

**Minutes of North Stafford Band Boosters Meeting**  
**General Membership**  
**September 21, 2009**

- Board members in attendance: Robin Keller (President), Lola Cruise (Vice President), John Mahon (Treasurer), Kim Matalavage (Secretary), Austin Nicholas (Director of Bands).
- members in attendance according to sign-up sheet; a quorum is present.
- Robin Keller opened the meeting at 7:33 p.m.
- The minutes for the August meeting are posted on the website. The minutes were accepted as posted.

**Treasurer's Report:**

- John Mahon presented the Treasurer's report. He reported that we have an available balance of \$17,753.72. Our checking account balance is \$27,150.32 and we have \$3,000 in reserve for concessions, \$1,000 for donations, \$3,000 for scholarships, and we have \$2,396.60 in student accounts. The report was accepted as filed.
- Robin Keller asked if this included the monies from Wednesday's jv football game and John responded yes.

**Director's Report:**

- Mr. Nicholas said that we performed "admirably" at the competition at CD Hylton HS on Saturday, October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2009. We were only 0.21 points below Chancellor HS, who won in our division and we were missing 7 members to possible swine flu.
- Saturday competition information will be posted on the website and given to students the Monday or Tuesday before each one in a strategic effort to not let other bands know too far in advance where/when we are competing.
- There is no rehearsal Friday after school and students are on their own for dinner as we will already be here much with game, clean up, and invitational. We are feeding the students before the homecoming game (October 16<sup>th</sup>) and before the game when 8<sup>th</sup> graders join us on October 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- Saturday students are to arrive at 7:15 AM and we exhibition at 11:45 AM. We cannot compete since we are hosting (paying for judges) but we will be evaluated. Students report to the auditorium.
- The first band registers at 7:50 AM and reports for staging at 8:50 AM and goes on at 9 AM. We will be on time this year!
- Upcoming events include: 10/10 competition is at Stafford HS, 10/16 alumni will wear their band shirts and play with us and we will feed them dinner, 10/24 competition in Mechanicsville at Lee Davis HS, 10/3 is at Monticello HS in Albemarle and we play early, 10/31 VBODA is at Massaponax, and, in an effort to recruit, our marching band is playing in the stands at HHPMS' football game Wed 10/21 and then the wind ensemble will perform that night at 7PM?

## Volunteers

- 🔊 Geni Thompson manages the volunteers for the various events and fundraisers that require parent participation. She will email requirements; please reply promptly if you can help. Volunteers are needed and welcomed to bring in baked goods, serve students dinner before a game, work concessions, and all are needed for invitational.

## Invitational

- 🔊 Wendy Colby is in charge of this once again this year and she spoke at length about all of the responsibilities, training for same, and explained very well exactly how it runs. Emails will be sent with responsibility list and explanation and all students will work too.
- 🔊 We need someone to pick up a judge from Illinois from the airport and someone to bring him from hotel to competition Saturday.
- 🔊 After game, we need 4-5 gentlemen to help set up the big tent for sales/grilling/wrapping.
- 🔊 Pop up shelters needed for first aid station, etc. 10 tables need to be picked up and returned from Summit Presbyterian Church: does anyone have a long truck?
- 🔊 If you came to the meeting tonight, you get to give a shoutout for \$5 paid to John Mahon for the program Saturday.
- 🔊 No pit crews are allowed near students where bands are staging. Safety first. Pit travels separately and is directed/redirected to the concession entrance. Bands enter by bandroom and main admissions. No students ride on trailers ever.
- 🔊 Students will stamp hands of all on buses, including chaperones. Others pay.....period.
- 🔊 Warm up is on one of the 2 baseball fields and a parent will work each locker room for changing.
- 🔊 Tickets will be sold in two places again this year, by concession and the main gate. One of our student guides will give director a packet
- 🔊 We are known for our fantastic judges and that is why our invitational is so popular. This year the judges are fabulous as well. Directors love our timing too.
- 🔊 Encourage directors to hydrate their students at our water stations. We do not loan instruments, reeds, etc.
- 🔊 Good weather called for as of now.....if there is bad weather, plan B and we still march.
- 🔊 From when the band arrives to when they leave is about an hour. We are hosting, we are patient, we accommodate, we are nice no matter what. We want them to have a great experience, help their 2000 students to perform well, and come back next year. Direct issues to Wendy who will direct them to Austin if there is a problem.
- 🔊 Wear hat, sunscreen, smile, and spirit wear or blue. Students wear warm up suits if we have them or blue long pants.....no shorts. We have a few warm up suits to sell still. Company did a poor job on our finale shirts and we could not give them out. We will eventually order warm up suits again.

- We do not give out medications.....the director should have medical forms and do that but our first aid station is there for “a kiss and a band-aid.”
- We need a volunteer to provide lunches for the judges/pressbox.....about 10. We have paper products. This saves the lunches coming out of our profits since we are already paying their flight/hotel.
- Students provided with a meal ticket but may want money for snacks.

### **Concessions**

- Robin Keller and Kyra Potts will get to concessions between 5 and 5:30AM Saturday for invitational. Donuts and bagels coming from Panera via donation.
- Parents are to bring baked goods and a cooler of ice to the concessions stand at 7:15 AM Saturday and then park where buses stored as far back as you can to better accommodate our guests.
- 14 students showed up to help at the jv game Wed. Some did not show up until 7PM due to conflicts. Kids need to stay to help clean up! Geni Thomson, Kyra Potts, Lori Fox, and Robin Keller were the adults working. Simone King was an awesome seller, especially in the stands. Behavior needs to be good: unpaid job and you are representing North Stafford HS as well as Big Blue.
- We have a coffee pot and fountain drinks working. New freezer coming.

### **Fundraising**

- Tracy Rera, fundraising chair, shared that our first fundraiser is almost here: pies and cinnamon rolls. Brochures out around Monday, October 5<sup>th</sup>, and will be due back October 19<sup>th</sup>. They are frozen and will be delivered November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2009.
- 75 brochures were ordered and typically only marching band sells but other band class students may as long as we have brochures to give them. Last year, \$5/pie sold went into the student’s account.

### **Website**

The minutes from the general membership meeting were approved and are posted on our website. Feel free to read the board minutes for any information as they are posted also.

**Next meeting: 19 October, 2009, 7:30 p.m. in the band room**

**Meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m.**