

## FAYETTEVILLE BAND BOOSTER CLUB MEETING MINUTES

MAY 20, 2008

President Karen Percival called the meeting to order. Secretary Catherine Templeton read the minutes from the February booster club meeting, which were approved. Karen Percival presented the treasurer's report on behalf of Dave Rader, who was unable to attend. She reported a cash balance of \$127,100 as of March 31, 2008, representing an increase of \$88,000 since July 1, 2007. The increase includes cash receipts of \$ 172,300 and cash disbursements of \$ 84,300. Approximately \$ 95,700 is designated for trip expenses and/or specific purposes, leaving an available balance of \$ 31,400. The treasurer's report was approved.

President Karen Percival announced the slate of officers selected by the nominating committee for the 2008 – 2009 school year: President: Michelle Yocum, Vice President: Count Darling, Secretary: Nelda Allen, and Treasurer: Dave Rader.

Barry Harper presented the Director's report. He began by thanking everyone for their efforts to make the spring concert special. He noted that all three of the bands did a great job at the concert. The jazz coffeehouse was a big success, as was the jazz ensemble trip to Branson. He said the clinician they worked with there was excellent! All in all, it was a very successful year.

The band is expected to have about 211 members next year, which means it will be strong, but there will be challenges, too, such as meeting uniform, equipment, and space needs. We are trying to meet these needs, and continuing the Razorback football and basketball parking will be essential to covering the expenses of a band this large. A letter will be sent soon detailing the summer and fall schedule. Band members must participate in all of these activities to guarantee a place in the band.

The deadline for having \$ 900 in each student's trip account has been extended until the end of September to give students more time to earn money. At least one car wash will be held over the summer as a fundraiser, but the big push during this time will be in the corporate fundraising area. Anticipated fundraisers for late summer and fall include a spaghetti supper on the night of the first Woodland/Ramay football game, the seatback installation in Razorback Stadium, the raffle of a cruise, the possible raffle of a two year lease on a car, and a march-a-thon (a twist on the usual walk-a-thon involving a band rehearsal). Basketball parking will be more challenging in the spring because the trip will be over, but we must continue to support this essential fundraiser.

There is a waiting list for chaperones for the Macy's Parade trip, in case a chaperone is unable to go at the last minute. The band will see two shows while in New York: we will see a Cirque De Soleil show at Madison Square Garden and the new Broadway play "Shrek" put out by Dreamworks and directed by Fayetteville High School graduate Jason Moore. Mr. Harper has selected the band's performance for the parade and will travel to New York to have it approved in October.

The competitive marching show for the fall has been selected and should be great. It has a New York theme, in keeping with our trip! We will be seeking corporate donations in order to purchase jackets for the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade, similar to the ones we had for the Rose Bowl Parade. These help tremendously with identity and security on the trip.

Michelle Yocum gave the Vice-President's report. She noted that the spaghetti supper has been moved to the fall to try and generate more support. She reported that there will be 9,000 seatbacks to install in Razorback Stadium on August 16<sup>th</sup>. There will be opportunities for students to work earlier that week in preparation for the installation. There may be additional installations in the first few weeks of the season. We need as many people to work this fundraiser as possible!!! It takes a lot of hands to get this done in a reasonable amount of time. The tentative removal date for the seatbacks is either November 8<sup>th</sup> or 15<sup>th</sup>.

Karen Percival reminded everyone about the sign up sheets for committees for next year. Some committee chairs are needed.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine Templeton