



Dawson Eagle Band Booster General Membership Meeting – Sept 8, 2009

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

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

General Membership

Meeting began at 6:50 pm and was held in the Dawson High School Choir Room.

Meeting agendas were distributed to attendees.

Peggy Tamez, president, welcomed all attendees and thanked everyone for a great first game performance and all help that was provided by members.

Mary Tucker, treasurer, distributed copies of financial report for June 1, 2009 – September 8, 2009 for Booster Club operations. Mary then reported on the contents of the report.

Booster Club current cash on hand: \$4950.37, Booster Club current Escrow amount (for Kroger Card balances and reserve banquet tickets per membership level): \$7996.73. Total cash ending balance: \$12,947.10.

Mary stated that we're still trying to catch up from last year and that all proceeds from the summer Aramark sessions have not been received, and that all reimbursements expected for color guard expenses have not been received.

Mary asked for questions about financial report, none were asked.

Peggy Tamez introduced the upcoming BOA (Bands of America) contest on Oct. 3rd at the Pearland Stadium. Concurrent with Pearland Band Boosters, we host this event and are currently looking for volunteers to help staff the event. This is a fundraiser for both Band Booster clubs and requires many volunteers to make it successful. The sign-up sheet for volunteers will be posted on dawsoneagleband.org and members can email Peggy with times that they can work.

Eddie Pompa reported on Aramark fundraising effort. This is an ongoing fundraiser for booster club. The next two events that we will be working are the October 14th, U2 concert and the November 23rd, Texans vs. Titans football game. The more parents we have working each event, the more money we raise. With one booth staffed by 12-15 parents for one night, booster makes approximately \$1300. A

goal of 40 parents for each of these nights was set. At Mr. Agard's suggestion, an action was taken by booster club to have designated parents call parents from each section and solicit volunteers for both BOA and Aramark events. Mr. Agard will provide names and numbers for the parents.

A general discussion of how to encourage more parents to participate in volunteer and fundraising efforts was held. Suggestions included: make required Aramark training easier and more fun by having food and scheduling a local class (rather than doing it online or having to go to Reliant), reaching out to parents to help them understand that raising more money decreases the cost to them for the spring band trip to Indiana, hold adult socials. It was generally decided that parents are always allowed to make donations to Booster Club at any time, but that allowing parents to "buy out" of volunteering should be our last resort. Mr. Heath stated that if parents are involved and support their kids, it results in a better program for all.

An adult social was suggested for after the October 9th football game. This is junior high night where the 8th grade band members from our feeding junior highs come and play in the stands with the Dawson band. This social should be added to the list of items discussed when phoning parents of each section.

Mr. Agard will prepare a letter to junior high band directors with information about this social.

A general discussion of how band activities are funded followed. Questions from those present included how much does the band program require? Mr. Agard responded: his budget required about \$139050, and that approximately \$70000 of that comes from PISD, Rockathon made \$20000. Mr. Agard also stated that approximately \$10000 of his district money goes to transportation costs. How are funds allocated? Peggy stated that the Booster Club officers are working on a budget to show allocation of booster club funds and that this budget will probably be available at our next meeting.

Mr. Agard reported that the directors will be recognizing our seniors at the last home game in October.

Meeting ended at 7:50 pm.

Minutes submitted for approval by Sondra Jackson on Monday, September 14th, 2009.

Minutes approved on October 6th, 2009 by General Membership.