

NBHS General Band Booster Meeting
Tuesday, September 8, 2009
7:30 p.m.

Call to Order at 7:45 by president, Monica Partida

- Secretary's Report- Motion to accept posted minutes from August 20, 2009 by Christina Gonzales and seconded by Karen Call. Motion passed.
- Treasurer Report by treasurer, Patti Schaeffer.
 - Income since last meeting is \$9,381.29 and expenses since last meeting are \$3,599.83 leaving an ending balance of \$41,889.15. Of this amount, \$21,271.12 is in the money market account and \$20,618.03 is in the checking account.
 - Patti Schaeffer addressed a question regarding the consultants. She receives an invoice for what is paid by the booster association. The invoice includes what we are paying for and who it is paid to.
 - A question by Jo Beth Oestreich was asked regarding clarification on what consultants will be working on with the students. Ms Pradervand reports she will have this on the invoice. Mr Dixon is coming next week to work with students.
 - We are over budget on "miscellaneous". Materials had to be purchased to work on the tractor trailer and repair lights on the rig.
 - No invoice is on file from the signs and decals yet.
 - Motion made by Sandy Lewis and seconded by Renee Evans to accept treasurer's report. Motion Passed
- Proposed Bylaws changes- Monica Partida read David Lamon's statement. "These bylaws restate the original bylaws dated November 9, 2004, as amended by today's action. The effect of the restated bylaws is to incorporate all of the existing bylaws into one current document. This makes the document much easier to read and in the future to track the effective date of any changes. The only changes to the original bylaws are the ones that were adopted today. These changes effectively eliminate any term limitations for leadership position(s) in the Band Boosters. We have seen over the years that many times the same people serve multiple years and do a very, very good job. As a matter of fact, it seems like it takes a year or two to really get comfortable with the job and with a two year term limitation that effectively ends that person's ability to do the job. So I think these changes are warranted and will serve the Band Boosters very well in the future."
 - Motion made by Patty Schafer and seconded by Lisa Stockwell to accept Bylaws changes. Motion passed.

Committee Reports

- Wurstfest- Doug Ikels passed a sign up sheet around at the meeting for members to sign up to cover a shift at the booth the Boosters have at Wurstfest. Need 4 people per shift and each shift lasts 3-3 ½ hours. There is a shuttle service for workers. Workers must be a paid booster.
- Membership- Sandy Lewis reports 189 members last year and 157 members so far this year and 55 of the members are freshman parents.
- Fundraising-Christine Ikels reports new photos are on the web site. Decals are here. Yard signs are back logged and not all are in.
- Spirit- Report by Molly Zeitler and Jo Beth Oestreich. Focusing on morale boosters. Will be decorating lockers for homecoming. Every weekend in October is a contest so we are planning to give goody bags to students on the bus ride home. Will be giving popsicles to band again. Encouraged parents to come watch the band practice on Monday evenings at the football field.
- Pre-Game Meals- Jackie Gibson reports there has been an addition to the pre game meals form for pit crew and load crew to check to make sure they receive their meals.
- Pit Crew / Security- John Thiem reports he has handed out 15 badges and waiting on background checks for the remaining boosters to help. A reminder that the badges are to get in for the game worked and not to get into games not working.
- Chaperones-Caryn Leonard reports chaperones are doing well. Monica Partida reports we are still waiting on background checks from the district. This process is taking a long time. It is district policy

that this must be done to work with the students. Members should be contacted when approved.

- Will need help before and after fair parade.
- Uniforms- Monica Partida reports the uniform chairperson stepped down. Monica Partida and Molly Zeitler are helping for now with uniforms.
- Calendar
 - Senior Band Parent Night – September 18th. Senior parents meet on the field at 6:30. No high heels or shoes that will damage the new field turf. Your child will write how your name will be announced.
 - UnFair Day – September 25th
 - No Band picnic in October for 2 years now. Possibly will do a hot dog cookout on a contest day in October. Watch for future details.
 - Next Meeting will be on October 6th at 7:30 p.m. This is a change due to Comal bands marching on October 13th.

Director's Update by Dana Pradervand

- Tuesday, October 13 is set aside to have a Comal Band Jamboree. Canyon Lake HS, Smithson Valley HS, Canyon HS and NBHS will march their show. Times 7-8:30. This will be a free showcase and each band performs for the other bands and spectators. This will be the last big rehearsal before UIL on October 17.
- Have performed at two games so far and was successful.
- Itinerary will be USSBA on October 3. We will be playing in the evening. The Rocket Review on October 10 will be in the afternoon. We will be playing first at the UIL contest on October 17. More detailed itinerary will be posted as soon as information is received.

Ed Gonzales reviewed parking lot etiquette. Stay off Band Hall drive after game.

David Eckert introduced a new program that the band program purchased to help manage student band accounts. Find information on www.unicornband.org and www.charmsoffice.com. You can check student band accounts and all band finances can be seen.

Dana Pradervand gives a band trip update.

- She has the itinerary and it will be posted if approved. Awaiting school board approval. Should be on the September 21st school board meeting. Airfare quoted must be locked in on Thursday and we are letting the quote go because the deposit will be lost if made now and the trip is not approved.
- If the trip is approved and airfare is the same or less then the trip will be taken as planned. If airfare is increased then the trip will be cancelled and an in state trip will be taken. If a deposit has been made on your student's account and the out of state trip is cancelled, the money can be given toward the in state trip or refunded.
- There will be notice sent, posted on the web and students told when a decision has been made.
- Dana Pradervand reports there are fundraisers to help raise money for the trip. There is an approval for a catalog fundraiser and possibly one other fundraiser prior to the trip.

Dana Pradervand reports there are 271 students currently enrolled in band.

At 8:26 Caryn Leonard motioned for the meeting to adjourn. Richard Mueller seconded the motion and meeting adjourned.

Minutes submitted by Band Booster Secretary, Laura Dietert