

Minutes of North Stafford Band Boosters Meeting
General Membership
February 22, 2010

- Board members in attendance: Robin Keller (President), Kim Matalavage (Secretary), Lisa Cottrell-Cumber (Parliamentarian), and Austin Nicholas (Director of Bands).
- 23 members were in attendance according to the sign-up sheet; a quorum was present.
- Robin Keller opened the meeting at 7:33 p.m.
- The minutes for both the January board and general membership meetings are posted on the website and they were approved.

Treasurer's Report:

- Kim Matalavage presented the Treasurer's report for John Mahon. The account balance did not include the money from the cookie fundraiser. The report was accepted as filed. Before the final payment for the Orlando trip is due, the student accounts will be updated and the money may be used for same. Hopefully, this will be done by 3/2 when students pick up their cookie dough.

President's Report:

- We need a nominating committee now. A summary of what a committee member might do was shared. We need at least 3 members and we need it up and running by next week. Mr. Nicholas asked interested members to speak to Robin or Kim. We will definitely need a president, vice president, and secretary. (Ginny Nicholas, Mary Hamilton and Brad Fahland volunteered for Nominating Committee)
- The leftover food from concessions needs to be consumed/sold. Lisa Cottrell suggested that the chips and water be used by the students going to FL, at least. Mr. Nicholas is hopeful we will at least get cost for it. Michelle Lee commented that Mary Raferty, who works at NSHS, is a lacrosse team contact and lacrosse may be interested in selling the food. Robin is going to develop a list and offer the food for sale to us boosters as well. Some of it may be used for our band social and banquet in the spring. Basketball is now done buying food items from us, Geni Thomson reported.
- Tracy Rera said that cookie dough orders were turned in today. It is too late to turn your form in now. Cookies will arrive frozen 3/2 and may be left out for 8-12 hours and then refrozen or refrigerated. Students keep \$5.60/box sold. Also, Tracy shared that band portraits (singles, candids, groups) are still available at Sears Portrait Studios at Spotsylvania Mall. The folks at Sears will pull up the file for you. Mr. Nicholas thanked Michelle Lee for his group photo.

Director's Report:

- Mr. Nicholas shared that this is a stressful time for band directors with so many days missed for snow and rehearsal time missed during midterms as well. REMIND STUDENTS TO PRACTICE MUSIC!
- Mr. Nicholas should know by spring break whether or not we are participating in the 7/3 parade in Fairfax. We need to apply or we are out as they take the first few. So we are signed up but we can only participate if enough individuals can do the same.
- We had 5 students participate in the WVU Honor band weekend and they were highly placed and many had solos.

- Mrs. Bollino & Stafford's HS Directors made the decision to cancel the rescheduled All-County band event due to the extra time needed to practice instead. See the NSHS Band website for Mrs. Bollino's letter.
- The schedules for the symphonic band rehearsals were given to students and are on the website. No extra practices are scheduled so students need to work twice as hard. Note: both Wednesdays are now 6:30-8:30 PM. See him 2 school days prior with a conflict.
- Wind ensemble IS adding evening rehearsals.....see schedules given to students and posted on our website.
- All Virginia band auditions are this Saturday, 2/27, at JMU and we have 2 students auditioning, DJ B. and Myles M. Eligibility is based on chair level obtained for all-district band.
- There is no pre-festival concert this Thursday, 2/25/10, as the students are not ready rehearsal wise and the calendar did not allow for us to push it back a week. They may perform during the day for a student group.
- VBODA Festival Performances: Brooke Point HS. Symphonic band: Friday, March 12th, at 2:15PM. Wind ensemble is Saturday, 3/13, at 10:25 AM. Some students from Percussion II will perform with the wind ensemble. Support is greatly appreciated and come early as performances are short and you don't want to miss us. Note: there will be no bus to transport Symphonic Band students home on Friday, 3/12. Students will arrive back at 4:30 PM.
- Tag Day is still Saturday, 4/17.....Let Jerilyn Stribling know if you are interested in helping. It would be nice to get new faces trained. If drivers can carry 4 students versus 2 that is preferred but not required. This way 2 students can work each side of the street. See the January minutes for same details shared and additional information. Students can still participate in the musical that evening but there is a student leadership conference that same weekend.
- There is still potential for the All-District band event to be rescheduled. The decision is made during the directors meeting and this has not been rescheduled. Mr. Nicholas would like for it to be rescheduled.
- The senior citizen prom has been canceled after NSHS hosting it for 11 years. The Jazz Ensemble has played for it in the past.
- Check the website for updates on the calendar. The website and calendar are updated almost daily!
- Orlando: a handout was given out with details. See January minutes for same information shared at both meetings, please. Also, Mr. Nicholas tested the hotel front desk number and it works and is the correct one to use. Chaperones will share numbers for emergency purposes too. Students will be in groups of 2 minimum for safety reasons and have check in times. Also, MVHS' band will be there at the same time and time will be spend with them as well.

Next meeting: March 15, 2010, 7:30 PM in the band room. Meeting adjourned: 8:15PM.