

Minutes of North Stafford Band Boosters Meeting General Membership

15 September 2008

- Board members in attendance: Jerilyn Stribbling (President), Tracy Rera (Vice President), Cathy Strickland (Treasurer), Wendy Colby (Secretary), Austin Nicholas (Director of Bands).
- Jerilyn Stribbling opened the meeting at 7:33 p.m.
- The minutes for the August meeting are posted on the band website. Without correction the minutes were accepted as posted.

Treasurer's Report:

- Cathy Strickland presented the Treasurer's report. Without objection, the reported was filed as read.
- She also presented the balances for Tag Day.

Director's Report - Mr. Nicholas:

- Invitational is on everyone's mind.
21 bands have registered so far and the schedule is being set.
Pleased with the quality of bands coming.
- Students are doing well. They have their ups and downs. The strength of the student leadership shows as they are working out the issues. The show is progressing nicely
- Thanks to the sewing elves for their hard work on the flags. They look great. Never had such efficient sewing before.
- Please encourage your student to practice

Committee Reports:

Uniforms – Wendy Colby

- Wendy Colby reported that the elves are finishing the last details on the flags and thanked them all again for their help.
- No issues with uniforms reported.

Membership – Cathy Strickland

- Cathy Strickland reported that almost all the photo release forms are in. Reminded parents that we need them before we can post photos to the website.

Volunteers – Cathy Strickland

- Sign-up sheets are posted at the band room door. Please have a look and see where you can offer your skills and time.

Pit Crew – Tony Devino

- Still need utility trailers for Invitational. Only need a couple. Please see Tony if you have one to loan.

- Also need a couple more drivers to drive pit equipment for Invitational. We don't let students drive, so need a couple more parents.
- Looking for people to sell concessions in the stands. It's a big help with crowd control at the front of concessions.
- We need new tires for one of the carts. He has found some at Home Depot he'd like to try.

Scrapbook/History – Michelle Lee

- Took pictures during Tag Day and will add them to the band scrapbook.
- Also collecting pictures from any event for the scrapbook. Submit your pictures with info about the picture on the back. Pictures will not be returned.

Concessions – Jerilyn Stribbling

- Need shelves built in the shed. Just a couple of volunteers to put the shelves up per Kyra's instructions. Please email her if you can help.

Fundraising – Cathy Strickland

- Next fundraising event is at Olde Virginia Gourmet from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. 15% of sales will be donated to the Boosters. It's a great store and everyone should check it out. Mr. Nicholas said he will arrange for an announcement to the school. Cathy said she hoped to get another date to do this again.
- Pies will come in November. This is a popular fundraiser and should help the kids raise money for their accounts.
- We have some other options to review for additional fundraisers for the kids accounts. We'll announcement those events at a future meeting.

Question: Could you make sure the color guard gets the fundraising packets? **Answer: (Cathy)** Absolutely.

- Tracy Rera is working on the details for an Applebee's fundraiser – 15% of their sales will go to the Boosters.
- Karen Fassler offered a Pampered Chef event. Cathy Strickland asked Karen to get with her with details.

Old Business:

Freezer:

- The freezer is in and installed. So far it's working out great.

Tag Day:

- We made less this year because of the economy. Might move it to later in the year. The Board is considering a second Spring Tag Day, but will have to look at the schedule.

New Business:

PSAT:

- Please thank Mr. Nichols for moving the date to 15 Oct. so more band kids could participate. The cost is \$18 cash/money order. Sign up in counseling. Registration deadlines are on the school website.

Game Dinner:

- Cathy Strickland reported that the 19th will be KFC, the 26th Papa John's, Homecoming an Italian potluck and Chick-Fil-A for the last game. The Boosters will pay \$261 for the KFC, so the fundraising really helps.

Invitational:

- Wendy Colby reported that there are still many volunteer positions to fill and asked that everyone find some job that appealed to them and offer some time during the day.
- She also spent some time talking about the different jobs and the flow of bands from registration to the field and off the field.
- There is a rain plan as the weather reports call for rain. She is in contact with Ms. Lowry about using when we can get on the field following the rain. She also discussed the movement of pit crews and bands to and from the field should there be rain or a wet field. The concern is for the kids safety and the best judging we can provide.

Football game:

- The game starts at 7 p.m., that's a change from usual. The call time for the kids will be posted on the website and whiteboard.

Upcoming events:

- MS Night – the kids will march in and play the pre-game show with the Big Blue. Then they'll join us in the stands for the game and all the stand music.
- Competition – 1st competition of the season is 4 October. We still need some bus chaperones. Contact Mr. Nicholas if you can volunteer.

Next meeting: October 20, 2008, 7:30 p.m. in the band room
Meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.