

SMFHS Band Boosters
General Meeting Minutes
August 31, 2009

Tony Martinez called the meeting to order at 7:31 pm.

Freshman Trustee Cindy Cloud was sworn in.

Prior Meeting Minutes: The minutes from last meeting require a few minor changes. (Changes were made and minutes filed 08.08.09) Going forward-meeting minutes will be emailed band parents for approval prior to the next meeting. If no changes are needed, minutes will be filed as written. NO HARD COPIES will be made and handed out! Minutes will be posted on the band website. Stowband.org

Treasurer: Just shy of \$119k in account. \$12,416.56 in student accounts. Band camp bills just came in. Most revenue was from band camp and uniform accessories. \$5k is to be put into uniform account each year...currently at \$22k...will put in \$5k for last year...new balance will be \$27k for uniforms.

Band Camp: Good camp. Great kids. This was the Archer's last year. They have run band camp for the last four years and will be working with Mr. Monroe to see who will be taking over. Big Thank You to the Archer's, the Davis', the nurses and all the chaperones. Despite the rocky start camp was very successful. Thank you Mr. Daymon for getting the busses replaced to assure a safe, smooth ride home. 290 people attended band camp. They enjoyed a couple wet days but mostly nice and warm. Carol announced that due to a mix-up with the t-shirt printer, there will be some t-shirts available (don't recall a cost...sorry) the front will be the same but they will change the back...maybe to say, "It's all about half-time". Let Carol know if you are interested!

Fundraiser Notes:

Blossom: John Cannon- The re-intro to Blossom was a good one. \$4k went into various accounts, and average of \$45 per event. We will probably do this again next year.

Carwashes: Successful! Freshman: \$586 Sophomore: \$393.75 Senior: \$303 Junior Wash on 09.26.09 @ DQ

Magazines: Elly will be meeting with the magazine rep on Thursday. This is a year round fundraiser.

PJ's Fruit and Cheesecake: Starts Oct 12th, turn in Nov 16th, pick up Dec 7th or 8th from 3-5pm. We received a \$50 bonus for an early sign up. We are also looking into using the loading dock behind the school for delivery and pick up.

Restaurant Night: Handel's-Oct 28th 3-10pm Flyers will be handed out at the Marching Band Concert that evening. Coupons can also be found on the band website. You must have a coupon for the band to get credit. McD's-First night will be Monday, Sept 14th from 5-8 pm. 20% of ALL sales go to the band.

Drug Mart Cookout: Denise O'Malley- went well. Not as busy as past years but we raised \$275. Kids sounded great and it was a very nice day!

Entertainment Books: Louise Douds has them! Cost is \$30 per book. Information will be in the newsletter.

CD's/DVD's: We have none as of yet. Order form will be in the newsletter. Order your Marching Band DVD early! We would like them back before Christmas. Great Christmas gift!!

Concession Stand for first home game:

Looks like we are in for quite a night. Patty and Nina need MORE help. PLEASE...if you are able to help with anything...contact them ASAP. Due to the crowd that is expected there will be a meeting on 09.10.09 at 6:15pm (drop off the kiddos and head over the meeting) @ the concession stand. This crowd is out of the ordinary and will only be this first game. Expecting well over 2,000 people...just from Massillon. We will be purchasing a great deal of food for this game and need the help to sell it. We will have an Art's Pizza truck, rolling coolers from Blossom (need a full size truck to pick it up...Contact John Cannon), some parents have offered to go into the stands to sell, will need/have access to Joshua's restaurant (where the mass hot dogs and pretzels will be stored) during the game, Tony M may get donuts to sell, will NOT have a baked sale at this game (yes, at future games), Ron P was asked for additional start up money to assure enough \$1's are had, asked Mr. M if we could maybe stagger the band coming to the stand during the third quarter and we will also have cattle gates to help form actual lines to the windows. This night has the potential to raise a ton of money. Any and all help is greatly appreciated!

Upcoming Events:

Aviation Day: September 12th 11am @ KSU Airport. Tyler Sommerfelt (Student Band President) will need approx. 60 kids to volunteer to play. Kenda will look into whether or not KSU will have a tent for us and our exact location. (Note: after this meeting the play time is now 1-2pm)

Summer Sunset Blast: September 5th Percussion and tubas meet at school at 4pm. Everyone else meet at Heritage Barn at 4:30pm. We will perform at 5pm. Uniform will be khakis, white socks/shoes and band shirt.

Kimpton Night: Things are coming right along. Looking for cookies, cookies and more cookies. Also any parent who would be willing to help with set-up, cooking, serving and clean up please contact Heather Galioto or Cindy Cloud. We will also be doing some decorations...if you are interested in helping with that please contact Heather or Cindy! Thank you ☺

Committee Notes:

Band Banquet: NEEDS A CHAIR!!!!

Chaperones: Tim B has parents pouring out to help. Everyone's help and desire to help is greatly appreciated. We need to keep the roadway (entrance) clear at all times. We may ask a couple gentlemen to assist with this. Possibly put up signs along the drive that specifies no stopping, standing or parking.

Hospitality: This crew will be at the Kimpton night practices with snacks, drinks and information flyers for the Kimpton parents.

Lock-In: December 19th-20th, 7:00pm – 5:30am. Kenda Kline, who is a senior parent, is looking for someone to work with her this year to make it a smoother transition. The contract is already signed and deposit already paid. We will need some chaperones. The kids really do most of the work. Great opportunity for the Kimpton kids to mingle with the high schoolers for a bit (Kimpton kids leave at 10:30pm). An article will be in the newsletter in the near future. Please contact Kenda if you are interested in taking over.

Publicity: If there is any news or events that you would like to get out into the community...contact Louellen Kirkendall.

Newsletter: Article deadline is Thursday! It would be nice to receive articles from the kids (Tyler).

Sr. Memory Pages: This is a keepsake that is handmade for all the seniors that they receive at the Band Banquet.

Spirit wear: They are on the curb every Thursday night during band practice. Ellen has agreed to do the embroidery. T-shirts \$10, Long sleeve t-shirt \$15, Hoodies \$25, Hat \$15 and Polo \$25.

Uniforms: TAKE CARE OF YOUR UNIFORM!!!! For care details please see the September newsletter or go to the band website...bulletin board...lower right hand corner.

Misc info:

*Get your email to Mr. Monroe to receive updates and the newsletter.

*Concession stand had a crack in the foundation. Tim Barnett fixed it and cleaned up the mess. THANK YOU!

*Band Boosters is not just for high school parents. It also includes all Kimpton and Lakeview parents. Let's reach out and invite them to join us.

*Make sure you have ALL the accessories you need before you leave! Chaperones will no longer carry extras with them to games and band shows.

* There will be a uniform turn in after the game on October 2nd! Pick up will be the following Thursday, Oct 8th after practice. Could use some parents to help with check in. Please ask the students to be patient!!

* AURORA BAND SHOW: Aurora Band people sent us 100 tickets to sell for \$5 each. We sell the tickets AND we keep the money! WOO-HOO!! That's a good deal. There will be a note in the newsletter regarding this. Also, they have a band show t-shirt that is pre-order only. \$10 up to size XL, \$15 for XXL and XXXL. Must be ordered by 09.12.09. Tickets and t-shirts will be on sale Thursday with our spirit wear people. You can also contact Denise O'Malley for band show tickets!!!

Old Business: None

New Business:

By-Law Review: Tony M submitted a change to the current by-laws to John C. to add the position of an assistant treasurer to the executive board. John C read this proposed change to the parents in attendance. We will be voting on this at the next general meeting on 10.05.09.

Benefit Dinner: Maria Martinez is in the process of planning a benefit dinner w/ First Christian Church for the Houk Family. Mary and her family were active in band and the band boosters for several years. Mary's husband John Sr. suddenly passed away in April of '09. Mary has been battling cancer and things are not going well. Mary and John have two children Courtney (who was in band) graduated in 2007 and John Jr. who just graduated in 2009. Mike's Place in Kent will be donating all the food for the event. They are looking for prizes and/or raffle items for the event. Please contact Maria if there is anything you can help with. **On 09.09.09 Mary Houk lost her battle with cancer**

Director Reports:

Mrs. Sandman: 6th Grade starts next week and will meet on Tuesday and Thursday morning. 5th Grade will have demos next week and start class end of month.

Mr. Newman: Kimpton is making it happen! They are gearing up for Kimpton Night. 8th grade sounds good...first day of playing was today. 7th grade seems a bit overwhelmed...trust that they will be ready! Kimpton will have rehearsals w/ the high school on Sept 24th and Oct 1st...6-7pm. T-shirts will be available for purchase during these times. Their performance will be Oct 2nd...report to high school band room at 4:30pm, parade at 5pm, pre-game and dismissed just prior to half time.

Mr. Monroe: Band Camp was amazing!! Leap frogged busses the whole way. Even w/ the set back the seniors and squad leaders pulled everything together and set a great example. They started 2.5 hrs late and finished ½ day ahead on the very first day. They finished 43 pages of drill by Thursday at 11am. *The kids had a great performance at the Kent Band Show!! *Please park your vehicles and wait for children there or walk over to the sidewalk. We need to keep the entry way into the school clear! *Uniforms-we will not transport extra accessories. The kids need to be responsible and prepared. *Transportation-if there is a conflict and you need to transport your child please fill out the form from the website and turn it in. *Grades are online and up to date. *Open house is Wednesday; we will be meeting in the auditorium. *Grading Scale: please see web site if you have any questions on the grading policy for marching band. It is located on the bulletin board. *There are many ways we are trying to get you the most up to date information...we are using face book, twitter and google calendars as well as the current web site. Thank you for coming!! This is a good turn out! *Side note-there was someone from Aurora at the Kent Band Show...they contacted me and asked that we play last at their band show. They did not want to play after our band. That is a huge compliment. *We will continue to get better. We will clean and crisp up!

Next meeting will be Monday, October 05, 2009 in the band room at 7:30pm.

Meeting adjourned at pm.9:00pm