

**Minutes of North Stafford Band Boosters Meeting**  
**General Membership**  
**January 19, 2010**

- Board members in attendance: Lola Cruise (Vice President), John Mahon (Treasurer), Kim Matalavage (Secretary), Lisa Cottrell-Cumber (Parliamentarian), and Austin Nicholas (Director of Bands).
- 16 members were in attendance according to the sign-up sheet; a quorum was present.
- Lola Cruise opened the meeting at 7:35 p.m. Robin Keller went home sick.
- The minutes for the November board and general membership meetings are posted on the website. They were approved.

**Treasurer's Report:**

- John Mahon presented the Treasurer's report. The report was accepted as filed.
- Our last fundraiser is cookie dough. All monies go into the students' accounts and this will occur in time for the funds to be used for the Florida trip. This money will not automatically go toward the trip.....students must go into the band office, fill out a piece of paper with their name, the amount desired, why and place it in the booster box. John Mahon (treasurer) will process these.
- Order forms for the cookie dough sales will go home tomorrow and be due Friday, 2/5. This give students about 3 weeks and each batch is \$14. Students make \$5.60 per box sold.

**Director's Report:**

- Mr. Nicholas said that we are due to renew our website maintenance contract in June and Ben Carr is a hardworking college student who has been doing it to date. It is \$50/month and we okayed him offering the same to Ben for the next school year. There is a video of Big Blue's 2009 VBODA performance on the website. See the media link on the site to watch it.
- All County was canceled due to snow.....and may be rescheduled for the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> of February. This is if enough students and can still participate to guarantee a great performance. It is hosted by BPHS this year. We tried to host All-County this year, but there was a conflict with another event at NSHS. We are rather small to host a district wide event. Students who made all county are DJ B., Tyler C., Natalie C., Max F., Danielle F., Myles M., and Devon W.
- All District had 10 make it this year.....more than last! Students who qualified are DJ B., Joey C., Sarah C., Tyler C., Holly C., Max F., Myles M., Peige K., Devon W., and Madeline L. This event is Friday, 2/5 & Saturday, 2/6, at King George High School.
- All Virginia Band: we had one student qualify to audition last year, but 3 this year!! They are: DJ B., Peige K., and Myles M. We are very proud of all of the deserving students listed above. Auditions are 2/27 at JMU. Good luck to all.
- This Thursday night the Jazz Ensemble will play from 6:50-7PM for freshmen transition night to be held here at NSHS. Parents are invited to help man a table in the commons, passing out our brochure, and encouraging students and parents to join our band family (Jerilyn Stribling and Lisa Cottrell-Cumber ended up doing this.....thank you, ladies).
- Pre-VBODA concert is Thursday, 2/25 at 7:30PM in the NSHS auditorium. VBODA Festival is March 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup>.....symphonic band on the 12<sup>th</sup> and wind ensemble on the 13<sup>th</sup> (BPHS).
- We had 7 students apply and all MAKE the WVU Honor Band event to be held 2/11-2/13 weekend in Morgantown, WV. The students who qualified are as follows: Tyler C., Natalie C., Myles M., Max F., Joey D., Danielle F., Madeline L. Robert W. Smith is one of the guest conductors! Mr. Nick will not be going. Students must arrange for their own transportation & housing for the event.

- Tag Day: April.....Jerilyn Stribling will be running this once again this year. She will need drivers, students will be in their marching band uniforms, and students do not choose with whom they are paired. Mr. Nick will astutely handle this piece. We typically do this in the fall but are trying the spring. Pray for no rain or snow, people ☺. Mark your calendars for 4/17.....the Saturday after spring break.
- Everybody loves a parade? How about one where you are paid \$2,000 to just participate and more if you win a prize? On July 3<sup>rd</sup>, Fairfax County has an Independence Day parade and we may participate, even including our newest members. Practices would be minimal and we will discuss this further at our next meeting. If we win the grand prize, we would bring home \$6,000.

### Spring Trip:

- Wednesday, the 24<sup>th</sup> of March: depart from NSHS, Stafford County, VA. Orlando or bust!!!!
- Thursday, the 25<sup>th</sup> of March: the only meal students will have to pay for will be lunch on this day upon arrival to FL. To ANIMAL KINGDOM.....the jazz folks will also have a jazz clinic in Epcot, working with a professional.
- Friday, the 26<sup>th</sup> of March: Day in the original Magic Kingdom. Students will have meal vouchers. Mr. Nicholas participated in the parade the students will.....at night from 7-9 PM.....this will be the students largest audience to date: up to 40,000 or so!!!!!!
- Saturday, the 27<sup>th</sup> of March: Hollywood Studios (former MGM). All day/no performances. They will drive back Saturday night around 9 PM.....Reward for hard work/fun/not stressful trip.
- Sunday, the 28<sup>th</sup> of March: students will have paid \$5 cash to adult prior to trip so it is not blown on souvenirs, etc.....this will be given back to them on Sunday for a fast food breakfast about the border of Virginia.
- We have 57 students and 8 chaperone plus Director. Because we are staying on the premises, we may get to use park one hour early or one hour late. Mr. Nick will check on performance video ordering possibilities.
- Rooms are quads for students and doubles for adults. Students will sign up strictly with Mr. Nicholas soon.
- Swimwear: Mr. Nick said, "I shouldn't have to shield my eyes if I see you." All swimwear should be modest & follow NSHS & SCPS policy.
- See the email flyer regarding payments. \$535 total. Last year transportation poor.....this year New World Tours. We used them to go to Monticello in Charlottesville October 3<sup>rd</sup>.....direct tv and comfy! With 2 overnights on the bus, this is important.
- We will receive a hotel handout at the February meeting.....Disney All Stars Movie Resort!!!! Address is: 1991 Beuna Vista Drive, Orlando, FL 32830.
- Please see board minutes for any missing details you may not find here within. Thanks.**

**Next meeting: TUESDAY, February 16, 2010. Please note the change from our typical third Monday to a Tuesday due to the schools being closed for President's Day.**

**Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.**