

## **FHS Band Booster Meeting**

**May 3, 2012**

Michelle Yocum called the meeting to order at 7 pm.

Minutes from the November 11 meeting were approved; they had previously been sent out on the listserv.

Jan Davidson presented treasurer's report, and noted that because it was a big trip year, "we spent a lot of money, had a lot of fun, and still need more money!" Treasurer's report will also be posted online.

Mr. Harper took the floor and presented his report :

- Welcomed new rising sophomore parents
- A great band program (like FHS has) is always supported by a great parent organization (like our band boosters)
- Introduction of staff members present: Caleb Pond, Brett Lawson, and Trey Antonetti
- Introduced the outgoing officers, and especially thanked Jan Davidson for her years of service, and her dedication to taking on the tough job of treasurer in a big trip year.
- All three concert bands received Superior marks at the recent concert band contest, and in conjunction with their Superior ratings at marching contest in the fall earned the State Sweepstakes award – the highest award possible. Also, both junior high bands earned Superior ratings at their recent concert contest.
- There were over 40 participants in this year's Winter Guard, broken down into varsity and junior varsity squads. The varsity squad moved into a very competitive Mo circuit, and at the recent championships earned 3<sup>rd</sup> place.
- The spring concert was held recently where the band said good-bye to a record-breaking senior class of 56!
- For the remainder of the current school year, the band is being bused every morning over to the University's band room for band class. The new facility is scheduled to be finished in time for the opening of school on August 20.
- Drum Major tryouts were held today. Congratulations to the 2012-2013 Drum Majors Darsha Dodge, Jonathon Main, Michael Cobb, and Kevin Febus
- Drumline tryouts are tomorrow, May 4
- 40 members of the Wind Ensemble will perform at FHS graduation on May 17.
- Sophomore orientation will take place on Saturday, May 19 from 8am to 12noon. All leadership team members will be there as well.
- May 24 is the last day of school for the 2011-2012 school year.
- There are stacks of band calendars available for all here tonight – all band events are on this calendar, including junior high events.
- Summer band rehearsals begin on August 1.

- The band takes a big trip every 3 years, and smaller trips in the off years. Because of problems in the past (including this year) collecting all of the money from all of the band members, the band will be stricter in the future about meeting all of the deposit deadlines.
- This fall the band will participate in the Owasso and Great St. Louis Marching contests, with the possibility of adding one more.
- FHS Band does not charge a band fee because we have such great fundraising opportunities like Razorback game day parking. Every student is required to participate in fundraising for the band – a minimum of 12 hours (with 4 of those coming during basketball season).
- 3 ways to stay informed: the listserv, facebook, and the band website ([www.fayettevilleband.com](http://www.fayettevilleband.com))
- Next year's band will have 194 members; we had a very small drop-out rate this year.
- Next year's show will be titled "Aerospace" featuring the music of Aerosmith. A trailer is online.

Michelle introduced the officers for the 2012-2013 school year:

President Michelle Yocum

Vice President Kristie Williams

Secretary Mary Lynn Mantooth

Treasurer Kim Hadley

Michelle hopes to find out soon about the contract for installing seatbacks in Razorback Stadium – a major fundraiser for the band.

Michelle adjourned the meeting at 7:35

Respectfully submitted,

*Mary Lynn Mantooth*

FHS Band Booster Secretary