

FAYETTEVILLE HIGH SCHOOL BAND BOOSTER MEETING
February 23rd, 2010

Count Darling called the meeting to order. Nelda Allen read the minutes of the previous booster meeting and they were approved as written. Rick Hall read the Treasurer's report and it was approved.

Mr. Harper provided the director's report saying:

Since we last met, the band has been very busy. Even though many people do not realize it, the band has a very active spring semester.

We had 34 students named to the all region band which included 7 first chairs. 19 of those students qualified to audition for the all state band. 14 were selected to the All State band (plus 3 alternates) Carissa Smardo was named first band, first chair on flute making her the best high school flute player in Arkansas.

Coming up activities include:

- * Night rehearsal on March 2nd
- * Pre Contest Concert at Walton Arts Center on March 8th
- * Concert Contest in Springdale (all three groups) on March 12th
- * Solo and Ensemble contest – April 10th in West Fork
- * Jazz Coffeehouse in the FHS Cafeteria on April 22nd
- * Spring Concert and Awards at the Walton Arts Center on April 27th
- * Final Band Booster meeting on May 11th at 7:00 p.m.

There are two competitive Winter Guards (junior varsity and varsity) They will be competing at several contests in March.

Mr. Harper addressed all of the recent discussion related to band fees. He indicated that he was uncomfortable charging a large band fee but was not opposed to requiring a certain number of fund raising hours for each band student with those profits going to the general band fund (not trip accounts). People do not realize that our parking and other fund raisers such as Bikes, Blues, and BBQ are supporting the band with only a portion going to trip accounts. Without parking, we would not have the band that we currently enjoy. Mr Harper is considering a 20 hour fund raising requirement (with at least 10 required in the fall semester). People who cannot meet the requirement will have an option to pay \$200.00 with at least half due during the first semester. Fund raisers that can be used for this requirement include Bikes Blues, and BBQ, U of A football and basketball parking, Seatback installation and de-installation and any other fund raiser which generates revenue for the band. There are still details to work out before the plan is implemented but that is the direction we are going.

Mr. Harper closed by encouraging people to attend our upcoming concerts and contests.

Count Darling called for any other business to be presented. Since none was brought to the floor, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Nelda Allen
Secretary