



Dawson Eagle Band Booster General Membership Meeting – November 11, 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 6:47 pm and was held in the Dawson High School Band Hall.

Agenda and financial summary were distributed.

Peggy thanked all parents for their attendance at State. All parents present agreed that we are very proud of our kids for their hard work and successful season.

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. Aramark sales total is approximately \$11,000 dollars thus far. Ramps for truck were purchased. Ending cash balance of \$12894.84 with another \$7762.55 in escrow for Kroger accounts and membership banquet tickets based on membership level.

BOA:

BOA total profit is still being worked with PHS Boosters. Preliminary numbers are approximately \$7334.55, with some money still outstanding.

Peggy has asked Mr. Morrison if it is possible to have spectator parking at old Dawson and South only. Only volunteers and band students at PHS would be allowed to park at PHS. This is in response to feedback from parking volunteers at this year's BOA. Final determination on this has not been made.

Honors Band Spring trip:

Parents are being reminded that payments are due. Band fundraiser has just been approved by Mr. Moody for kids. Second payment was due this past Monday. Kroger funds info is available by emailing Angie Foret from the website (Band Booster>>Committees). Mr. Agard reminded parents that kids can have more than one Kroger card attached to their account.

Trailer build out:

Build out is about 60% finished. Mr. Heath says we need to do upper deck, cabinets, and lights on the inside. Ramps were a big expenditure but necessary for safety. Need \$300-500 worth of paint for inside. Interior lights necessary for safety. Mr. Heath says next year the students will be loading trailer. Mr. Heath suggested a meeting among dads/directors to determine what is left and about how much money will be required to finish out as desired. Peggy questioned whether uniforms will be included in the trailer at some point – yes, racks/storage would be available but not permanently attached to the trailer.

Peggy again thanked the pit dads for their hard work this season.

Aramark Events:

Texans/Titans Game on November 23rd, 2009. Eddie stated that Color Guard parents have been contacted, there are 9 committed. More parents = bigger booth = more money. Report time is probably 4:00 pm. Phone tree activated to contact parents and these parents should contact Gynne Shackelford to let her know who will be working. Tina stated that we need to have more parents volunteer to call their sections. Eddie suggested that if you can't work the Aramark events, you can help by volunteering to call. Renee Knight stated that she took the TABC training for \$15 and will send the link to Tina for distribution.

Teresa Pavlas asked if the Aramark game for Nov. 29th is still being planned. Eddie Pompa stated that we won't be working this event.

Mr. Agard asked if there are other events that we can work. He wants to do an honors band push for their spring trip to Indiana to try and get more money dedicated for the spring trip. Most money must be sent by January, so it needs to be an event soon. No event was determined.

Tina Byers suggested that we should only work events if we have at least 16 people and get a "good" booth. Don't work a slow/bad booth – just cancel if we don't have enough parents.

Other Fundraising:

Fundraiser: garage sale done by parents since kids can't sell. We're still looking for a place to have garage sale, church parking lot with good access, etc. Dekeisha Fitzgerald Hodges suggested Silverlake church and, as a member, volunteered to check with the pastor.

Mr. Dumesnil suggested a silent auction at the Holiday concert on Tuesday, December 15th. General discussion followed concerning the timeframe necessary to do a good auction. The following was decided: Plan the auction for the June camp preview, tie it with a brisket sale done by parents, have sections responsible for baskets, do a preview of baskets online via the website, pre-sell briskets, have basket auction. Lisa Charrin was nominated and graciously accepted the task of organizing the auction. In her experience of prior auctions, a window of 4-5 months is necessary to really have a successful auction. Thank you, Lisa!

Other fundraisers suggested: cheesecakes from Chick-fil-A. Check with Prancers - they've done this. Pampered Chef - Debbie Allensworth can do this online. No determination on doing these, just ideas to be developed.

General Items:

Peggy reminded committee chairpersons to describe their jobs for their successors in writing since marching season has (mostly) completed. Document anything that needs to be repaired or purchased for next year's marching season to assist in budgeting for next year.

Mr. Heath suggested that we include a uniform maintenance budget for next year. Approximately \$1000 will need to be allocated, as a guess. Committee for uniforms will meet to decide what amount is needed. This will be reimbursed by the students who damage the uniforms, but this money will prevent uniform committee parents from being out of pocket.

Paul West asked about the yard signs. They have been ordered but any new ones can be added. Paul stated that the delay should not be as long in receiving them after ordering. Peggy agreed and will take action to ensure that this doesn't happen in the future.

Mr. Agard's comments:

Mr. Agard thanked parents for their support and hopes that we enjoyed the year of going to state. Please send an email to Mr. Moody, Mr. Morrison, and Dr. Cain thanking them for their support, since the district paid for the charter buses and meals for the kids at state.

We are marching in Pearland Holiday parade on Dec. 5th. Mr. Dombrosky was asked to drive the truck during the parade.

Football playoffs: we are required to go to the games and will be supporting the football team during their playoff games. If we win this Friday, we will probably have a game on Nov. 21st. If we win then, we will have a game during Thanksgiving week.

Encourage kids to practice for 9th grade region next week.

Super Halftime: still trying to get it rescheduled, possibly Nov. 19th, working with JH directors.

Mr. Agard will put the practice schedule for playoff weeks on his calendar as it is available. Check it regularly during playoffs as it is difficult to have very much advance notice.

Peggy questioned whether band parents will be needed for Color Guard competition in February. Mr. Dumesnil stated not for committee chairpersons, but possibly for helping to staff stations.

December 15 was given as the date for the next Booster Club meeting, preceding the Holiday concert.

Meeting adjourned at 7:46 pm.

Minutes submitted for approval by Sondra Jackson on November 17th, 2009.

Minutes approved by General Membership on January 11, 2010.