



**Dawson Eagle Band Booster General Membership Meeting – October 6, 2009**

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

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

**General Membership**

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

Agenda, minutes from last meeting, and Aramark info was distributed.

Peggy thanked everyone for BOA help. BOA officials were happy with the way things ran. Some people had to work longer shifts due to rain delay. Some people didn't show up for some important positions like front ensemble warm-up. Please send Tina Byers an email if you have ideas for how to improve BOA next year. We have no control over BOA positions and how they are run – T-shirt sales, DVD sales, Program sales, etc. We are contracted to do BOA for one more year. Whether the district decides to renew after that is unknown. Reference the email from Mr. Morrison about economic impact on Pearland. Parking made about \$6800 (\$3400 for each booster club).

Minutes were presented by Sondra. There was a question from Rose Terry about delay in getting Aramark money. Peggy answered that it does take longer than you would expect, but it takes time to resolve amount with volunteers, no-shows, etc.

Motion was made to approve minutes by Tina Byers, motion seconded by Neil Bowman. Minutes approved as presented

Mary Tucker presented Financial report and deferred trailer discussion to Peggy.

Randall's donated a crate of water in the beginning of year. Thanks to Randall's! We are also working with Kroger for donations.

Eddie Pompa is working with McCoys to get us contractor prices for outfitting the inside of the trailer. We allocated \$4000 for this. Ramps costing approximately are pending. Hopefully, should have them for LSP. Looking at collapsible steps for this for students to place and retrieve instruments.

Aramark fundraiser – U2 concert on October 14<sup>th</sup>: Check-in time is 4:00 pm. All volunteers should be checked in by 4:30. Training sessions planned by Aramark are scheduled for locations across Houston. If we get at least 15 people, we can have a training on Tuesday here at the band hall. Aramark coordinator needs to know immediately in order to secure this date. Parents should take this training even if you

can't work the U2 concert so that you will be prepared for future Aramark fundraising events. We want to work at least a 15 person booth to make the maximum amount of money. Sign-up sheet for this will be available after meeting. Eddie stressed that we should show up if we sign up for it, because we lose money if we sign up and don't show. If we don't have enough commitments for U2, we won't do it. We can fill smaller booths with the people that have committed but the money is not the same.

Phone tree will be activated to contact parents about Oct. 14 and Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup>. We have 8 committed parents that are trained, and 12 that have committed to be trained. We need at least 5 more in addition to these parents. Please reach out to other parents to get new volunteers.

Peggy stressed that all parents that sign up should show up. Keep your commitments!

More discussion about BOA positions vs. Booster positions. Parking, concession, and T-shirt sales are where we make money, but are not BOA positions so you don't get in for free. 2010-2011 BOA date is Oct. 9<sup>th</sup>. We have one more BOA left. DHS volunteers 156 slots, PHS 175 slots. We have 168 kids and they have over 200. This should result in splitting of profits equally.

Fundraisers: garage sale in November. We are looking for places to have this. Churches, business parking lots, etc. would be ideal. If you know of a place, contact Peggy.

We are looking for other ideas for fundraisers: Pampered Chef, etc. Please contact Peggy with your ideas.

Lee Steiner mentioned a fundraiser for selling tote bags. Kids can't sell. We can sell as booster parents.

Junior high night will be at Jake's Grill. They will keep the restaurant open until 11:30.

Remarks by Mr. Agard: thanks for working BOA, games. Band's next contest is on Saturday, Oct. 17<sup>th</sup>. Movement 4 learned today, add music tomorrow. Our kids are doing something special. They made BOA finals in 3 years only. BOA is highly competitive and our kids were very successful. Spread the word about our band culture.

LSP time is 4:45. Perform right after Friendswood. LSP worked with us on the time as well as counselors at DHS due to the PSAT being given on the same day.

Dawson super halftime performance – Nov. 10<sup>th</sup>. At Berry Miller campus – kids in uniform minus hats, plumes, gauntlets. Kids from Rogers on up until DHS will be there.

Next meeting will be determined depending on state marching results. Plan is to leave at noon on Monday, proceed at a leisurely pace, don't arrive on the same day of performance. Parents are encouraged to go.

**Meeting ended at 7:35 pm.**

Minutes approved 11/11/2009 by General Membership.