

# Minutes of North Stafford Band Boosters Meeting General Membership

18 August 2008

- Board members in attendance: Jerilyn Stribbling (President), Tracy Rera (Vice President), Cathy Strickland (Treasurer), Wendy Colby (Secretary), Austin Nicholas (Director of Bands).
- 31 members in attendance according to sign-up sheet; a quorum is present
- Jerilyn Stribbling opened the meeting at 7:33 p.m.
- The minutes for the June meeting are posted on the website. The minutes were accepted as posted.

## **Treasurer's Report:**

- Cathy Strickland presented the Treasurer's report. She reported at the balances in the organization's checking account, the student accounts, and the reserves for scholarships and concessions. Without objection, the reported was filed as read.
- CS presented a recap of the income and expenditures for the 2007-2008 school year. No questions were asked. The recap was filed as read.

## **Director's Report:**

- Mr. Nicholas introduced himself as the new Director of Bands and thanked everyone for being so welcoming and supportive in his first few days in Stafford and with the kids.
- He reported that almost every student attended the optional rehearsals. He was impressed by their enthusiasm.
- He announced the changes to the competition schedule and said the changes would be posted on the website. There will be 2 competitions on 4 Oct, VBODA has been moved to 25 Oct, and the JMU Parade of Champions will be added on 18 Oct. Updated schedules will be handed out during band camp.

## **Committee Reports:**

- Jerilyn Stribbling explained the committees and asked all parents to volunteer where they can.

## **Membership**

- Cathy Strickland explained the committee and how the emails work. She asked that parents please check their email often and reply promptly if requested.

## **Volunteers**

- Geni Thompson manages the volunteers for the various events and fundraisers that require parent participation. She will email requirements, please reply promptly if you can help.

## **Uniforms**

- Wendy Colby explained the function of the sewing elves and asked for volunteers to help during band camp and throughout the year.

## **Pit Crew**

- 🌀 Tony Devino described the pit crew and modeled the very fashionable pit crew polo shirt for the membership.
- 🌀 He asked for at least two more dads to volunteer to help with the heavy lifting. Moms are welcome to volunteer as well.
- 🌀 He also asked for a couple of trucks to tow the band trailers when we travel. Ideally, he would like to have three he can call on so he can rotate the drivers.
- 🌀 We need to borrow utility trailers and ATVs from anyone who would loan them to move pit equipment during Invitational.

## **History/Scrapbook**

- 🌀 Michelle Lee introduced herself and talked about the scrapbook she's been working to document events from the past two years.
- 🌀 We had enough material to send Mr. Tornello off to Kentucky with a nice memory book of his time at North Stafford, and we've already bought a book for Mr. Nicholas.
- 🌀 Please send in pictures to be included in the scrapbook. Identify the kids and events on a sticky note on the back of the picture.
- 🌀 She'll be asking for pictures all year.

## **Concessions**

- 🌀 Robin Zeller introduced herself and spoke on behalf of Kyra Potts the committee chairman.
- 🌀 She introduced all the members of the committee.
- 🌀 She asked for volunteers to sign up for games now as 12-15 people are needed for each game.
- 🌀 Freshman and JV games are played on Wednesday afternoons. Kids can sign up for those games and earn money for their student accounts.
- 🌀 Please contact her or Kyra or Robin with any questions.
- 🌀 We have a couple of dads to grill during games.

## **Tag Day**

- 🌀 Jerilyn Stribbling gave a quick overview of Tag Day:
- 🌀 It's the biggest fundraiser we do – started it two years ago – mandatory event for the kids – need 20-25 drivers to take teams of 2 to 4 kids around NS attendance zone asking for donations – all day event – kids are supplied with breakfast and lunch – asked

## **Fundraising**

- 🌀 Jerilyn Stribbling explained that we fundraise for two purposes: the organization and the student accounts.
- 🌀 Tag Day and Invitational are organizational events. Most other accounts benefit the student accounts.

- Sean Tarallo, owner of Olde Virginia Gourmet offered a portion of one day's revenues to the band as a fundraiser.
- Student accounts are funded by individual student's participation in fundraisers. Money may be used for music-related activities; lessons, band camp, spring trip, instrument repairs, etc. Money needs to be used up by end of senior year. It's transferable to another student. It may not be taken to college. Give receipt to treasurer for reimbursement for approved expenditures from student account.

### **Website**

- We have a website ([www.nshsmusic.com](http://www.nshsmusic.com)) where information is posted regarding all ensembles in the program. Please visit often.

### **Alumni**

- Lori Fox was introduced at the chairman of the Alumni committee.
- She explained the program for students and for parents and invited everyone to remain active in the organization after their student(s) graduate.
- We invite alumni students back for homecoming and to help during Invitational.

### **Old Business:**

#### **Band Camp**

- Mr. Nichols said camp is going well. Most of the kids attended at least one session of the optional rehearsals so the first day of mandatory camp was very good.
- Shoe and glove costs will be emailed to everyone. Money is due by Friday. \$29 for shoes, \$3 for 2 pr of gloves.

#### **Freezer**

- Jerilyn Stribbling reported on attempts to get a freezer donated for concessions. We weren't successful so the organization will be buying one from Sears.
- Tracy Rera will be using her Sears employee discount to buy the freezer. She asked if we have someone who could pick it up and bring it to the school

#### **Misc.**

- Jerilyn Stribbling announced a reunion earlier this summer at Stafford HS for Mr. John Easley, NS's first Director of Bands. A scholarship in his name was established during the event to benefit music students at Stafford and North Stafford High Schools.
- The finale show will be Friday, 22 Aug at 7 p.m. on the practice field. It's a good time for parents to meet other parents to meet and greet, sign up for committees, and volunteer for events.
- The ice cream social for the kids will be on Tuesday. Pizza will be served to the kids on Friday before the show.

*Question:* Is there a set day for the kids to get ID cards?

*Answer:* Yes, the kids will be allowed to go in groups of 2 or 3 to get IDs.

*Reminder:* Parents, please monitor what your child is bringing for lunch. Mayo, cheese, etc on a hot stomach can upset the stomach. Please make sure your child has adequate water, a hat, sunglasses and sunscreen for band camp.

*Question:* Will spiritwear be available on Friday after the show?

*Answer:* Yes.

**Next meeting: 15 September, 2008, 7:30 p.m. in the band room**  
**Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.**