

FALLS CHURCH HIGH SCHOOL  
MEETING MINUTES  
November 11, 2008

I. The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. by Band Aides President Suzanne S.

**Members in Attendance:**

Suzanne S , Holly W , John D , Guillaume E , Patrece M , Tanya B , Emily R , Shelly B , Amy P, Carolyn and Doug S , Chrysa C , Janet G , Ann L -P , Jo P , Craig Moore, Sue and Michael C , and Cecilia H .

**II. Introductions**

- No new members were present.

**III. Approval of the Agenda**

**IV. Approval of Minutes from the October 7, 2008 Meeting-** The minutes from the October 7, 2008 meeting were approved as submitted.

**V. Officer Reports**

**a. President, Suzanne S –**

- December 7<sup>th</sup>, Riitta A will host a Silpada Jewelry Show at her house. These shows generally bring in a minimum of \$1500 for the band and deliveries are guaranteed for the holidays.
- The Holiday Concert is scheduled for December 17<sup>th</sup>. Many have signed-up to bring refreshments. An e-mail reminder will be sent out closer to the concert.

**b. Treasurer, Holly W –**

- The Craft Fair brought in \$460.
- Tag Day income to date is \$8579.75, which includes \$600 in checks received in the last two weeks.
- The concession stand has yielded a profit of \$8869 this year.
- Entertainment books are being sold for \$25, which yields a \$10 profit which goes into the student's individual account.
- The budget will need to be amended in January to take into account added expenses due to the increased prices and income to date.

**c. Ways and Means, Tanya B -**

- Giant Script sales have been good with around \$7000 in script sold since the beginning of the school year. The form for purchasing is posted on our website.
- Tanya has applied for the permission to hold a Yard Sale to benefit the uniform fund, to be held November 22. When this event is confirmed, an e-mail will be sent out.
- There are 4 parent polo shirts left to be sold. Please see Suzanne S if you are interested.

**d. Corresponding Secretary/Communications, Shelly B**

- Weekly e-mail updates will continue to be helpful and will be sent for the next few weeks. As always, please check the website for updates any time at [www.jaguarband.org](http://www.jaguarband.org)

**e. Recording Secretary, Cecilia H -** no report at this time.

**VI. Uniform Committee Report, Janet G -**

- a.** Letters to be sent to area businesses is now in the first draft, to be reviewed by the committee soon.
- b.** This Thursday evening, Nov. 13<sup>th</sup>, a representative from the uniform company will be in the band room for the uniform committee to review his goods and discuss what other schools have done for fund raising. All interested parents may also attend.

- c. A letter for solicitation of family members and relatives (Grandparents and other relatives) should be drafted for sending out in March.
- d. A Silver Diner event where the students can work/serve to raise funds for uniforms was also suggested.

#### **VII. Athletic Booster updates- Jo P -**

a. After attending the Booster meeting it is felt that an endorsement for this organization and the funds it raises for activities should be brought to this group's attention and a plea for involvement in both groups should be considered by all who have students in any activity.

#### **VIII. Band Director's Report, John D -**

- a. Winter Guard - Guillaume E , clinician for the Guard, presented his plans for the winter guard, and asked for support and funds so the group can attend 3 competitions. The group is having an interest meeting soon, to include interested students from Stuart, as they do not have a winter group and combining them is possible. A request from this parent group for a report, once member interest is obtained, to include participation fees and fund raising events to assist with expenses.
- b. Calendar review- full band practices will be held from 2:30-4:00 on the following days: 11/17, 11/24 (this one is for marching to prepare for the recruitment trip to Jackson MS and Woodburn ES the next day), 12/1, 12/8, 12/15 (this one is 2:30-5:00 with Chorus and Orchestra for the concert on the 17<sup>th</sup>) **Please check the website for updates [www.jaguarband.org](http://www.jaguarband.org) .**
- c. Holiday Spotlight taping to be aired on FCPS TV-Apple 21 during the holiday season will take place December 1-3 on our stage.
- d. This Saturday, November 15, volunteer band members can sign-up to ride the bus to play at the taping of the "It's Academic" show, to support the team. Members attending should wear jeans and their Police T-Shirts.
- e. Inaugural Parade- The band director at Annandale HS has proposed a combination of our band with theirs and Stuart's to apply for permission to march in the inaugural parade in January. If they get accepted, practices would be on the same weekend as the Pre-Festival Clinic at Stuart, on the Thursday prior to the clinic and the Monday (MLK Jr. day) afterwards, with the clinic on Friday and Saturday. Any band members wanting to attend will be asked to sign a commitment to attend all sessions. Watch the websites for updates [www.jaguarband.org](http://www.jaguarband.org)
- f. Pancake Breakfast- January 31<sup>st</sup> is the new date for to be the joint National Honor Society/Band event breakfast. Each student will be responsible to sell 5 tickets @\$5 and spend some time to set-up, serve, or clean-up. This will be a 60/40 split in the profits and could prove to be beneficial to both groups.
- g. Mr. D presented a update on the planning for the spring Atlanta Trip. With the increased cost of the busses (2 needed at \$16,000) the cost of the trip will be between \$500 and 600. Band members should be considering all fund raising activities (Greens and Citrus sales being completed, that leaves the Redskin games, see below) to save for the trip. Commitment and a non-refundable down payment will be due before Winter Break.

#### **IX. Fundraising and Volunteer Activities**

- a. **Future Restaurant nights –Noodles and Company-** Tuesday Nov. 25<sup>th</sup>, there will be no coupons needed BUT we need to have 100 people participate to get the profits. A "Battle-of-the-Sections" is considered to get participation up and we will be allowed to stand outside and ask people to mention the FCHS band so we can get credit for them too! Please come to make this a successful fundraiser.
- b. **Craft Show** – see Treasurers report above

- c. **Giant Scripts** –see the Ways and Means report above
- d. **Spirit Wear**-order will be submitted tomorrow and the clothing should come in two weeks
- e. **Tag Day Wrap-up**- see Treasurers report above
- f. **Student Account fundraisers: Greens (Mary)**- order was sent in and most of the extra merchandise was sold at the Craft Fair; **Citrus (Patrece)** order will be sent in soon, orders placed on the website were confirmed by the company. **Redskin Games (Carolyn)** another game was added for use by band students (16 years or older) In addition to the Nov. 30<sup>th</sup> game, a December 21 game is added with 30 slots to be filled. Sign-ups will be posted or see Mrs. S to sign-up. \$25 per person working (can include parents and any relatives over 16 years of age). A great way to raise funds for the Spring Trip!!!

**X. Old Business-**

None at this time

**XI. New Business-**

-The fall sports picture of the band for the Year Book was not a very good picture. Any pictures a parent may have taken at any other event would be appreciated and should be submitted to the Year Book staff.

-A huge congratulations and a round of applause was offered for Mr. D and the Band for all their hard work, dedication and leadership in the Marching Band season and for their SUPERIOR performance and subsequent rating. The parents deeply appreciate all Mr. D's hard work, as always, and want to acknowledge his dedication to the students learning and achieving their goals. Great job by all! And a Great Performance!

**XII. Adjournment- 8:28** Next Band Aides Meeting is scheduled for December 2, 2008.

Respectfully Submitted- Cecilia H