

Falls Church High School Band Aides
Meeting Minutes
August 26, 2009

Attendees: Charles B. Jennifer C., Jonathan C., Chrysa C., Sue & Michael C., Maria D., John D., Margeaux F., Beckie K., Brenda P., Linda P., Amy P., Suzanne S., Carolyn & Doug S., Tabitha T. and Holly W.

- I) The meeting was called to order at 7:10 pm by Suzanne S.
- II) All attendees introduced themselves.
- III) The minutes from the June 2, 2009 meeting were approved.
- IV) The Agenda for the meeting was approved.
- V) Officer Reports
 - a. President – Suzanne S.
 - 1. Scholarships - A discussion was held regarding the idea to establish a scholarship fund for financially needy students. The scholarship would also be distributed based on participation and achievement in the Band Program. The scholarship would be a separate fund raised from donations specifically targeted for this account. One idea was to have a separate space on the band registration form requesting donations to the fund. It was agreed to table this discussion until a later date after further off-line discussions on the qualification and application process. Doug S. noted that similar discussions were had by the Athletic Boosters last year in an effort to make the John Morris Scholarship more of a needs based scholarship. This idea was abandoned due to the difficulty in determining need.
 - 2. Student Funds – The Board wants to provide additional opportunities for students to raise money for their individual accounts. This money could be used for any special needs a student may have including private lessons, shoes, etc.. The money from one of the car washes to be held this fall will be designated for the individual accounts for participating students.
 - b. Treasurer – Michael C.
 - 1. All financial and accounting information has been transitioned from Holly W. to Michael C.
 - c. Ways and Means (Fund Raising) – Holly W.
 - 1. Tag Day – Carolyn S.
 - Volunteer sign-up sheets will be posted at the Preview Night Meeting.
 - Driver sign-up sheets will also be available. 20 drivers are required, from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm.
 - 2. PTSA Liaison – a volunteer is still needed.
 - 3. Car Washes – volunteers to run the car washes are needed.

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4. Greens & Citrus – volunteers are in place for this year. We will be in need of new volunteers to take over these 2 successful fund raisers next year due to graduating parents.
5. Restaurant Nights – volunteer needed.
6. Giant Gift Cards – volunteer needed.
7. Performance Helpers – John D. indicated that he was in need of 3 volunteers to do the “stadium set-up” for all home football games and competitions.
8. Suzanne S. noted that there are 200 to 300 “opportunities” for people to help the band over the next 2 to 3 months.
9. Snack Bar – Amy P. and Melinda L.
A sign-up sheet for volunteers to work the home football games will be posted at the Preview Night Dinner/Meeting.
- d. Corresponding Secretary/Communications – Chrysa C.
 1. Chrysa is currently updating the e-mail list. John D. will have the Section Leaders provide updated addresses.
 2. Updates on Band Activities will be issued on a weekly basis. Please forward any information to be posted in the e-mail to Chrysa, cullather@cox.net.

VI) Uniform Update – Amy P.

- a. All uniforms have been received, not all uniforms fit.
- b. Conversations with the Sales Representative are on-going. Amy will be drafting a letter summarizing all issues. It appears that the uniforms for the taller students have been a problem. The Sales Rep promised that 98% of the uniforms would fit; unfortunately the actual rate is 60 to 70%.
- c. The insurance company has been inquiring as to the status of the uniforms. Amy will “cc” them on the letter to the manufacturer.
- d. A common problem with the uniforms has been the buttons. A number of the uniforms are missing buttons and the 10 additional buttons provided will not be enough to resolve this issue. John D. noted that additional buttons are available for purchase.

VII) Votes on Budget Changes

- a. Money raised at one of the car washes will go into the participating individual student accounts.
- b. “At home sales”- Tupperware, Pampered Chef, jewelry, etc. have been deleted.
- c. Rollover fund amount - \$9,315.00. \$10,000.00 was placed in the uniform fund.
- d. Scholarships - +\$1,000.00 (2 - \$500.00) for Summer Band Camps. Qualifications and criteria to be established.
- e. All budget revisions were approved

VIII) Fundraising and Volunteer Activities

- a. Tag Day – Saturday, September 12th
 1. Drivers are needed. There are 3 students who will not be participating. Other activities supporting Tag Day will be assigned to these students. Volunteer sign-up sheets will be posted at the Preview Night Meeting. There are other volunteer position to be filled, breakfast, checking in drivers and students, counting money and writing thank you notes.
 2. The chorus and orchestra directors have been contacted. There has been no response or parent volunteer identified as of this date.
 3. Translating the Tag Day speech for non-English speaking houses. The speech from the back of the collection envelopes will be translated into Spanish, Farsi, Korean, Vietnamese and Chinese. Chrysta to coordinate.
 4. A pool party for those students working full shifts will be held at the Cullather's Tag Day afternoon.
- b. Snack Bar
 1. The concession stand received a facelift this summer thanks to the Clingaman (dad Kelly and son Michael) and Cusumano (dad Vic and son Daniel) Families. Thank you for your time and effort.
 2. Volunteers are needed to work the football scrimmages and CYO Track Meet (October 3rd and 4th).
- c. Car Wash Make-up Days
 1. Make-up days – September 19th (Band) and October 11th (Student Individual Accounts).
 2. Locations? – Luther Jackson Middle School and/or Eden Center. TBD.

IX) Events

- a. Preview Night – Friday, August 28th
 1. The Cafeteria has been reserved from 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm.
 2. Pizza and soda will be provided by the Band Aides. Families are urged to bring salads and desserts.
 3. There will be a 10 minutes presentation by Suzanne, Carolyn and Holly prior to eating to discuss the need for volunteers.

X) Band Director's Report – John Davenport

- a. Band Camp – “Going Great!” Resolving conflicts with Athletics an on-going issue. Students who miss band camp activities are still responsible for the work.
- b. Picture Day – Monday, August 31st- group and individual photos of marching band and concert band. Prints of the group photos will be given to the large donors.
- c. “Jag” Band Reunion – Saturday, August 29th – John D, to attend. He will bring with him to display “Spirit Wear” and order forms, pillows and uniforms.
- d. “Jag Kick-off” – Wednesday, September 2nd – call time 4:00 pm, for a 5:00 pm performance.

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- e. Regular Schedule
 - Monday – Percussion and Color Guard - 2:45 pm to 5:00 pm
 - Tuesday – Full Band – 2:45 pm to 5:00 pm
 - Wednesday – Full Band – 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm
 - Thursday – Full Band – 2:45 pm to 5:00 pm
 - f. Color Guard – the uniform style has been selected and the uniforms ordered. Flags have been purchased or will be made. There are 8 students in the guard, 7 returning veterans, 1 rookie.
- X) Old Business/New Business/ Adjournment
- a. Table at “Jag” Day – we will have a table at “Jag” Day to sell spirit wear and pillows.
 - b. Trailer – A storage trailer will be purchased by Kelly Clingaman and rented back to the Band for 3 years. The trailer will be donated to the Band after 3 years.
 - c. Meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 23, 2009 at 7:00 pm.