her. Discussion of having a website to allow bidding. Mr. Agard volunteered to look into doing this and asked how difficult Flash would be to do for websites. He stated that people like to click around on flashier things. Sondra replied that she did not know but could look into it.

**Mr. Agard's comments:**

Mr. Agard discussed the upcoming band fundraiser – fresh, unique, and different. Band members would not be selling candles! A Comedian/hypnotist will come out and do 2 shows, one each; on Jan. 22 and Jan 23<sup>rd</sup>. Dinner on Friday will also be a fundraiser (spaghetti dinner). Saturday would be a show only. Mr. Agard is currently waiting on response to requests for volunteers to be hypnotized – known band parents, principals, teachers, and APs. Humor will be clean. Each child should have received tickets to sell. Directors are asking for each student to sell 8 tickets at \$20 apiece. \$12 goes to band. There would be separate tickets for Friday's dinner. Every kid in every band should sell tickets. This event determines the final payment due for Honors band trip.

After members volunteered for each breakout topic, the meeting split into breakout sessions at approximately 7:30 pm.

Minutes submitted for approval by Sondra Jackson on January 18, 2010.

Minutes approved by General Membership on February 15, 2010.