

Fort Mill District Band Booster Club, Inc.
Nation Ford Band
September 2014 Band Booster Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: Monday, September 29, 2014

Location: Nation Ford High School

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Lynne Hall.

The **August Booster Minutes** were submitted and approved as written by Jennifer McCord and John Tennant.

Band Director's Report: Mr. Linkous presented the Band Director's Report. He told the group that if they have any questions about events, schedules, etc., you should check the band's website. The first contest on the upcoming Saturday (October 4) is at Butler High School and the nighttime contest is at Hickory Ridge High School. The tentative start time is 8:00am with practice, then lunch and go. We are not sure if we will stay for awards at Butler but we will at Hickory Ridge.

Preview went well (Exhibition). We had a great turn out. The visiting band directors are happy with their experience and so are we.

Our show is right on track. The older students know that this show is good. We have our best group of students yet. Clinician feedback was good. We will be adding as the season goes on. We have gotten through Part 4 and will be filling in.

Financial Update: Margaret Marshall presented the financial update.

- We have received 59% of our fees.
- A little over 40% is still outstanding. The band needs that money for travel.
- Final payments are due October 1. If you need help making your payments, talk to Mr. Dickey or Bob Hessler to make a payment plan.
- The Silent Auction brought in around \$9,000. There are no figures yet on Exhibition.

President's Report: Exhibition was a beautiful day and the students did a great job. I love seeing the show progress. It can be surprising as a freshman parent but it is normal to have an unfinished show at early competitions. When the students compete, we can see how our band compares. If you see other bands, it gives you a feel for how we are doing. Ticket sales were better than last year but we also had more expenses. There were more bands. We added two large bands. People ate well so there was no food left. In addition to the money we make, we pick the clinicians so we will get quality feedback. However, we have no travel expenses. The other bands were happy with the experience. We will probably have similar bands next year.

Vice President's Report:

- **Restaurant Nights:** Our contact at Sweet Frogs left so it took a little while to get our money. Our commission was \$239.40. The average price of yogurt is \$4. Our last Chick-fil-A night had a commission of \$309.00. Our next event will be

on Wednesday, October 1 at Bruster's from 6:00-8:00pm. We will have a restaurant night at 521 BBQ on Wednesday, October 15 from 4:00-8:00pm. We will receive 15% commission.

- **Panthers:** Jason Hassing presented the Panthers update. The next few games will be hard to staff the stand. Please sign up if you can. The next three games are Sunday 10/26, Thursday 10/30, and Sunday 11/16. Sunday 11/16 is the day the band will be traveling back from Indianapolis so no band students will be able to work. We had an opportunity to staff another stand in addition to our current stand. We are not going to continue. We will recruit to have extra staff but we will not commit to more staff. We now serve nachos in the stand. This is great since nachos are popular. We are happy with our volunteers and tips have been good.
- **Silent Auction:** 7-8 people worked on the Silent Auction. We started planning in June. We received \$13,000 in donations. We sold 280 tickets. The event was catered by Maggiano's. The food was good and received lots of compliments. The committee will be meeting in December to plan for next year. Letters requesting donations need to go out in January.
- **Fruit & Pastry:** Gretchen Whitesell talked about the Fruit & Pastry Sale. It starts on September 30. The students will receive handouts on Wednesday in class. You can make purchases online. This year the students' names are uploaded so online sales can be credited to a student. If you want to donate to the hardship fund, choose, "no designated." Students receive one point per box of fruit and per butter braid. For fruit, there is additional incentive of 2 points from every 5 boxes sold. For every 20 boxes, students will receive a \$25 visa gift card. If you sell 12 butter braids, you receive one free one. Forms are due on Thursday 10/30. Online closes 11/7. Shipping is available to ship to people out of town. Delivery will be 12/5. We will need volunteers to help so please sign up in Charms.
- **Oyster Roast:** Theresa Law discussed the Oyster Roast. The Annual Oyster Roast will be 11/8. It will be hosted by the band and alumni. It will be a more social event including a bonfire. Oysters and barbecue will be available. A combo ticket is \$30. A BBQ only ticket is \$15. You can order online or can Theresa Law. Information is on the band's website. You can use PayPal to pay for the tickets. It is held at the Field Trial Barn. Bring your own beverage and tools.

Committee Updates:

- **Band Store:** Thanks to Heidi and Maria for helping Licia with the band store at Exhibition. PayPal has doubled our business. The order has been submitted. Bulk orders save shipping. It takes about 7 days to turnaround an order. We now have a long sleeve version of the show shirt and a magnetic logo pin. Order now to have for trips.
- **Social Committee:** Dorothy Shiakallis informed the group that the next home game is 10/10 against Fort Mill High. We will tailgate. Set up will be the same. Bring a dish, chairs, games, a plate, etc. Tailgating will be from 5:30-7:15.
- **Hospitality:** Lynne Hall

We have received permission to serve sweets this weekend (10/4). We need to bake for 200. If several people bake 2 dozen, this will be easy. We are feeding the kids at Nation Ford. Lunch will be around 10:30. Food will be grab and go. There will be two snacks. Dinner will be at 4:30, before we leave Butler. If you want to help, please let Lynne know.

Still need water donations. We will need 36 cases of water for Western, 75+ cases for Atlanta and 75-100 cases of water for Indianapolis.

New Business: District policy is to do background checks on volunteers and chaperones. They have always done this. They use a secure volunteer background check. This affects anyone volunteering with students, including pit crew. If you volunteer, you should be getting an email asking you to complete this background check. If you work for the school district or completed the background check, you do not need to do it again.

There was a question about the start times of the two competitions. We perform at Butler at 3:00pm and at Hickory Ridge at 8:30pm. We have not done two competitions in one day before but Mr. Dickey wants the students to be ready for multiple performances in one day. Pit Crew will have to load and unload the truck three times. Please help if you can. Someone mentioned that we should have women on our Pit Crew. Pit Crew is open to everyone. We do not discriminate.

Advice for Western – Dress in layers. It gets cold at night. Wear/bring sunscreen. There is not a parent bus. We are saving that money so we can spend two nights in Atlanta. Parents pay for the bus but at a discounted rate because of the band renting buses. It would cost too much for parents to rent a bus on their own. There will not be buses available due to college football games. The parents are still tailgating at Western. The band performs at 3:00pm.

Announcements:

- Next Booster Club Meeting- Monday, October 27 at 7:00p.m. NFHS Band Room

Meeting adjourned at 8:04pm.

*Minutes Respectfully Submitted by
Nancy Minnix*