

FHS Band Boosters Minutes
August 20, 2009

The meeting was called to order by Count Darling, President of the 2009/2010 FHS Band Boosters. New officers were introduced. Minutes from the May 2009 Booster meeting were read and approved. The treasurer's report was read and approved.

Mr. Harper gave the Director's report. The band has a large sophomore class and a small senior class with the total about 200 again this year. The other directors were introduced to the Boosters. The summer practice was very good and thanks were given to Allison Mayes for coordinating the food during the summer practice.

Mr. Harper introduced Scott Cole from the National Guard who presented t-shirts to all band members.

The three contests for the year were announced. They will include Owasso, Springfield and St. Louis. The show will be entitled "Out of the Blue." Chaperones were solicited for the trips and it was made clear that background checks would be required on all chaperones and staff. The trip to St. Louis will include an overnight stay with a visit to Six Flags and the cost to each student will be \$180.

Parents were encouraged to sign up to be on the listserv e-mail system to keep up with band activities and fund raising opportunities. Sign up sheets were available for committees and parents were encouraged to sign up and be active in their support for the Band Boosters.

Tim Kring and Tom Hitt were our guest speakers. Tim Kring presented a program supporting the plan for a new high school. He also spoke on the Bikes, Blues and BBQ fundraiser and requested volunteers. Tom Hitt gave information on the parking fund raiser for all home U of A football and basketball games.

Monica Hall was introduced as our new uniform chairperson. She gave a great presentation on checking uniforms in and out and requested volunteers to help with the process before each game and contest. Parents were informed that all students need their "under uniform" on before putting on uniforms. This includes Band t-shirt, black band shorts, black marching socks and shoes.

Count introduced Michelle Yokum and she gave a presentation on the seatback fundraiser and requested volunteers. Other volunteers were recognized from the pit crew to publicity. It takes many active adults to make the band a successful organization.

The Booster President discussed the findings of past Treasurer, Dave Rader, that only 26 out of 200 band members provided 50% of the volunteer hours necessary to fund the band Booster Activity Account. The Boosters must raise \$60,000 additional money besides what students put into their trip accounts to cover expenses of the band as a whole. The concern that the burden is being carried by so few was discussed and ALL were encouraged to get involved by volunteering in the many different fundraising opportunities.

After a brief question and answer period and a reminder to parents to sign up for committees, the meeting was motioned to be adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Nelda Allen
Secretary