

Minutes of North Stafford Band Boosters Meeting
General Membership
24 August 2009

- Board members in attendance: Robin Keller (President), Lola Cruise (Vice President), John Mahon (Treasurer), Kim Matalavage (Secretary), Lisa Cottrell-Cumber (Parliamentarian), Austin Nicholas (Director of Bands).
- 29 members in attendance according to sign-up sheet; a quorum was present. Don't forget to sign in at meetings!
- Robin Keller opened the meeting at 7:34 p.m. An introduction of the board and committee chairs was made.
- The minutes for the May 2009 meeting are posted on the former website. The minutes were accepted as posted.

Treasurer's Report

- John Mahon presented the Treasurer's report: Starting checking account balance is \$26,702.33. Concessions reserve is \$3,000.00. Donations/Charities Reserve is \$1,000.00. Scholarship reserve is \$3,000.00. Student accounts is \$4,897.45. Available balance is \$14,804.88. The report was final as read.
- John is also the chairman of the pit crew and 4 members total were present. An appeal for both hitches and drivers was made.

Director's Report

- Mr. Nicholas thanked everyone for their support and said the students were tired. He also shared that he met with student leaders to work out any kinks in attitude. He said that the support reflects well on all.
- He reported details regarding August 25th's ice cream social from 4-6PM. He said practice would end 1 hour early but do not pick up students one hour early. Show up at 3:30pm if you are interested in helping serve ice cream.
- He announced prices for gloves (\$3/pair) and the need to purchase 2 pairs, that shoes are \$30 for those marching with instruments and \$27 for colorguard members. He shared colorguard students are welcome and encouraged to take a band class but it is not mandatory. Colorguard gloves are \$12/pair. Buying used from other students is allowed as long as the item(s) are in good condition. He has an open door policy, is approachable, and see him with any monetary issues.
- Mr. Nicholas shared that the band camp finale performance will be at 7 pm on Friday, August 28th. For the first time, due to construction, it will be in the stadium, versus the typical practice field. He said it is a hike to get to it but a nice spot because of the shade.
- He is pleased that the band is balanced class wise. Largest class is the juniors thanks to recruitment efforts. We are about 65 in size and growing.

- 🔊 The wind ensemble will have a fall concert on October 21st at 7 PM in NS' auditorium. The advanced choral groups and strings will perform as well.
- 🔊 The website is a great way to contact him and pick up a calendar.

Committee Reports

- 🔊 Lola Cruise explained responsibilities of committee chairs and the need for volunteers. Senior parents are on the board and doing much and will need to be replaced. See band brochure for particulars for each committee.
- 🔊 11/6/09 is senior night so we need 9th-11th grade parents to work concessions so parents/guardians of senior members can participate.
- 🔊 Incentives for volunteering are: sign up for one event, get a free magnet; sign up for 3 events and get a free band shirt or fleece/hoody. Spirit wear will be sold on August 24th, the 28th, and September 1st, from 6-8PM, at North Stafford's open house for back to school. It is half price in order to move inventory.
- 🔊 Students get money in their student account for volunteering for jv football games. This was explained in detail.

Volunteers

- 🔊 Geni Thomson manages the volunteers for the various events and fundraisers that require parent participation. She will email requirements; please reply promptly if you can help. There is great need.
- 🔊 Robin Keller asked us to ask our children for forms/information that has/have been sent home and to get the board a good email and phone number.

History/Scrapbook

- 🔊 Michelle Lee introduced herself and talked about the scrapbook each director receives and shared one.
- 🔊 Please send in pictures to be included in the scrapbook. Identify the kids and events on a sticky note on the back of the picture. You will not get the picture back and it will be cut up.
- 🔊 She'll be asking for pictures all year.

Concessions

- 🔊 Robin Zeller, Krya Potts, and Geni Thomson will be running concessions. Anyone interested in shadowing to be trained for next year would be very welcomed. Approximately 14 volunteers are needed each varsity football game. There will be 5 varsity and 4 jv games this year with the first game 9/11/09.
- 🔊 Kyra shared that there is a guide in binder form to assist you. We also run concessions ALL DAY on 9/26, for invitational. We have many bands, judges, guests to feed.

- 🎧 Baked goods are sold when concessions are open. Parents bake and deliver. Great for moms at home or those who cannot work during an event. The money helps.

Tag Day

- 🎧 Tag day is one of our 2 big fundraisers and it will be held in April 2010, after spring break.

Fundraising

- 🎧 Tracy Rera, fundraising committee chair, explained that we fundraise for two purposes: the organization and the student accounts. We will first hear from her in October regarding pie sales in November, our first fundraiser!
- 🎧 Tag Day and Invitational are organizational events. Most other accounts benefit the student accounts.
- 🎧 Student accounts are funded by individual student's participation in fundraisers. Money may be used for music-related activities; lessons, band camp, spring trip, instrument repairs, etc. Money needs to be used up by September of the student's graduating year. It's transferable to another student.

Alumni

- 🎧 Lori Fox (chairman of the Alumni committee) was introduced.
- 🎧 We invite alumni students back for homecoming and to help during Invitational.

Misc.

- 🎧 Do not forget to sign and return the intent form regarding photos of your child(ren) on the website and that you have reviewed the full of useful information band brochure.
- 🎧 Pizza, chips, cookies and soda will be provided/served to students before the finale show.

Wendy Colby

Sewing elves are needed. They organize, steam, press uniforms, provide first aid, handcraft our flags. We currently have Lori Fox, Candy Ryan, and Wendy Colby. More are needed to volunteer and you do not have to be good at sewing. Teaching/training will occur or you can steam! Our uniforms look great compared to other schools but students must take care of them and they are trained to do so. Only water may be consumed while in uniform and there is no sitting in white pants.

Wendy also discussed invitational as she is the chair. Ours is one of the oldest in the state, well run in a timely manner, UVA will be exhibitioning, and bands are judged by VBODA standards. UVA's marching program is young and just under 300. EVERYONE is needed on the 26th of Sept. You can park cars, register bands, work concessions, pit crew, host bands (students and parents needed for each band), coordinate the field, provide water. There will be a sign up sheet at the finale on the 28th of August. We have 25-30 bands attending so car pool or get dropped off. We had 27 bands 2 years

ago and 22 last year. The money we make goes to purchasing instruments, literature, scholarships, etc. Our band cannot be judged since we host and we typically exhibition. Clean up will occur after the football game the previous night. You may work 1 or 2 hours, work/leave/come back, or work all 12 hours. You are necessary.

Next meeting: 21 September, 2009, 7:30 p.m. in the band room.

Meeting adjourned at 8:52 p.m.