

Falls Church High School Band Aides
Meeting Minutes
February 17, 2010

Attendees: Sue & Michael C., John D., Linda P., Suzanne S., Carolyn & Doug S., Holly W., Charley B., Victor and Christina C., Sharon G. and Lisa R.

I. The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm by Suzanne S.

II. Agenda was approved.

III. The Meeting Minutes from November 18 meeting were approved.

IV. Officer Reports

a. President – Suzanne S.

We received a request from the FACE organization to help fund a study on the effect of eliminating elementary band and strings to present to the school board. The Band Aides agreed to donate \$250.00 to the group. The Local Composite Index was reinstated helping to alleviate some of the problems but not all. Send emails to www.legis.state.va.us to lobby for no cuts to arts. Letters and phone calls are better than e-mails. Suzanne will draft a letter for people to use.

Proposed budget cuts include having no class with less than 25 students. This will hurt the AP Music Theory class at FCHS which typically has 15 or less. Encourage your student to sign up so it can continue to be offered.

b. Treasurer – Michael C.

Student account information will be out soon. Uncollected fees will be paid from student accounts.

c. Ways and Means – Holly W.

Pancake breakfast this Saturday, February 20 in the Little Theater. Need lots of parents and students to sign up to help. Holly, Jan and John will be there. Sharon will buy paper goods and pancake mix. Griddles, big bowls, and turners needed. All students must pay for 5 tickets. Band and NHS have to sell a total of 10. There will be a 50/50 split with NHS. Holly will be contact for volunteers.

Pillows are done. About 10 made and left to sell. No plans to make more. Discussed what to do with hats but not definite on anything yet. Might ask kids if they want one.

- d. Color Guard – Lisa R.
Guillaume is busy so Lisa will help with color guard in the off season. She is recruiting at LJ to build color guard.

V. Band Director's Report – John Davenport

- a. Spring Trip Update – Had trouble finding college for (free) band clinic. Clinic will be at University of Maryland Thursday morning on the way to New York. Clinic and tour. Thursday night symphony at Lincoln Center. Discussed possible location for dinner, either near the hotel or Lincoln Center. Nothing was decided. Friday activity TBD. Dinner at Planet Hollywood and then Wicked. Saturday is Festival, Awards and dinner cruise. Sunday leave for home, still looking for activity for the way home.
- b. John would still like another student fundraiser. Getting late to raise money for spring trip. Can't do pizza cards or donuts because athletic boosters are already doing. Hesitant to do electronics fundraiser because of space. Holly will look into restaurant cards, carwash or yard sale as student fundraiser. John suggested fundraising competition with reward being dinner cooked by him.
- c. Stan's Band concert 3:00 Sunday, 2/21/10 at West Springfield HS.
- d. District Festival, Area Band and Pyramid concert is Tuesday March 2. Hospitality needs donations of refreshments.
- e. May 20th, - Drill writer wants to do a joint concert.
- f. Will submit application to participate in the City of Falls Church Memorial Day Parade.
- g. June 8th, end of year band concert. Band banquet is June 15th.

VI. New/Old Business

- a. Summer band camp scholarship still being planned.
- b. Need nominating committee for slate of officers for next year.
- c. Next meeting Wednesday, March 24 at 7:00.
- d. Meeting was adjourned at 8:50.