

**Minutes of North Stafford Band Boosters
Board of Directors Meeting
August 3, 2009**

- Board members in attendance: Robin Keller, (President), Lola Cruise (Vice President), John Mahon (Treasurer), Lisa Cottrell-Cumber (Parliamentarian), Kim Matalavage (Secretary), Austin Nicholas (Director of Bands).
- Robin Keller opened the meeting at 7:15 p.m.
- Also in attendance were Geni Thomson (committee chair for volunteers), Tracy Rera (expertise as former vice president and committee chair for fundraising), and Wendy Colby (expertise as former secretary and reported on uniforms and invitational).

Treasurer:

- Bank is officially now Wachovia. Business account and flexible with us. They are giving us 100 free transactions (each check one).
- We have about \$28,000 currently. \$26,000 is at Wachovia and the rest at Carter Bank and Trust until all monies clear.
- John is going to secure airlift for band camp needed by 7:30 AM on the 24th through practice on the 28th. Note: it is not needed for the finale.
- Tracy Rera will head fundraising: chocolate sells well, Applebee's easy so let's do it again, Tracy will get fundraising information from Cathy Strickland, and she will check about the efficacy of doing Virginia Gourmet again. We still like coffee for Christmas and cookie dough for February as last call for monies for band trip. Great idea to have a fundraising link on website.
- Wendy Colby will be heading invitational again. This and tag day are our biggest fundraisers of the year. It's going to be a first to have 2 university bands (ssshhh on who) and responses are coming in now from bands who will be competing. Deadline is 9/10/09. Being dropped off/carpooling recommended as turn out is going to be excellent.

Uniforms:

- Wendy Colby shared that much cleaning out is happening, especially the discarding of useless shoes. We have enough uniforms, shoes, tuxes, and vests. Our drum major will be outfitted. The uniforms return from Shelton Shop Cleaners Wednesday, August 5th, 2009.
- We are still waiting for 6 pairs of gauntlets. All plumes were ruined at VBODA but we have enough others, fortunately.
- Uniforms are all fitted in 3 afternoons of and camp as field looks much different to march on in hat versus not. Friday morning the hats are typically organized. Seniors will be issued their uniforms on Monday or Tuesday afternoon. Rods will be reset and graduated seniors removed. Numbers on all per child match.

- 🎵 Sewing 5 flags versus sets of 10. One flag will be huge and go over band to end 1812 Overture. Circles are involved on last one: a challenge. Patterns and photos are kept and filed.

Reimbursement Policy:

- 🎵 This was discussed at length. Should it be a policy in the band brochure or a by-law in the constitution? Pros and cons were given.
- 🎵 It was decided that it would remain a policy and be printed in the band brochure with students having until the end of September of their graduating year to obtain a reimbursement for a valid musical expense.
- 🎵 Parents will now sign that they have read the band brochure and are familiar with the policies therein. Kim Matalavage will edit the photo intent form to include same. Susan Caldwell is printing the band brochure the week of August 17th. We do not have a price yet on the 100 copies.

Tag Day:

- 🎵 Tag Day will be in April this year due to 7 band competitions in the fall. We are hoping for better weather and less harried time to plan as well.

Concessions:

- 🎵 WHO IS HEADING THIS? Maybe Jerilyn, maybe Kyra, maybe Fran? Geni is going to call to establish this important fact.
- 🎵 Unfortunately, we cannot make it mandatory for parents to work at least one time in concessions. However, we are strongly leaning toward offering a free magnet to those who sign up for one stint and a free sweatshirt if you sign up for 3. Geni Thomson and Kim Matalavage were very excited about Geni's idea!
- 🎵 Robin Keller will help Geni with phone tree and acquiring volunteers.
- 🎵 We need 12 adults for Friday nights (note: women can grill too) and we need about 10 students (NO MORE) on Wednesday nights. We need 4 more people if they are being sent out to the stands to sell food/drinks.
- 🎵 Decided difference in terminology: concessions make money/hospitality does not and is basically refreshments.
- 🎵 We purchase needed items from Costco, not Sam's Club.
- 🎵 First football game is Friday, September 11th, 2009.
- 🎵 People who may be interested in grilling are: Mr. Stribling, Mr. Lee, and Mr. Chavez.

Band Camp:

We still need many volunteers for band camp and practices: lunches, people to man/woman water stations, and elves to sew/help in uniform room.

On the 28th, prefinale dinner will be Papa John's pizza or pizza from whomever will give us \$5 pizzas. Show shirts are typically handed out afterwards. Students will ideally have brought in 2L sodas. Dessert?

The ice cream social will be Tuesday after rehearsal 4-6. The Boosters will supply the ice cream and toppings and the kids will do intros in the band room afterward.

Spirit Wear:

Plastic containers have been acquired from Wal-Mart for our spirit wear. The containers are ready and labeled for the 24thour first general membership meeting. Magnets are being marked down from \$5 to \$2.

While in Wal-Mart Lola Cruise and Robin Keller bought about 5 suitcases in black and red (only colors available) for \$19.99 each for our future graduating seniors. So we have about 11 of about 17 needed so are in good shape for the banquet.

Next board meeting: August 17th, 2009 at 7 PM in the band room.

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