

**Fort Mill District Band Booster Club, Inc.**  
**Nation Ford Band**  
**July 2014 Band Booster Meeting Minutes**  
Meeting Date: Monday, July 28, 2014  
Location: Nation Ford High School

Meeting was called to order at 7:09 pm by Lynne Hall.

After review of the minutes, a band parent asked what is being done to collect past due amounts. Bob informed everyone that he is working with those families to collect.

The **June Booster Minutes** were submitted and approved as written by Larry Gibson and Jim McCord.

**Financial Update:**

- As of today 6/1, we have a \$7,407.92 surplus. We are getting in fees but we are also incurring expenses.
- There is approximately \$37,000 in checking, \$17,000 in savings. These amounts include \$7826 in points and \$2500 in the hardship account.
- A band parent asked, "What is the hardship account?" It was explained that people donate points to the account and the points are used to help students who cannot afford the cost of band.

**Charms:** Lynne talked to the club about Charms. She explained that the club rolled out the use of the website mid-year last year. We are using it more and more. You can check your band fee balance, points balance, sign up for Panthers, etc. She informed members of the club that they should become familiar with Charms and use it. Lynne told the group that emails had gone out with instructions for logging in and using Charms but Margaret agreed to give a tutorial. Margaret walked the group through the steps to log onto Charms.

Calendar on Charms and our band website should both be up to date.

There is a delay between working to earn points and the points being credited to your Charms account. The band has to get paid before the points are credited.

If you have not been receiving the emails sent from Charms, you should check your spam folder and adjust your email settings to accept emails from the Charms address.

Students were told to change their passwords. Some have done that. If you cannot get into Charms, don't panic. Check with your student to find out if they changed the password. If you still cannot get in, email Margaret and she can fix the problem.

Lisa instructed the group on how to sign up for Panthers through Charms. Click the hand!

**President's Report:** It's started! We are so excited about the start of the marching band season. The kids have put in a lot of work already. It is exciting to see where they start and where they end up. We are going to Grand Nationals – the Super Bowl of Marching Band. We generally go every other year.

Come watch practice in the evenings for the last 30 minutes or so. Bring chairs to sit and watch. The kids like having an audience. This lets you participate in their lives and know what they are talking about when they talk about band. There are a lot of new faces here. I hope to see you volunteer. There are lots of different ways to help. We would love your help but don't expect it! Some of the ways to help are to serve food, work the first aid tent, work on the pit crew, help load and unload the truck, etc. We couldn't do it without volunteers. Volunteer for PANTHERS! It is our largest fundraiser.

We will take whatever you can give! WELCOME to band!

### **Vice President's Report:**

- **Restaurant Nights:** For restaurant nights, the restaurant hosts our band family for a percentage of the sales. Last week, Sweet Frogs hosted our first official event. We are not sure what our August event will be. Next scheduled event is in September at Chick-fil-a. Chick-fil-a is our biggest restaurant supporter. If you have any ideas for other restaurant nights, please let Lisa know.
- **Panthers:** The first game was Friday, July 25. The new stand is on the 500 level. Attendance was light but it was a good training event. The next two events are the soccer game on 8/2 which is sold out and the Panthers game on 8/8 against Buffalo. This is a preseason game with a 6:30 kickoff and check in is at 3:30.

There was a question about what to do if you cannot get off work until 5:00. Late check in is available. Late check in is at the time that the games open.

The Panthers "uniform" is tan/khaki shorts or pants and a white or black shirt. The Panthers provide a polo shirt and an apron.

Last year we had more time to sign up volunteers. This year we have to have our list in sooner. Please sign up. If we are unable to meet our minimum number of volunteers, we have to pay for additional workers, so please sign up early.

There was an explanation about the bonus structure for working Panthers games. Mr. Dickey explained how Panthers pays down band fees for everyone.

Panthers parking – The Panthers have a new parking lot. It is on Freedom drive.

- **Silent Auction:** The silent auction is our fall fundraiser this year. The food will be from Maggiano's Little Italy. Tickets will be on sale soon. They are \$12 for adults and \$10 for non-band students. Band students eat free. You need to pre-order tickets. The event will include dinner, the auction and a preview of the show. Information will go out on how to purchase tickets. At this time, we have received almost \$7000 in donations. Donations include items such as, dental package, golf package, furniture restoration, Hornets tickets, instruments, fitness, NASCAR, Panthers merchandise, etc. If you know anyone who might be willing to donate, we will accept donations until August 15. We also need people to work the event.

There was a question about who can attend the event. It is open to the public. Anyone can purchase a ticket.

**Band Director's Report:** I encourage you to be encouraging. Three or four years from now, your child will be going off to college. If your student is 16, the four years of high school are 25% of their life but if you are 40, it is only 10%. You know it goes fast.

Number one suggestion – get involved. It goes so fast. I hate to see parents a Senior Night that I have never seen before even though their student was in band all four years. Zach Lutz assisted Mr. Dickey in demonstrating how papers should be delivered to parents.

Some things to know... Teenagers screw up. We have to let them screw up so they learn how to deal with that and how to get it right. The students will not tell you that they want you there (watching the band) but they do.

We will do the right thing because it is the right thing to do. We have to protect the integrity of the program. One third of the grade is department. We have high expectations. Keep a positive attitude.

### **Committee Updates:**

- **Band Store:** The new show shirts will be dark gray. Orders are due now. The Band Store opens on August 6. You can try on the samples. There are some new items, including some shorts. Working on getting PayPal for the Band Store. The customer will have to pay the fee for the convenience. We cannot afford to absorb that fee. We are also working on being able to pay fees in Charms but that would also include the PayPal fee. You can still avoid the fee by sending in a check.
- **Hospitality:** Tina Englert talked about planning the food for Band Camp. She will plan the food and help prepare it. She sent out emails to recruit people to serve food at Band Camp. Desserts are full. The band still needs water. Please send in water.
- **Pit Crew:** Ron Hall agreed with Mr. Dickey that the time goes fast. He explained what Pit Crew does – construction of show props, help get equipment on and off the field, help load the truck. Getting stuff on and off the field is a fun job. Generally, they do lots of behind the scenes work. Help when you can. The Pit Crew uniform is khaki shorts or pants and a black polo. The first home football game is Friday, August 22.
- **Chaperones:** Kathy Miller is in charge of the chaperones. They work the first aid tent during Band Camp. No medical experience is necessary to work the tent. There are four volunteer spots left. They chaperone the students for competitions. Please send in your medical forms. When Band Camp is over, Kathy will be sending out emails about chaperoning other events.
- **Uniforms:** Nancy talked about the current status of uniforms, particularly the collection of suit jackets, shirts and ties.  
Karen shared that, in uniform, all the students look alike.

**New Business:** No new business.

### **Announcements:**

- Next Booster Club Meeting- Monday, August 25 7:00p.m. NFHS Band Room

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm. The meeting was to be followed by a brief Panthers training.

*Minutes Respectfully Submitted by  
Nancy Minnix*