

**Falls Church High School Band Aides
Meeting Minutes
November 18, 2009**

Attendees: Jennifer C., Chrysa C., Sue & Michael C., John D., Linda P., Suzanne S., Carolyn & Doug S., Patrece M., Natashi A., Mary V., Amy P. and Holly W.

I. The meeting was called to order at 7:20 pm by Suzanne S.

II. Introductions

a. Falls Church HS band alumni Lee S. ('74) and Leonard P. were introduced. Leonard is the unofficial head of the alumni and would like to help raise money for the current band and deposit it into a Band Aides account for Mr. D to use at his discretion. Mr. D. would submit request in writing stating purpose and amount needed and alumni would approve. Set up separate account not to be included in budget. They talked about the reunion at Orkney Springs. 215 alumni from '66-'86 attended. Next reunion will be 2012. Mr. D. spoke at last reunion.

III. The Agenda for the meeting was approved.

IV. The minutes from the October 28, 2009 meeting were approved.

V. Officer Reports

a. President – Suzanne S.

FCPS Budget cut talks still ongoing. Music is still under consideration for cuts. Next hearing is December 2. Suzanne will get details and timeline of when decisions will be made about budget cuts.

b. Treasurer – Michael C.

Band fee collection ongoing. Letters will be sent. Students must be paid up to go on band trip. There were a lot of new students and some bounced checks. John will check into whether fee is supported by school to help with collection.

c. Ways and Means – Holly W.

Sold 5 Entertainment Books at Craft Show. We have some left at \$30.00 each. 4 pillows sold. Other misc. items were sold.

Holly distributed a DVD of the marching band season to all meeting attendees. She still has some from this year and last year available. Contact her if you would like to have one. She thanked the football team who let us use their DVD duplicator.

Restaurant Nights update:

Glory Days – This will start first. A range of dates will be established and anyone eating there during that time will turn their receipt into the Band Aides. We will receive 10% of all receipts during the established time period.

Noodles and Company, Chipotle and Baja Fresh will occur after the first of the year. Band Alumni would like to be notified of restaurant nights.

- d. Corresponding Secretary/Communications – Chrysa C.
No report.

VI. Student Accounts

- a. Mr. D wants more opportunities for students. Bring ideas to next meeting.

VII. Band Director's Report – John Davenport

- a. Spring Trip Update – Karen (Orch. Director) is organizing. Haven't been able to plan a lot because they don't know how many are going. Students have been slow to sign up. Parents suggested that e-mail announcement be sent when forms are given to students so they know to ask for them. John would like students to be responsible enough to take care of giving the form to their parents. Final deadline for turning in trip form was tonight. Trip is Thursday morning thru Sunday afternoon. Possible clinic at Rutgers or NYU Thursday afternoon. NY Philharmonic Thursday night. Friday night – Wicked. Saturday - Festival and then awards on harbor cruise.
- b. UVA Band Day trip was good. Seniors and leadership had priority. 26 signed up. Nine Seniors and one underclassmen ended up going. Pictures on the website. The date changes every year so Mr. D. will offer it again if there are no conflicts.
- c. Monday 11/23 rehearsal 2:45 – 4:00.
- d. Tuesday 11/24 recruiting trip to Camelot and LJ. Students go to 1st period then leave. Will be back by 1:30.
- e. District Band audition times will be posted 1 to 2 weeks before audition date of December 12.
- f. Holiday Concert with orchestra and chorus on December 15. Hospitality with chorus and orchestra.

VIII. New/Old Business

- a. Pillow Update. Linda M. has made 100. We have sold 79 and will give away six - two each to Cathy B., John Davenport, and Jeanne K. Linda has agreed to make the rest of the pillows and charge \$25.00 each and will resume production in the spring
- b. Donation recognition photos almost done. John D. gave Suzanne a label maker for hat boxes. Labels are being made for uniforms.
- c. Music Camps – Too early to find dates for music camps for students next summer. UVA camp was \$350.00 last summer and is a good one.
- d. Volunteer Celebration to be held at Bruce and Holly W.'s home on January 2nd. Details will be announced later.
- e. Next meeting date to be determined and announced at a later date.
- f. The meeting was adjourned at 8:38.