



**Dawson Eagle Band Booster General Membership Meeting – March 9, 2010**

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

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

**General Membership**

**Meeting began at 6:39 pm and was held in the Dawson High School Small Band Hall.**

Financial summary was distributed. Mary discussed the orphaned Kroger fund monies. These have been moved into the scholarship fund, for a total of \$2637.93. Not many transactions since the last meeting. Aramark and Umbrella sales funds were discussed. Honor Band trip donation was reiterated. Booster account available monies: \$1282.58. WGI trip balance was given as \$4199.

Sondra mentioned that minutes are on website for review and motion was made and seconded to approve. Minutes were approved as posted.

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

Peggy specified that the remainder of the WGI trip balance will be split between booster club and activity fund.

**General Financial Discussion:**

Kroger Accounts: According to Mr. Morrison, PISD Fine Arts Director, individual student accounts cannot be maintained by the Booster organization. *The IRS prohibits a tax-exempt organization from allowing donations to benefit individuals, such as in maintaining individual student accounts.* The money from the Kroger accounts cannot be held by the Booster Club and applied to individual students. They must be held by the Band in order to have this money applied to each individual student's account. If this change is made then Angie Foret will continue to track the amount deposited but it must be held by the band organization. Money can be saved for younger siblings headed to band, however, Mr. Agard must be informed of this wish. Email Mr. Agard to have the funds distributed as you want. Alternative will be to have the funds continue to come to booster club and have them go to the scholarship fund and banquet tickets. The board thought that the parents should vote on this issue. These funds are roughly equivalent to about \$10,000 per year. Lisa Charrin suggested that during the auction we have faculty and others attending to sign up for Kroger cards to have this money become a part of the general booster club fund. Discussion was held concerning how the auction money would be used for those items specified in the donation letter. The donation letter lists items that the money earned from the

auction will help support. It was stated that the booster organization couldn't specify how the funds that are donated to the band are spent. Ticket sales to the auction could be used for banquet tickets and scholarship money.

Action to be taken for Kroger funds: Have parents vote on this as follows: send email to parents, wait one week for results. If majority vote is to have funds go to band activity fund, we will notify Kroger that further checks will be made out to DHS Band, not DHS Band Boosters.

Discussion about the expenses associated with band. Transportation costs, color guard costs, drill costs, music costs. Band program about needs about \$140,000; band fees paid by parents only bring in around \$40,000. The school district provides \$70,000 for the band program. Remainder must be raised to meet the shortage. Booster funds supplement this. Discussion of earmarking funds: can we do this? Money donated to the booster club can be held for certain reasons.

**By-Laws committee:**

No members of the By-Laws committee were present.

**Scholarship committee:**

Report by Sondra Jackson: committee will complete application format, requirements and timeline now that funds have been moved from Kroger orphaned accounts to fund this. Less than 10 applications are expected based on the number of seniors in band and color guard this year.

**Eagle Auction and Showcase:**

Hand delivery of some letters is still needed. Lisa is looking for more people to do this. More to be done on food – contact Aramark to see if they can donate raw potatoes from their nights. Lisa has picked up some donations from parents. Lisa needs more volunteers. Tickets need to be designed and laid out. Goal was to get tickets ready to go home with students at the end of this week. PTC is having a craft fair this weekend and they are offering tables to any organization that would like to have a table. Suggestion from Mr. Heath to include tickets in merchant letter: Good idea, and we can deliver these tickets later but did not want to hold up mailings. Must be careful not to overextend our ability to actually serve dinner. Junior high and middle school parents/students should be contacted. Band Directors at JHs will send flyers home with their kids. Flyer will be modified to include contact info and will be sent home with all these kids. Everyone is asked to use any and all personal connections and request donations from businesses/individuals.

The auction donation solicitation letter specifies some items that we plan to fund using auction proceeds. The donation letter doesn't specify that all auction proceeds must go to these items; it just lists activities that the funds will be used to support.

Lisa, in course of contacting businesses, found 3 businesses that will have a "coupon" night and give percentage back to band. We need to organize this activity and take advantage of the opportunity.

**Mr. Agard's comments:**

Honors band trip to Indiana: great to see DHS kids with other kids from different high schools around the country. Comments from all were complimentary towards our kids. They did a great job. This can help us with marching season via name recognition. Judges will recognize the Dawson name and remember us favorably.

Mr. Agard gave a special thanks to the parents for chaperoning the Honors Band trip.

**Aramark fundraising/other fundraising comments:**

Please sign up to work our remaining 3 Aramark events. Everyone was reminded that this is an easy fundraising activity – no money out, just time.

Mr. Agard asked if we could put the thermostat on the website that shows our Aramark goal and how we're doing. Look at \$4500 for Aramark. We could change this later to track Auction proceeds.

Mr. Z: fundraiser: saw on another band website. "Good search" – need more info.

Garage sale and car washes were mentioned again as possible fundraisers.

**Meeting adjourned at 7:41 pm**

**Next Meeting: Tuesday April 13, 2010.**

Minutes submitted for approval by Sondra Jackson on March 22, 2010.

Minutes approved by General Membership on April 13, 2010.