

## Minutes of November 8, 2007 Band Booster Meeting

**Attendees:** J. Touchberry, N. Kerr, M. Cox, R. Swanek, R. Esqueda, S. Bowman, S. Emmett, Brian Emmett, J. Reeves

Meeting was called to order at 7:34pm.

Minutes from prior meeting approved.

Updates since the minutes approved: Transportation: A truck was taken to Havelock in addition to the buses. There was concern that we would not have enough storage under the bus. 18 tickets to ride to Havelock were sold and helped to offset costs.

**Treasurer's Report:** ½ of due Fair Share payments have been received to date. Fair share which is due needs to be paid and marching expenses closed out!

**Director's Report:** At the Havelock competition, the scoring differs from other venues which use the NC Band Master's Association Guidelines. The Marching Band placed:

3<sup>rd</sup> - Music

1st – Visual performance

1st – Overall effect                      Havelock does not award this. However, if they did the band would have won this category!

2nd – Colorguard

2<sup>nd</sup> - Percussion

3<sup>rd</sup> – Drum Major

The area to work at for improving these scores was the dynamic contrast.

**Pep Band** – Led by Chantal Bowman, Molly Emmett, and Kevin Burson. They are responsible for a set of songs each to direct. Percussion participation is heavy. They will rotate on the quarter at the basketball games should we have more than required for any given game. Participation is not being discouraged. If students not in the band program want to participate in Pep Band, they need to come and see Ms Kerr. Band moms will be around during the games.

**Honors Recital** – The recital is 11/28 from 4 – 6pm. The time MAY change to 3 – 5pm due to a conflict on the school calendar. Each participant must meet with Ms Kerr twice prior to performing. The name of the piece they are performing was due to Ms Kerr by 10/12, so this is no surprise!

**Band Concert** – There is a concert on 12/18 at 7pm. This will include the Concert band and the Wind Ensemble with a combined piece at the end. Ms Kerr requested help in getting the stage re-set and the kids on and off quickly.

### **Committee Reports**

**Transportation:** Times to convene/depart for Christmas parade (Nov 17) will be 7:30am, with a planned departure at 8am. Parade begins at 9:30am. Sally Bowman will line up the transportation.

**Fundraising: RBC** – RBC ALE training is offered again on Nov 14 and another option on 11/20. Gift wrap begins on 11/23.

**White Uniform Update:** So far, no offers for ALL of the band uniforms. Raleigh Rescue Mission wanted 30 (for ages 6 – 30) and Fayetteville wanted to borrow them. We need to figure out a way to get them out of the band room storage.

**Bandstand:** Bandstand sales after school are slowing (normal fluctuation). November slots are covered. Basketball games begin next week. Barbi is trying to secure a new hot dog machine. Price of hot dogs will increase to \$2. Additional signs pointing to concessions are also being secured. (Nicely presented by Marshall Cox!)

**Hospitality:** The after parade lunch will be catered by Milton's pizza. It will include 3 slices of pizza per person, salad, and condiments. Parents will be asked to supply desserts! \$5/pp and we will request an RSVP. Jeanna or Sally will provide a note to disburse. Ms Kerr will get the Facility Use form completed. Sally will also decorate the cafeteria on the Friday night before – centerpieces, balloons, and senior pictures. We want an audiovisual slide show. Sarah will confirm that work is underway by a student.

**Spring Trip:** Deposit is due to Heritage soon for the NYC trip. Sarah will send an e-mail to all students with the following information: Initial meeting – 11/19 at 7pm – begin accepting deposits at that time. Deposits are \$50 and NON-REFUNDABLE. Last date to pay the deposit is 11/28. A reminder that a student with an outstanding fair share balance cannot go on the trip until all funds are paid will be included in both this initial e-mail and Randi's Fair Share statements.

### **New Business**

**Parade Rehearsal:** There will be an additional parade rehearsal next week. This will likely be on 11/15 from 2:45 and ending at 5pm.

**Battle of Brooks** (middle school football game played at Millbrook) is on 11/14. The marching band will perform the half time show. Middle schools are bringing their own "pep bands". Attire will be jeans and black band jackets or black/navy sweatshirts. Kids are not required to stay the whole game, but must let Ms Kerr know in advance if they are NOT staying. The game begins at 6pm.

The meeting was adjourned 8:34pm. Minutes submitted by Sarah Emmett, Secretary.