

Minutes of North Stafford Band Boosters Meeting
General Membership
May 18, 2010

- Board members in attendance: Robin Keller (President), Lola Cruise (Vice President), John Mahon (Treasurer), Kim Matalavage (Secretary), Lisa Cottrell (Parliamentarian), and Austin Nicholas (Director of Bands).
- A quorum was present.
- Robin Keller opened the meeting at 7:32 p.m.
- The minutes for both the April board and general membership meetings are posted on the website and they were approved.

Treasurer's Report:

- Kim Matalavage presented the treasurer's report. It was approved as read.

President's Report:

- The band banquet was discussed. It is at NSHS (commons and auditorium) at 6:30 pm on Thursday, May 27th. An email will come splitting the alphabet between main and side dishes. The rest will be provided by boosters. Senior parents will be recognized. Please see board meeting minutes for all of the details.
- Jerilyn Stribling spoke regarding the Hall of Fame Celebration on June 12th. Please RSVP on the website, not on facebook. So far 315 have said they are coming! This includes members from many years gone by. Wind Ensemble students are performing at 3:30PM but still need to rsvp. Food is divided by the alphabet, as always. From 1:30-3:30pm we will eat and socialize. Wendy is putting together CD's with photos and DVD's with old shows that we will sell. A show on a tv in a corner from each of the 4 NS band directors will be playing a show from their era. This has been announced in the FLS twice and the school board, current administration, and faculty and staff have also been invited. Spirit wear needs to be ordered immediately and money is due May 25th for all. A few extra items will be ordered and sold at the event. Any suggestions? We were thinking of decorating the tables with marching hats and balloons. Any good suggestions will be used.

Director's Report:

- The official recognitions are coming in! This is an exciting but busy time. The concert season is over with our final concerts on May 6th and 12th. The new percussion ensemble was a hit. Both concerts were professionally recorded and are \$17 each. 2009 Spring Concert CD's are still available for \$17 each as well.
- We are gearing up for the 2010 Big Blue marching band. Three of last year's guard members were seniors but we are happy to report that 12 are trying out now. We will have a new guard instructor next year.
- Mr. Nicholas shared that he appreciated all coming on May 27thacknowledgements were brief at the band concerts but will be more in depth at the upcoming band banquet.

- The wind ensemble is rehearsing 2 new pieces for 6/12. A piece by Frank Ticheli will be their end tune and it is great.
- We will have to be out of the commons by 4 pm for a soccer event so cake will be served in the band hallway. We hope former members will come in and enjoy reminiscing.
- Graduation is 6/19 at 8am. Percussion call-time is 6:30am. All winds call time is 7am. This is required of all band members. This performance is half of their final exam grade and will entail no extra practices.
- On 6/14, 6/15, and 6/17 (Mon, Tues, Thurs), the Big Blue is practicing. This is on the website calendar that is being kept very up to date. Practice times are 6:30-8:30PM.
- It does not look like high school band contracts will be reduced to 10-months as was made public as a possibility. If true, marching band in 2010 will be business as usual.
- The marching band fee for next year is going to be increased from \$150 to \$200. It will still be one of the lowest in the area and it has not been increased for years. \$100 due is nonrefundable. But the entire balance is no longer due by the end of June. See Mr. Nicholas regarding hardships or a payment plan.
- It has been a thrill working with all of us this year and this is the last meeting of the year.

Next meeting: Monday, August 16, 2010, 7:30 PM in the band room. Have a blessed summer and see you there!

Meeting adjourned: 8:02 PM.