

Fayetteville High School Band Boosters Minutes May 11, 2010

Count Darling called the last meeting of the 2009/2010 band boosters to order. Nelda Allen, secretary, read the minutes of the previous meeting and they were approved as written. Rick Hall, treasurer, gave the treasurer's report and it was approved.

Band Director's Report: Mr. Harper started his report by thanking the current board – Count Darling, Nelda Allen, and Rick Hall for all of their hard work this year.

Since our last meeting, we have the following to report:

- Solo and Ensemble contest in April with 95% superior ratings
- Jazz Coffeehouse which made \$1507.00
- Spring Concert
- Drum Major try outs - 4 selected from 12 applicants
- Guard try outs – 24 selected from 30 applicants
- Drum Line try outs are going on now
- Interviews for leadership positions will begin next week

May 12th – Parade of Champions at 4:00 p.m.

Mr. Harper explained SMART MUSIC, which is a software program for students. It provides piano accompaniment for hundreds of solos on all instruments and several hundred band pieces with individual parts. It also allows students to do their pass offs and try outs at home and mail it to their director (with a grade on it). This will allow students to do it over and over until they get the score they want. We plan to incorporate this into the entire program (7th – 12th grade). More on Smart Music will be sent out in an email on the listserv and on the band website.

Band camp scholarships were discussed. All applications must be received by the end of the week.

Band trips were discussed and the band will be traveling to St. Louis again in the fall of 2010. The next major trip for the 2011-2012 school year will be announced in September.

Other business: The new slate of officers was announced. Dana Ciaravino as President, Michelle Yocum as Vice President, Mary Lynn Mantooth as Secretary and Rick Hall as Treasurer. A vote was taken and the new board members were approved. The need for continuity of the treasurer's position was discussed. The challenge of finding a treasurer for several years is a priority. An apprentice uniform coordinator is needed and the public relations position is also open.

Count discussed the parking places that will be lost due to construction and the efforts that are being made to continue parking for the University of Arkansas to fund the band. It is in negotiation at this time.

Michelle Yocum announced seatbacks will be coordinated early and installed late in August. No game day rentals will be done next year.

Monica Hall requested volunteers to inventory the storage room in August to clean out and sell unused items.

There was no other business to be discussed so the last meeting of the school year was adjourned. The next meeting is to be held August 23, 2010 by the new officers.

Respectfully submitted,
Nelda Allen
Secretary