

FHS Band Booster Meetings  
November 19, 2009

The meeting was called to order by Count Darling. The minutes from the August meeting were read and approved. The treasurer's report was read and also approved.

The Director's report was given. Mr. Harper acknowledged that despite it being the rainiest fall in years, the marching season was a success. The band performed well in all performances and contests.

The trip to St. Louis was successful. The students not only performed well but enjoyed a great trip and a fun day at Six Flags.

The last day of outside marching will include FayAr Television making a video of the band in parade formation. This is an effort to make sure we have everything necessary for special event applications. We already have plenty of footage of contest performances.

Mr. Harper explained that the band receives numerous invitations and inquiries from special event about possibly bring the band to perform at a nationally recognized event. Mr. Harper makes this decision carefully basing it on many things including cost and safety. The next big trip for 2011/2012 has not yet been decided.

6 of our band students were selected to the All Region Orchestra and participated in the clinic in Fort Smith. 4 of our students were selected to the All Region Jazz Band. At both events, Fayetteville had more student representation than any other school.

Band tryouts are scheduled for December 1. Mr. Harper suggested parents encouraged their students to practice for the tryouts.

Count Darling discussed different ideas on how to more equally distribute the workload of funding the band booster budget. Ideas that were discussed were mandating volunteer hours, band fees instead of fundraising, band fees in addition to fundraising, and many other ideas were offered to somehow get all the participants in the band to have ownership in supporting the fundraising aspect of the band program. E-mails were solicited from attending parents and Count agreed to send out an e-mail to generate more conversation to the listserve to get ideas as to how to have the burden of funding the band equally distributed by all band members. More discussion will be held at future meetings.

No further discussion following and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary